



## Adopt-A-Park Programs & Donations FAQ

Have questions? We've got answers. Our Adopt-A-Park program is simple, fun, and rewarding. Below are some frequently asked questions to help you understand our goals with this program.

### 1) What is Adopt-A-Park?

Adopt-A-Park is a volunteer program that allows the City of Phoenix to maximize its resources and offer residents and businesses an opportunity to give back to their community.

The City of Phoenix has hundreds of parks, preserves, and facilities throughout the city that are available for a group or individual to adopt or sponsor.

### 2) What can I adopt? Does it have to be an entire park or recreation area?

We have made it easy to adopt entire parks or specific areas of parks. Areas include:

- Sports Fields
- Flower Beds
- Trails
- Courts
- Park Benches/Picnic Tables
- Playgrounds
- Waterways
- Trees & Shrubs
- Parking Areas
- Exercise courses
- Any other areas you may be interested in, let us know!

### 3) What types of groups are you looking for? What if I'm not part of a group?

- We are open to any group looking to give back to our community! Here are a few examples: local business and organizations, hiking and biking enthusiasts, neighborhood associations, religious groups, schools, scout troops, military, and civic associations.
- We also invite individuals to join our Adopt-A-Park program. Certain restrictions may apply.

### 4) How long do we have to commit to the Adopt-A-Park Program?

We understand that our volunteers have busy lives, and we value your contribution to our parks. We ask that you/your group commit to visiting your adopted area at least once a month for one year or the length of time agreed upon. A typical day of volunteering will last approximately 2 to 4 hours. Our hope is that you will enjoy the volunteer activities and return for years to come!

### 5) What can we do as volunteers to help? Here are a few identified needs and possibilities:

- Pick up litter
- Report and/or remove graffiti;
- Sweep courts and/or pathways
- Pull weeds and rake leaves
- Prune and care for trees or shrubs

- Plant and care for flowers and native plants in the parks
- Keep the lakes and waterways clean and debris-free
- Report any park hazards

## **6) What materials will be supplied by the City of Phoenix?**

While the City of Phoenix asks volunteer groups to supply all materials for monthly projects, limited supplies can be made available. The City of Phoenix can provide trash and recycling bags for all projects, and complete removal of trash and recycling. The City of Phoenix can also help with transporting plants or other large objects that are part of the project with advance notice.

Potential items that will be needed for projects include:

- Gloves
- Litter stick (garbage picker)
- Gardening tools such as hoes, shovels, rakes, pruning shears, wheelbarrow.
- Brooms and water hoses
- Safety equipment including glasses, face masks, sunscreen, and first aid kit.

Please note: Only non-motorized tools can be used by volunteers during projects.

## **7) What if I don't have time to volunteer but I would like to donate to the cause?**

Again, we understand that not everyone has the time to volunteer, and that's okay. We will establish a specific project that you will be able to donate funds or resources to that will enable the project to be completed. Every little bit helps!

For more information on donating to the City of Phoenix Adopt-A-Park Program, please contact: 602-262-6864 or [myphxmypark@phoenix.gov](mailto:myphxmypark@phoenix.gov).

## **8) What are the benefits of being a donor?**

By investing in your community, you are showing the residents of Phoenix that you are committed to building healthy relationships in our parks and recreation areas. It is also an opportunity to promote positive social interaction & family/team bonding.

## **9) Okay, we're ready to help, what do I do now?**

Once you're ready to volunteer and have assigned a group leader, email [myphxmypark@phoenix.gov](mailto:myphxmypark@phoenix.gov) to complete the *Adopt-A-Park Proposal & Agreement* form. This form will allow you to provide a specific project request.

Once we have received the completed form, and an agreement is reached, your group leader will be in direct contact with the assigned Volunteer Liaison who will organize start dates and ongoing volunteer opportunities.

**Contact My PHX My Park Volunteer Program**

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