



Ocean Pines Recreation & Parks



Adopt-A-Park

Program

The purpose of this program is to create a framework under which citizen groups can contribute to the community by adopting a park, open space, or trail and agreeing to improve it through various tasks and projects as specified. This program has been established as an environmental stewardship and public services program.



Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks' goal is to have every park adopted so that it can offer Ocean Pines residents even better experiences when they use the parks. Adopting a park assists in the reduction of maintenance costs to build civic pride in the Ocean Pines parks.



Through the Adopt-A-Park program, your group can make a commitment to the community by becoming a partner in the care and beautification of our parks. It is a great opportunity for anyone ... individuals, businesses, and community organizations ... with a love for nature and sincere interest in their community to make a difference. We are looking for people interested in adopting a park to commit to keeping their designated park clean by planting flowers, picking up trash, and weeding beds.



The rewards are endless:

- A sense of accomplishment
- A sense of community pride and ownership
- The opportunity to make a visible difference
- Keep community fees stable



ADOPT-A-PARK VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Adopt-A-Park partners shall:

- Commit to adopt a park for a minimum of two (2) years. Multiple groups are welcome to join together as one unit to adopt a park.
- Commit to cleaning up the adopted park at least 2 times a year (preferably 4 times a year).
- Fill out and sign the adoption application form.
- Notify the Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks Department of the date, time, and location of work to be done in the adopted area at least 2 weeks in advance of the intended start of work.
- Provide all tools, materials, and supplies (other than trash bags) needed to complete the work.
- Pick up trash bags from the Ocean Pines Community Center during regular business hours at least 1 day prior to the clean-up day.
- Return any unused trash bags to the Ocean Pines Community Center as soon as possible.
- Place litter in trash bags provided and deposit full trash bags in the designated spot at the park for pick-up.

Adopt-A-Park partners shall NOT:

- Made additions to park property without written request to and approved by the Recreation and Parks director.
- Perform work on areas not directly in the assigned park.
- Sub contract or assign duties or responsibilities to any other group or organization.
- Conduct activities during hazardous weather conditions.

Activity Suggestions:

- Pick up trash.
- Spring clean up.
- Maintain mulch and woodchip trails and paths.
- Improve landscaping by planting shrubs and flowers, weeding, and mulching beds and trees.
- Pile fallen branches and rake leaves.

Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks will:

- Approve/make recommendations on Adopt-A-Park applications.
- Erect signs at the adopted park displaying the Adopt-A-Park log and name of the Adopt-A-Park partner.
- Remove filled garbage bags and piled limbs and leaves from the adopted area as soon as practical after the litter collection is completed.
- Maintain the right to terminate the adoption if the partner does not meet the terms and conditions of the agreement.





Adopt-A-Park Program Application

Group/Individual Name _____

Group Contact _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Alternate Contact _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Park Requested to Adopt:

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

Please supply us a brief description of why your group chooses this park. Please provide a description of activities that will be performed at the adopted park. _____

Statement of Agreement:

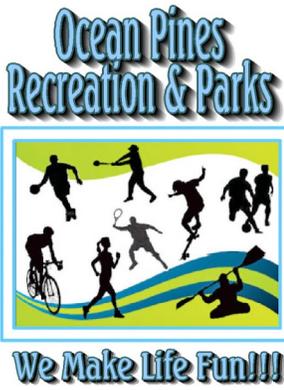
I have read and agree to abide by the policies and regulations as designed by Ocean Pines Recreation and Parks in regard to the Adopt-A-Park Program.

Group Contact Signature _____ Date _____

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Assigned Park: _____

Adoption Dates: From: _____ To: _____



Adopt-A-Park Program

Clean Up Activity Report

Name of Park: _____

Name of Group: _____

Group Contact: _____

Contact Phone & Email: _____

Date of Clean-up: _____

of participants: _____ # of Collected Bags of Litter: _____

Additional remarks or Findings: _____

Group Contact Signature

Date