



# Waterford Parks & Recreation

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## Adopt A Park Program

Adopting a park is a great way to make a difference in the community. This program provides many different ways for local groups, families, and businesses to get involved and help keep our parks safe and clean.

**Civic Center Soccer Fields** - Open

**Clinton River Canoe Site** – Lush Lawn & Safari Tree

**Drayton Plains Nature Center** - Open

**Elizabeth Lake Woods Park** - Open

**Fish Hatchery Park** – Open

**Herrington Park** - Open

**Hess-Hathaway Park** - Open

**Lions Park** - Lions Club

**Marion Street Park** - Open

**Maceday Lake Park** - Open

**Optimist Park** – Breakfast Optimist Club of Waterford

**Rotary Park** - Rotary Club of Waterford

**Shell Park** - Open

**Warming House** - Open

**Waterford Recreation Center** - Open

### What does it mean to adopt a park?

Adopting a park is a great way for local groups, individuals or organizations to get involved in the community. The primary goal for park adopters is to help keep the parks safe and clean. This can be done through individual park patrols, work parties, or large community events.

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## Adopt-a-Park

This community park is adopted by:

**Your Name Here**



## What is required to adopt a park?

- Fill out an Adopt-a-Park Application
- Set up a meeting with the Recreation Superintendent to discuss adoption details and create a park work plan based on adopted park and group needs
- Complete weekly/monthly tasks (less required in winter months)
- Complete at least two (2) service projects each year



## What types of tasks and projects can be done in adopted parks?

There are many different projects that adopters can assist with. Each park provides different needs. These needs will be outlined in the work plan as potential volunteer projects for groups to complete. Weather and time of year also play a role in determining park projects as each season brings different needs. Here are examples of typical projects:

- Litter pick up
- Graffiti removal
- Flower planting
- Landscape bed maintenance
- Pruning
- Spreading woodchips
- Removal of invasive plants
- Raking leaves



## Who can adopt a park?

Any local group such as families, individuals, businesses or other organizations can adopt a park in Waterford.

## Is it free to adopt a park?

It is free to adopt a park; however, time commitments are needed to complete monthly park tasks.

## How do I get tools and supplies to do a project in the park?

Waterford Parks and Recreation Department can provide some tools for park projects and items like trash bags and other park clean-up supplies.

## Is there any group recognition for participating in the adopt-a-park program?

Waterford Parks and Recreation Department will install a acknowledgement sign for park goers to see. A press release will be submitted to local papers to announce the adoption, often in conjunction with an adopt-a-park kick off project and it will be promoted on our social media pages.



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## Adopt A Park Application

Name of Group/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a (circle one): Business Non-Profit Group School Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Contact Information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to adopt (name of park or site): \_\_\_\_\_

Commitment Timeframe (tentative) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
From (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ To (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Minors \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional:**

Why do you wish to adopt the requested park? (i.e. location? particular feature of the park?)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the adopt-a-park program?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The Waterford Parks and Recreation Department thanks you for completing the Adopt-a-Park Program Application.**

Once this form is complete, please submit for approval.

**Mail to:** Waterford Parks and Recreation, Attn: Alison Swanson, 5200 Civic Center Drive, Waterford, MI 48329

**Fax to:** 248-618-7674 **Email:** aswanson@waterfordmi.gov

**Adopt-a-Park Signs:**

Park adopters are eligible for an acknowledgement sign with their name and/or logo in their designated park or site. Signs will be posted by our department in a location appropriate for existing conditions. If you do not wish to have a sign, please initial here: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Internal Use** Staff Recommendation:  Approval  Disapproval \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for disapproval \_\_\_\_\_ Notify Adopter: Yes / No \_\_\_\_\_