



OUTDOOR ADOPTION PROGRAM
Adopt-A-Street / Adopt-A-Park Facility / Adopt-An-Area

The Adoption Program provides the Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation Department a means to

- Improve the appearance of Fayetteville’s city streets and Parks and Recreation facilities
- Provide citizens (groups or individuals) an opportunity to honor others
- Enhance the parks experience for the public
- Encourage community involvement
- Foster appreciation for Parks and Recreation facilities
- Improve facility conditions without increasing operational or maintenance cost
- Create an additional revenue stream

The Adopt-A-Street / Adopt-A-Park Facility Programs operate on a calendar year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31) without fees. The terms of this agreement should be followed from the approval date until December 31. The number of clean-ups required in the first year will be adjusted according to the approval date. After the first year, applicants should complete six (6) clean-ups between January 1 and December 31 each year they remain in the programs. Participants must obey the Program Requirements and Safety Guidelines.

The Adopt-An-Area Program allows groups or individuals to adopt a component of a park or gateway in memory of or honor to someone with fees. Adoption areas include a bench, playground, picnic shelter, a section of a trail, or a bridge on a trail. Once an adoption fee is paid, an agreement is signed with FCPR to provide general care and maintenance around the adopted area once per quarter for a period of five years. Individuals/groups can designate the specific area they wish to adopt or allow FCPR to assign an area. A plaque/plate will be provided by FCPR and attached to the component for five years. Adoption fees are:

Element	Annual Fee	Total – 5 Years
Bench	\$ 25	\$ 125
Brick Planter	\$ 75 + plant material	\$ 375
Bridge	\$ 100	\$ 500
Gateway	\$ 150	\$ 750
Playground	\$ 75	\$ 375
Picnic shelter	\$ 75	\$ 375
Trail section	\$ 150	\$ 750

The “Brick Planter” adoption allows for a memorial plaque/plate to be affixed to a planter located on Hay Street in downtown Fayetteville. However, in addition to an adoption fee the individual/organization will purchase plant materials from a list approved by FCPR; organization can choose one of three designs. FCPR will be responsible to plant the material and maintain the planter.

The adoption fee includes application/administration fee that could be used by FCPR should, in the sole opinion of the department, an area need additional maintenance or cleanup. Individuals/groups will be able to “adopt” via the FCPR website, which will include application forms, interactive maps and ability to pay fees.

Applicants will automatically renew each year, unless they fail to complete the required number of clean-ups, or they request to be removed from the program. Failure to complete obligations will prevent future adoptions by your organization. The City of Fayetteville reserves the right to cancel this privilege at any time.

A Coordinator should be appointed from each organization that participates in the Outdoor Adoption Program. It is the Coordinator’s responsibility to ensure the group follows the program requirements and safety guidelines. Each Coordinator should take a few minutes before each clean up to conduct a brief review of the following safety tips with the group. Safety is the number one concern so please be alert and safety conscious at all times.

The Coordinator can pick up trash bags and safety vests from the FCPR Parks Division at 280 Lamon Street during normal business hours - Monday – Friday; 8 am – 5 pm.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- A Coordinator must be appointed from each organization to ensure program requirements are followed and oversee clean ups
- An adult supervisor over the age of 18 **must** be present at all times during any clean up
- **No one** under the age of 12 is allowed to participate in a **roadside** clean up
- Any participant involved in a cleanup **must** wear a high visibility safety vest if within 10 feet of a roadway; vests are provided by the City of Fayetteville
- **Adopt-A-Street / Adopt-A-Park Facility:** each group **must** complete at least six (6) clean-ups during the calendar year (January 1 - December 31); the total number of required clean-ups will be adjusted the first year according to the months remaining after the date the project is approved
- **Adopt-An-Area:** each group **must** complete at least four (4) clean-ups during the calendar year (January 1 - December 31); the total number of required clean-ups will be adjusted the first year according to the months remaining after the date the project is approved
- Progress reports must be submitted within one week of each clean up; failure to submit the appropriate number of reports prior to December 31 of each year will constitute a breach of the agreement. If a group breaches the agreement, or requests to be discontinued, signs will be removed and the area will be made available for another group to adopt. **Failure to complete obligations will prevent future adoptions by your organization.**

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- Stop work if the weather gets bad
- Do not over exert yourself, especially on hot days
- Avoid noxious weeds (e.g., poison ivy)
- Wear light colored clothing, heavy gloves, sturdy shoes or boots and a hat
- Have a first aid kit on-site
- Use a buddy system – look out for each other
- Have a cellular phone on hand

ADOPT-A-STREET:

Follow all guidelines above plus:

- Take as few cars as possible to the site
- Park vehicles clear of the roadway
- Work facing on-coming traffic
- Work during non-peak traffic hours when there are fewer vehicles on the road
- Do not attempt to handle hazardous substances (e.g., car batteries, pesticide containers)
- Do not pick up litter on bridges, tunnels, or overpasses
- Stay clear of construction activities
- Refrain from picking up trash on the street pavement (street sweepers will clean the road surface)
- Use caution as you work near any street
- Never step out into the street
- Cross streets only at crosswalks
- Wear high visibility safety vest when working within 10' of roadway

Remember: Call 433-1587 immediately following your clean up. Just say “Adopt-A-Street (or Site) Program,” and give a precise description of where the bags are located. Thank you for keeping Fayetteville clean and beautiful!

Questions or Problems? Call: City of Fayetteville, Parks Division, (910) 433-1587 or fax to (910) 433-1102