



The Adopt-a-Park program is based on the premise that citizens make a difference in ensuring that their neighborhood park, children's playground, or natural area is clean, safe and well maintained. By adopting a park in the Village, you can change the way your park looks and operates. Adopting groups work with Friends of the Parks and the Village of Shorewood by working a minimum of four days a year on park enhancement projects. The work days could include:

- removing litter and recycling
- sweeping and picking up glass
- mulching trees
- planting flowers, shrubs and trees
- pruning* if approved by Parks Supervisor
- watering plants
- painting benches and fences
- removing graffiti

Steps to Adopt-A-Park

- Select a park (or a portion of a larger park), or children's playground. Download and fill out the Adopt A Park Form and send it to the Parks and Recreations Department office.
- Notify the Parks and Recreation Department that you would like to adopt the park.
- Conduct a park assessment survey to identify projects that you can do at the park (i.e. graffiti removal, painting benches, planting or mulching trees, cleaning up litter.)
- Identify an Adopt-a-Park Coordinator to serve as the Friends of the Parks' contact.

Coordinators' Responsibilities

- Download and return the Park Assessment Form to Friends of the Parks
- Recruit volunteers for the Adopt-a-Park group.
- Schedule the park workdays. Adopting groups agree to complete four workdays during the year. Schedule workdays when the majority of your group is available. Inform your volunteers and the Parks Dept. at least two weeks before the designated park workday.
- Obtain necessary materials and tools from the Parks and Rec. Department. After assessing the needs of your park, you may need to obtain materials (i.e. garbage bags, mulch, pitchforks, wheelbarrows, paint, paint brushes, rakes, trowels, work gloves, hammers). Friends of the Parks may be able to supply these materials.
- Have volunteers sign the Village of Shorewood waiver each time they work at your adopted park.

Recognition

Adopt-a-Park groups will have a sign placed in their adopted park for the duration of their adoption

Service Learning Hours

Students participating in the Adopt-a-Park program will receive service learning hours