



ADOPT A PARK / GREENWAY PROGRAM

The Adopt A Park/Greenway program would be a collaborative effort between the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department and the Chapel Hill volunteer community that would enhance the appearance of Town Parks and Greenways. The Parks and Recreation Department would work closely with volunteer teams and individuals to ensure that projects in the Town parks and greenways such as litter and recycling pick up, natural surface trail clearing, graffiti removal or painting would be completed in a timely and efficient basis.

Who would make up volunteer teams?

The Adopt A Park / Greenway Program is available for scout troops, church groups, service clubs, school groups, fraternal organizations, local businesses and professional organizations in Chapel Hill that would be interested in improving the appearance of Town parks and greenways.

The Park Maintenance division of the Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department performs regular maintenance in Town parks and along greenways. This program enables groups and organizations an opportunity to enhance the level of maintenance and to provide attention to needs that will improve the appearance of parks and greenways.

What would be the program time limit of commitment?

Adopting groups and individuals are usually asked to make a one year commitment to the adopted project area. It is recommended that there be 4-6 projects completed during the one year period.

During the project period, communication between the adopting group and the Parks and Recreation Department is of the utmost importance. Groups should provide their work dates to a Town coordinator 2 weeks ahead of time so that any arrangements can be made for removing trash bags and checking for scheduling conflicts. Groups also have to follow safety guidelines provided by the Town and to report any vandalism or safety hazards encountered while volunteering.

Forms of recognition for volunteer teams.

Volunteers will be recognized by small signs being placed prominently within the area in which the work was completed. A letter of recognition from the department director will also be issued to the group upon project completion along with mention of the group and their project on the Parks and Recreation Website.

Resources that the Department would provide.

The Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Department would provide litter sticks, trash bags, gloves, paint and brushes if needed to volunteer groups. The Town's intent is to offer groups the opportunity to grow their team through community service while at the same time enhancing the Town's parks and greenways. This opportunity to promote community pride goes hand in hand with volunteers helping to raise the quality and appearance of the parks and greenways.

In order to get started:

Please complete and sign a department participation application for department consideration. Also review the volunteer job description and project progress report forms. The department has developed a list to identify available projects for large and small volunteer groups that would help to enhance and maintain parks and greenways through general cleanup efforts, beautification, mulching, and painting.