



## ADOPT A PARK/TRAIL/GARDEN

Adopt a Park/Trail/Garden is a public service program which allows volunteers to aid in beautification, identify safety hazards, and help maintain the City of Montrose Park and Trail System. It is an excellent way for citizens and organizations to make a personal contribution to the Community.

This is an effort by the City of Montrose to implement a program utilizing volunteer's expertise and experience to supplement the work of city staff. By working together we hope to help citizens become better connected to their community.

### **HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS**

- A group of citizens or individuals, through common interest, agree to discuss the opportunity to adopt a particular park/trail/garden that may or may not be in their neighborhood.
- This particular individual or group then discusses the opportunity with City Staff in order to understand the responsibilities and limitations on adopting a park/trail/garden.
- The Adopt a Park/Trail/Garden group agrees to a seasonal commitment to the project.
- Park, trail and garden sites are available on a first come, first served basis but may be continued from year to year.
- The frequency of clean-up is at least once during the Spring, once during the Summer and once during the Fall but can be done on a continuous basis.

### **THE CITY OF MONTROSE AGREES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- Approving the size and scope of any project to be undertaken by the volunteer.
- Providing trash bags for the clean-up and disposing of garbage and brush collected by volunteers.
- Providing safety vests to all volunteers to be worn at all times.
- Posting recognition on the City's website, facebook page, Adopt a Park sign.

### **THE VOLUNTEERS/VOLUNTEER GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

1. Providing supervision of individuals to maintain their designated area.
2. Reporting signs of vandalism or broken equipment to the City Staff.
3. Contacting the City at least one week in advance to schedule a clean-up date.
4. It is suggested that the clean-up activities occur on Monday following a busy weekend or days prior to or directly following a holiday or celebration.
5. Identifying in writing, any projects the group desires to complete and receiving approval from City Staff before undertaking the project involving the beautification or maintenance of any park.

6. Weeding, separating and dividing any new plantings as needed.
7. Contacting City Staff for disposing of any garbage or brush collected on any clean-up day.
8. Returning any unused supplies to the City Maintenance Facility at 261 2<sup>nd</sup> Street South.
9. Picking up and returning the safety vests to the City. Vests must be worn at all times.

**PARKS, TRAILS OR GARDENS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION**

**PARKS**

Lions Park	Carver Field	Veterans Park
Rock Brook Park	Thoreson Park	Pheasant Hills Park
Northridge Park	Rolling Meadows Park	Lent Park
White Tail Ridge Disc Golf Park		

**TRAILS**

Trail along Buffalo Avenue N./CSAH 12  
 Trail along U.S. Hwy 12 from Arizona Ave. to 12 HI Mobile Home Park  
 Trail from Buffalo Avenue N. to Emerson Avenue N.  
 Trail along 3<sup>rd</sup> Street N. from Buffalo Ave. N. to Pheasant Ridge Drive  
 Trail in Pheasant Hills from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street N. to Pheasant Ridge Drive

**GARDENS**

City Signs on both east and west side of City on U.S. Hwy 12  
 Small Gardens along U.S. Hwy 12 corridor  
 Planters along U.S. Hwy 12

**SOME POSSIBLE TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM**

- Litter pick up
- Raking
- Weeding & dead heading flowers
- Mulching
- General park maintenance
- Other Projects as agreed upon

**SAFETY TIPS:**

- Participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Participants should not pick up heavy, large or hazardous materials and equipment.
- Participants should be aware of extreme conditions under which they are working, including heat, insects, sun and severe weather.
- Participants should wear clothing that is appropriate to the weather and work being performed.
- Sunscreen, insect repellent and work gloves are appropriate and are the participant's responsibility.
- Participants should avoid all open water.
- Groups are encouraged to carry a first aid kit for the participants.
- Participants should know the location of the first aid kit and local emergency phone numbers.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

City of Montrose

311 Buffalo Avenue S.

Wendy - Deputy Clerk 763-575-7435



**ADOPT A PARK/TRAIL/GARDEN  
LIABILITY WAIVER**

Release made on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_

By(your name) \_\_\_\_\_

of(your address) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby release and discharge the City of Montrose, (hereinafter referred to as the City), their agents, employees, and officers from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, and executions. This release includes all claims that I may have or which my heirs, executors, or assigns may have against the City, for all personal and property injuries caused by, or arising out of participating in the Adopt A Park/Trail/Garden program of the City of Montrose.

I acknowledge that participation in the program may include but is not inclusive of inherent dangers involved in being in a park located on city land such as but not limited to : observing, walking around, climbing, carrying, crawling, crouching, using tools and or equipment, inhaling the air around you, handling/touching dirt/weeds/trash, intermingling/interacting with other participants, encountering motorized equipment/vehicles and encountering pests/rodents/animals.

I voluntarily execute this release and agree that I will make no attempt to hold the above named parties liable for any injury and or loss of property.

In witness whereof, I sign this release as written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant (or parent/legal guardian, if under 18 years of age)



**311 Buffalo Avenue S.  
Montrose, MN 55363  
763-575-7422**

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ADOPT A PARK/TRAIL/ GARDEN PROGRAM**

\_\_\_\_\_ agree(s) to participate in the City of Montrose Adopt A Park  
(Name of Group/Individual)  
Program by adopting \_\_\_\_\_ Park/Trail/Garden.

I/We understand and agree to abide by the established terms and conditions set below.

1. A commitment of a minimum of one season is required
2. The sites chosen are on a first come, first served basis unless continued from prior year.
3. All participants under the age of 18 must have adult supervision.
4. Adopt a Park/Trail/Garden activities should occur during daylight hours and during good weather.
5. Beautification should occur a minimum of 3 times during the year, preferably once during the Spring, Summer and Fall. It is suggested that the clean-up occur on Monday following a busy weekend or days prior to or directly following a holiday or celebration.
6. All groups are encouraged to carry a first aid kit and be aware of local emergency numbers.
7. The group should report any vandalism or potential safety hazards to the City at 763-575-7435.
8. The group should contact the City at least one week in advance to schedule a clean-up date. At this time the group shall inform the City of the scope of the project and the size of the group.
9. Safety vests must be picked up from the City, worn at all times and returned to the City.

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

