

The Adopt-A-Park & Adopt-A-trail Program

Established in 2003 by the City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department, the Adopt-A-Park & Adopt-A-Trail Program (APAT) offers the community an opportunity to share in improving and enhancing the City's parks and trails system. By participating in the APAT Program, our parks and trails will receive the personal care and attention they need in order to maintain a safe and clean environment.



Individuals, groups, neighborhood associations, religious institutions, schools and businesses are all welcomed and encouraged to contribute to the enhancement of

our community parks and trails by adopting a park and/or trail.

The City of Durham's General Services Department provides routine park maintenance; however, the adopting individual or organization is responsible for giving the park or trail the extra care and attention it needs.

There are no limitations associated with the length of time a park or trail can be adopted, unless another individual or organization expresses an interest in adopting that space. In that case, there will be a two year maximum adoption period for those parks which develop a waiting list.

Durham Parks and Recreation Department Will...

- ✂ provide the group coordinator with a list of available parks and trails or any other information which may be helpful in selecting a park or trail space;
- ♻ provide trash bags, easy-reachers, and safety vests;
- 🗑 provide safety guidelines, trash removal, and recycling information;
- 📋 provide guidance for any special events or projects that you may want to do within your adopted park.

Adopters Agree To...

- 🗓 inform the coordinator of your scheduled cleanup date two weeks in advance;
- ♻ clean your park or trail at least six times a year;
- 🗑 pick up litter/debris and place the filled trash bags in the designated areas;
- 📝 make requests for any special projects in writing;
- 🚨 report any vandalism or potential safety hazards found in your adopted space.



Special Project Request

All requests to perform special projects in adopted space should be submitted to the APAT Program Coordinator in writing. The APAT Program Coordinator must receive a written proposal at least one month in advance of the desired project date. The following City departments will review the proposal and determine the feasibility of the request: Parks and Recreation, General Services, and Urban Forestry. The APAT Program Coordinator will respond to the organization with required guidelines for that special project.

Recognition

Adopters are recognized with a personalized sign displayed in a prominent area of their adopted park or trail.

Interested?

Contact the APAT Program Coordinator for more information at 560-4355, ext. 225. Informational material will be sent to you along with a list of available parks and trails.

Thanks

We appreciate your interest and desire to work with the City of Durham Parks and Recreation Department to keep our parks and trails beautiful!



Contribute to the enhancement of your communities parks and trails