

**Keep Genesee County Beautiful, a Program of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission
2019 Adopt a Park Application**

PARK ADOPTER COMMITMENT

Adopt a Park volunteers are **required to maintain the park on a weekly basis**. This is a comprehensive list of the required and optional initial assessments and weekly maintenance tasks that might occur at a park depending on your level of participation.

WEEKLY PARK ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST (completed to help plan the spring cleanup event and weekly maintenance)

Required Initial Assessment by All Park Adopters

- Is there litter around the park that needs to be removed?
- Has any dumping occurred that needs to be picked up?
- Are all the trash cans still in place? If no, where is it missing? _____

Optional Assessment

- Do any items in the park need to be repainted or repaired?
- Is there any graffiti that needs to be painted over?
- Do playground areas and/or plant beds need additional mulch? Need raking?
- Are there large limbs or branches that need to be removed?
- Are there any signs of illegal activities? (alcohol bottles/cans, drug paraphernalia, destruction? If yes, site where: _____)

REGULAR WEEKLY PARK MAINTENANCE TASKS INCLUDING SPRING CLEANUP (as applicable to each park)

Required Tasks by All Park Adopters

- Pick up litter around park entrance and/or sign
- Pick up litter at the curb area and remove litter that has washed to the sewer grate(s)
- Pick up litter around bus stop areas (if applicable)
- Remove litter from playground areas, benches, picnic tables and/or basketball courts
- Pick up litter from fence lines
- Pull down signs on telephone poles and dispose of properly
- Take other signs down that have been "planted" in the ground and dispose of properly
- Remove trash/litter from trash cans and replace garbage bags (provided by KGCB)
- Put all garbage, yard waste and tree limbs at designated site for pick up (call KGCB for assistance)

Optional Tasks

- Pull weeds, edge and clean-up plant beds
- Rake mulch into place if it has been disturbed by heavy rain or by other sources
- Spread mulch in plant beds, on playground and other areas as needed (mulch provided by KGCB)
- Clean out fence lines of vegetation, invasive trees and other items
- Remove/cut up large branches that have fallen in the park (call KGCB first for assistance)
- Remove all vegetation over 3 feet tall and tree branches hanging down more than 6 feet from the ground (call KGCB for assistance)
- Remove large mounds of leaves that hide unseen hazards or holes (call KGCB first for assistance)
- Paint playground equipment, benches, picnic tables, pavilions, graffiti and/or other items as identified (Call KGCB first for assistance and materials)
- Remove illegal dumping
- Request a dumpster for large cleanups (call KGCB for dumpster)
- Other items (please specify)
- Other work done while on site or other items brought to your attention by residents in the park.
List those items on the back side of this form:

Yes No After reading the **ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**, is your volunteer group willing and physically able to take on the required park assessment and weekly maintenance including both a spring and fall cleanup? If so, welcome and please complete the application!

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ADOPT A PARK APPLICATION**

Instructions: Print or type the information requested below and fill out each section completely.

Adopt a Park Sponsor Name: _____

Organization Type (Check One):

Block Club Business Church or Faith-Based Organization Neighborhood Association

Nonprofit Organization School Other (please specify) _____

Adopt a Park Sponsor Address: _____

Sponsor Organization Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____

Sponsor Organization Email Address: _____

Contact Person Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate Contact Person Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of City of Flint Park to be Adopted: _____

Ward Number: _____

ADOPT A PARK APPLICATION NARRATIVE

Instructions: Print or type the information requested below. Fill out each section completely.

1. Please tell us why your group wants to adopt this park:

2. The problems that need to be addressed in the park:

3. Describe the community around the park:

4. Have already worked in or held some activities in the park? If so, please include how long you have worked in the park and any current activities/programs regularly happening in the park:

5. Children and Students

How are you going to involve young children and students in the park?

6. Volunteers

a. How many volunteers have committed to adopt this park? _____

b. How many volunteers are recommended for adoption of this park? _____

c. If you don't currently have the minimum number of volunteers needed, how will you recruit more volunteers?
Please provide a detailed strategy for recruitment of volunteers.

d. What strategies will you use to grow your volunteer group and keep them involved from year to year?
