ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM

The Rapid City Parks Department sponsors the Adopt-A-Park program, which was implemented to obtain volunteer assistance for the Parks Department staff in the maintenance and improvement of park areas throughout the city. The Adopt-A-Park program involves recruiting and organizing individuals, community groups, and businesses to care for areas which need extra attention, such as city parks, Rapid Creek and the recreational trail system.

PARTICIPATING IN THE BEAUTIFICATION OF RAPID CITY

Interested in improving City Parks, the Rapid Creek Area, and the Recreational Trail Area?

Become a member of the Adopt-A-Park Program

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A Cooperative Program
Involving Community Groups
and the
Rapid City Parks and Recreation Department

RECOGNITION
Those individuals and groups who Adopt-A-Park will receive recognition from the Parks Department.
**Why Adopt-A-Park?**

The individuals and groups who become involved in the Adopt-A-Park Program are contributing to the betterment of the community by making park areas cleaner.

**WHO CAN ADOPT-A-PARK?**

Any individual, neighborhood, group, or organization can Adopt-A-Park as a volunteer project. The Parks Department will continue to provide regular maintenance, while the individuals and groups will be asked to assist with the special care of the adopted areas. A letter of understanding which clarifies the responsibilities of the participating individuals or groups will be signed by the individuals or by a representative of the group and by the Parks Division Manager. Citizen ideas and suggestions about park area improvements are appreciated.

**SCHEDULING**

The Parks Department hopes that Adopt-A-Park participants will fulfill their commitment at least three times a year. The suggested scheduling would be late spring, mid-summer, and fall.

**DONATIONS**

Individuals, groups, or businesses may choose to participate in the Adopt-A-Park program by making a donation to a designated park area. The donations are tax deductible, and checks should be made out to the Rapid City Parks Department.

**GUIDELINES**

Litter and debris removal, weed control, flower care, reporting vandalism, and identifying hazards are the primary responsibilities of the Adopt-A-Park participants. Planting trees and shrubs, painting, and carpentry projects are additional tasks which should be coordinated with the Parks Department. The Parks Department can provide necessary tools, equipment, and materials, as well as trash bags.