



# LEXINGTON

*Adopt-A-Park*

## PARK BEAUTIFICATION

### PROJECT SHEET

Beautification of our parks is crucial to preserve, protect, enhance, and maintain our parks. By creating or enhancing current spaces, we can create attractive and enjoyable spaces for the community and a more inviting environment for visitors. Opportunities are aimed at improving a park's aesthetics and contributing to the overall well-being of the surrounding community.

### Requirements

Adopt-A-Park Partner is committed to at least two Adopt-A-Park Events per year for a minimum of two years, which can – but does not have to – include a Park Cleanup/Maintenance Event. A Partner must complete two qualifying Events per year that include a minimum of two Beautification Events OR one Beautification Event AND one Park/Cleanup Maintenance Event. At least one qualifying Event should be completed semiannually (January-June, July-December).

A Park Beautification Event is defined by the addition or enhancement of a park's aesthetics and can include one or more of the following:

- Planting flowers or trees
- Installation or maintenance of flower beds (Including weeding and watering)
- Laying mulch
- Adding a butterfly garden or vegetable garden
- Adding decorative elements such as benches or art installations

A Park Cleanup/Maintenance Event is defined by at least two hours of work and can include one or more of the following activities:

Litter pickup

- Leaf raking, invasive species and debris removal (dead grass, tree limbs, vegetation, wind debris)
- General maintenance landscaping
- Spreading of mulch, playground safety surface
- Trail maintenance
- Cleanup of shelters and play structures
- Reporting park hazards, graffiti, illegal activity, storm damage, injured or dead animals
- Horse board fence painting

**Adopt-A-Park Partner is responsible for the implementation, cost and ongoing maintenance of Park Beautification Events.**

### Next Steps

1. After approval from Lexington Parks & Recreation, form your team of volunteers and identify dates of Event.
2. Coordinate with the assigned Lexington Parks & Recreation Liaison to fill out necessary forms.

3. Work with Lexington Parks & Recreation Liaison to identify needs and to communicate any areas of support.
4. Coordinate and share opportunities with existing neighborhood associations, friends of parks groups and other interested volunteer organizations as applicable to a project or park.

## **Key Deadlines**

- Park Beautification Event must be submitted to Lexington Parks & Recreation Liaison for approval no later than three weeks before implementation. Park Cleanup/Maintenance Event must be submitted no later than one week in advance of the Event date. Approval of event dates are solely at the discretion of Lexington Parks & Recreation.
- Will you need additional equipment or support? Please let your Parks & Recreation Liaison know of any equipment needs. Requests for additional support or equipment beyond routine materials must be submitted two weeks prior to activity date.