

# Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department

## Guideline Regarding Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Trail Programs

*Reviewed by Lincoln Parks and Recreation Board Policies Committee: April 19, 2022*

### **Purpose**

This guideline relates to the purpose and general requirements of, as well as the signage for, the Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Trail Programs.

### **Definitions**

For purposes of this guideline:

- “Park” is defined in 12.08.010 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as any area of public ground dedicated as a park or park land or held for the enjoyment of the public and managed, maintained, or under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department within or without the limits of the city which is under the city ownership or control.

### **Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Trail Program Purposes and General Requirements**

These programs are intended to provide an opportunity to neighborhood associations, families, organizations, corporations, and other groups who wish to provide for the care of a particular park, area of a park, or trail area. Most areas require approximately 1-2 hours per week of care throughout the growing season. Areas are intended to be adopted on an annual or biennial basis. All adoption periods expire on February 28.

Adoption requires, at a minimum, the following:

- Adoptees will meet with the applicable District Supervisor to discuss the area’s maintenance needs
- Adoptees will agree to pick up litter in the area at least once per week (note that for trails, adoptees should restrict their work to five feet along each side of the trail)
- Adoptees will put bags in trash receptacles where possible
- Adoptees will remove any broken glass, limbs, or objects that may impact public safety
- Adoptees will report vandalism or repairs as needed to the applicable District Supervisor
- Adoptees will maintain landscapes within the area (work may include removing volunteer trees from stream banks, removing suckers from the base of the tree, and weeding)

### **Signage**

By allowing signage recognizing adoptees, the City of Lincoln is not intending to create a public forum without restrictions on the wording of such signage; rather, the City of Lincoln is intending to create a limited forum for signage under only certain stated restrictions as set forth herein.

Signage recognizing Adoptees shall include the legal name of the individual adoptee, the family, the organization, the corporation, or the name of the group (if not legally organized), as applicable. No other recognition or additional language shall be permitted on the signage.

### **Review**

Signage wording will be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Department Director or by the Director’s designee for compliance with this guideline. A decision of the Director is final.