



## City of Denison

### Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail Program

#### **Overview:**

Adopt-A-Park Program is a collaborative effort between Denison residents and the City of Denison to improve and maintain our city parks and trails. Neighbors and community groups volunteer their time to improve a chosen park. The Program also increases citizens' awareness and pride of our Community.

#### **Adopters may include:**

1. Individuals and Families
2. Neighborhood/Civic Associations
3. Corporations/Businesses
4. Community Groups
5. Service Clubs
6. Faith Based Organizations
7. Sports Teams
8. School Groups
9. Fraternal Organizations

#### **Benefits of the Program:**

Adopting a park is not just about work, it is about fun! Time spent at the park may include a picnic, outdoor games, fishing, etc. It is also a great opportunity to get to know one another better. People will benefit by feeling good about what they are doing for themselves and the community and the satisfaction of improving their favorite park or trail.

#### **Time Commitment:**

We are happy to design a program that fits your schedule. It may be a one-time day or half day project. It also may include an ongoing weekly or monthly time frame as well. Some groups may choose to oversee a park weekly. Organizations could have a spring or fall clean up as well.

#### **Adoption Responsibilities may include:**

1. Weed removal
2. Water and fertilize plants and trees
3. Monitor trees for signs of illness, dead limbs, or any other concerns
4. Edge sidewalks and keep clear of debris and weeds

5. Pick up litter and place in trash cans
6. Keep park signs clean and visible
9. Report graffiti to Parks department
9. Raking leaves
10. Maintaining trails and paths
11. Planting trees, shrubs, flower beds and mulch
12. Report damaged or stolen equipment/clogged culverts and drainage/restroom issues/repairs to Parks Department
13. Pick up animal droppings
14. Sweep court/concrete surfaces
15. Clean picnic tables and benches

**What can the City provide:**

1. Tools necessary – shovels, rakes, brooms, mops, trash bags, etc.
2. Materials – trees, mulch, paint, graffiti remover, etc.
3. Recognition – Signs posted at the park where the work was performed, group and names to go on city website, newsletter, newspaper, possibly a plaque from the City Mayor at a Council meeting.

**The Process:**

1. Fill out an application.
2. Fill out waiver forms for every project for both adults and minors.
3. Work would have to be completed during park hours.
4. Minors must be accompanied by adults
5. Wear appropriate clothing for the weather and the task
6. Any special projects that go beyond the regular scope of maintenance must be approved by DPARD
7. Parks and Recreation department will issue a permit detailing your project. NO WORK can be started until the permit has been received.



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## Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail Program Application Form

**PLEASE NOTE: All projects MUST be authorized by Parks and Recreation Department PRIOR to the start of ANY project. A permit will be issued once application has been approved.**

**Please Print:**

Applicants Name **and/or** Organization/Group:

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Email Address:

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Home Address/Organization Address:

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Phone Number:

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**Time Commitment: (Circle Applicable)**

One Time                  Half Day                  Weekly                  Monthly

Other: (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**Tools/Materials/Recognition:**

Please specify any requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please provide detailed description of your project:**

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**REQUIRE A TYPED LIST OF ALL VOLUNTEERS (Please attach as a separate sheet)**

OFFICE USE ONLY

Received Waiver/Application Forms

Processed Permit

**CITY OF DENISON  
VOLUNTEER RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

Please Print:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

Gender (*circle one*)      Male                  Female

Allergies:       Yes    No. If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Limitations:       Yes    No. If yes, what? \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the following described activity conducted by the City of Denison, hereinafter "the City," and will be utilizing facilities and/or equipment owned or controlled by the City. I understand that some activities for which I hereby wish to participate in may involve inherent risks, known and unknown.

**In consideration of being permitted by the City to participate in \_\_\_\_\_ (hereafter, "the Activity") I, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, do hereby forever release and hold harmless the City of Denison, its officers, employees, agents, assigns and successors from any and all claims, demands, damages of every kind, law suits, loss, judgments, costs, attorney's fees, and interest that arises out of or relates any acts or omissions of myself or of any other person or entity (singly or in combination), resulting in property damage, personal injury or death sustained by the undersigned and/or the undersigned's property while engaged in the Activity.**

I make the following representations upon which I intend for the City to rely:

1. I am aware that at times I may be placed in both foreseeable and unforeseeable positions of danger and I am voluntarily participating in the Activity with knowledge of the danger involved and hereby agree to accept any and all risks of injury or death and/or damage, theft, or loss to my property.
2. I expressly agree that this release is intended to be as broad and encompassing as permitted by the laws of the State of Texas and that, if any of the Agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.
3. I understand that being allowed to participate in the Activity is a privilege subject to revocation at any time by the City.

I AM OF LAWFUL AGE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND UNDERSTAND IT. I EXECUTED THIS RELEASE VOLUNTARILY, WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE AND AS MY FREE ACT AND DEED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant  
or Parent of Participant if Participant is a Minor

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Date