

Adopt a Creek Agreement

Title: Adopt a Creek

Purpose: To provide recognition of and allow organization, businesses, individuals the opportunity to provide litter control in the area of Rapid Creek.

COURSE OF ACTION:

The City of Rapid City Weed & Seed Project implemented an Adopt-A-Creek clean-up program whereby groups, organizations could assume the responsibility of litter control on sections of Rapid Creek. The following types of organizations are eligible for participation:

Service Clubs, Community & Governmental Organizations, Lodges, Veteran Groups, Businesses, Associations, Youth Groups, Fraternal Organizations, Churches, Religious Groups, Individuals or Families.

Group Requirements:

1. Sections of the creek to be adopted must be a minimum of ½ mile in length.
2. Adopting organizations will be responsible for removing litter from both sides of the creek minimum of twice year, recommended three times a year; preferably, once in the spring, summer and fall.
3. The adoption period is for a minimum of one year.
4. Groups with youths shall have adequate adult supervision present at all times during the pick-up operations. (At least one adult per group)
5. At no time will any volunteer group remove any debris from the creek itself. If any debris is noticed in the creek, the City will be notified so that proper removal of the debris will take place.
6. Once a section is adopted the city will erect a marker/plaque to mark the beginning of each section along the bike path. An example of the plaque is attached. Each organization is responsible for the plaque cost. If an organization is unable, a request maybe made to the Rapid City Weed & Seed Project.
7. The CITY will furnish plastic trash bags and coordinate the pick up of all the collected litter with the Parks/Recreation Department.

8. If the adopting organizations do not comply with these rules, and regulations, or do not maintain their designated section to an acceptable standard, the agreement will be voided and the plaques will be removed.

SAFTEY SUGGESTIONS FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES:

1. While engaging in the clean up on sections of Rapid Creek groups are encouraged to follow these “Safety Tips/Guidelines.”

Availability of First Aid Kits that contain the following items:

- Adhesive bandages Adhesive tape
- Antiseptic Wipes Bandage compresses
- Disposable Gloves Elastic bandages
- Gauze compresses Scissors
- Stretch bandages Tweezers
- CPR microshield Bee sting kit

2. Conduct safety meeting with all participants prior to engaging in clean up activities.
3. Appropriate shoes should be worn, for example boots or hiking boots, no sandals.
4. Participants should be encouraged to wear gloves during clean up activities.
5. Water should be made available for the participants to prevent dehydration and or other heat related complications.
6. The availability of a cellular phone in case of an emergency situation.

RELEASE STATEMENTS:

By signing below you are entering into a partnership with the Rapid City Weed and Seed Project and agreeing to adopt a section of Rapid Creek. We, the adopters of the creek, agree to honor our commitment to the Adopt a Creek program by fulfilling our responsibilities as listed above. Your signature commits your organization to comply with all expectations. Your organization is responsible for all liability issues and will hold the City of Rapid City and the Rapid City Weed & Seed Project harmless for any issues including medical related injuries. You are specifically releasing the City and Rapid City Weed & Seed Project from any claim to worker’s compensation. Also, your organization will be responsible for all youth involved and be required to receive parental consent for participating youth.

I have read and understand this agreement.

Signature

Date