



LEXINGTON

Adopt-A-Park

PROGRAMMING

PROJECT SHEET

Creating fun, equitable, inclusive and educational park programs offer important benefits to communities, including opportunities for physical activity, social connections and exposure to nature. Programming aims to create fun, inclusive and educational park programs that align with the five main goals: supporting physical activity, connecting with nature, supporting inclusive play, bringing learning outdoors and hosting community events. Below are some examples of how the Park Programming initiative can be implemented to achieve these goals.

Requirements

Adopt-A-Park Partner is committed to at least four Adopt-A-Park Events per year for a minimum of two years. At least one Programming Event should be completed every quarter (January-March, April-June, July-September, and October-December). A Programming Event can include one or more of the following activities:

- Sponsoring an existing program or activity
- Supporting physical activity – fitness classes, sports, walking/running group
- Connecting with nature – guided nature walks, bird watching, workshops
- Supporting inclusive play – sensory play, inclusive play for those with disabilities
- Bringing learning outdoors – outdoor classroom, art/music class, history and cultural tours
- Hosting community events – food festival, movie night, community service events

All park events should be planned in a manner that includes neighborhood and existing stakeholders. Adopt-A-Park Partner is responsible for the implementation and cost of programmed Events. Proof of minimum liability insurance may be required.

Next Steps

1. After approval from Lexington Parks & Recreation, form your team of volunteers and identify dates of the Event.
2. Coordinate with the assigned Lexington Parks & Recreation Liaison to fill out necessary forms.
3. Coordinate and share opportunities with existing neighborhood associations, friends of parks groups and other interested volunteer organizations as applicable to a project or park.
4. Work with Lexington Parks & Recreation Liaison to conduct training and to communicate any areas of support. Your group will be responsible for all materials required to execute your Programming Event.

Key Deadlines

- Event must be submitted to Lexington Parks & Recreation Liaison no later than three weeks in advance of the Event date.
- Will you need additional equipment or support? Please let your Parks & Recreation Liaison know of any equipment you will bring with you. Requests for additional support or equipment beyond routine materials must be submitted two weeks prior to activity date.