Adopt-A-Park Stewardship Program

Become an **ADOPT-A-PARK STEWARD** and take an active role in beautifying and activating your park! Program Summary

The Adopt-A-Park Stewardship Program is a new park stewardship program, where community groups can apply to become stewards of their local park and take an active role in beautifying and activating the park for the upcoming year.



The City plans to help connect Stewards with resources, such as potential grants, sponsorships, and trainings as resources become available.

Adopt-A-Park Stewards will be responsible for:

- Completing a minimum of 2 clean-ups per year, the City will help provide cleaning supplies (gloves, bags)
- Programming a minimum of 2 events in the park per year (see programming section on pages 2-3 for more details), the City will assist with streamlining
- the event permitting process.
- Assisting Parks & Rec Marketing with park announcements
- Encouraging and fostering respect of the park and stewardship within the community

Adopt-A-Park Program Application

This application is for community groups and organizations who wish to partner with the City of Detroit for city park stewardship. The information provided on this form will be used to evaluate the proposed park stewardship.

Applications are due July 8, 2022.

Kick off Q & A meeting June 30 at 5pm. Adopt-A-Park Stewardship Program Application: <u>bit.ly/DetroitAdopt-A-Park</u>

Information on Required Events

Park Stewards will be responsible for organizing at least 2 park clean-ups per year. The City will coordinate with GSD Maintenance staff for the identified target dates. Clean-up events can be hosted by the Adoptee or any affiliated group that is coordinated by the Adoptee. Please provide the below details about planned park clean-up events. Park Programs & Events

Park Stewards will be responsible for organizing a least 2 park programs or events per year. This includes providing either at least 2 one-time events or recurring programs in the park that are open to the public. Examples of events or programs include zumba, yoga, fitness classes, movies in the park, jazz concert, celebratory events, etc.

The City will coordinate with Rec Permitting staff for the identified events and to streamline the process. Please allow 2-3 weeks at minimum for processing the requested events. Future events and programs that are not submitted here can be submitted through the normal process at detroitmi. gov/recreation.

Submitting and signing the application form does NOT indicate that the proposed events are automatically approved, but are pending review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Adopt-A-Park program manager at **tiffany.mckinnon@detroitmi.gov.**

Thank you for helping us ensure that every neighborhood has a future!

Keep Detroit Clean: Additional Clean Up Resources

Visit <u>https://detroitmi.gov/departments/general-services-department/keep-detroit-clean</u>

Motor City Makeover

Motor City Makeover is the City's annual campaign to mobilize residents to join cleanup efforts across the city. Neighbors come together to clean up an area with the City providing bags and gloves. The City of Detroit is supporting block clubs, community groups, and other organizations as they clean their neighborhoods for Motor City Makeover 365.

Motor City Makeover 365 has evolved over the past 30 years. MCM365 is an annual citywide volunteer cleanup and beautification initiative. Partnering with block clubs on their clean-up efforts has become essential to the success of this initiative over the years. Clean-ups are scheduled by Council Districts on specific weekends throughout May and June. Individuals and groups **MUST** register with the City of Detroit to receive limited supplies and to schedule special pickups. As our neighborhoods continue to evolve because of your clean-up efforts, we encourage beautification efforts all year round. For example, getting involved with Earth Day events, flower planting, neighborhood day, anti-litter campaigns, safe routes to schools, or recycling training and events!

Cleanups take place every Saturday from May 7 - June 18 by district.

Register to help keep Detroit clean! motorcitymakeover.org - (313) 224 - 4415 https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0315924a3ccc4770bfcc87c4d517bbe4

Keep Detroit Clean Hotline

The City has established (313) 224-CLEAN (2536) to provide residents with an easy to remember number to get information on these efforts.

Permitting Events & Programs

For shelters, sports fields, and special events: <u>https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat_program_list.cfm?season_id=17646</u>



Note on Fees:

Review recreation fee schedule. Additional fees may be required for permits outside of the Parks & Recreation Division.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Who can apply for to be an Adopt-A-Park steward?

A: This program is for community groups and organizations who wish to partner with the City of Detroit for city park stewardship, and can include block clubs, park friends' groups, and others.

Q: What if multiple groups apply to adopt the same park?

A: There can only be one adopt-a park steward group for each park. If there are multiple groups that are interested, we encourage them to collaborate on a joint application.

Q: What if I want to adopt a park but it is past the application deadline?

A: Unfortunately, the official program is only available for groups that apply within the application window, but community groups and residents are welcome to have events outside of the Adopt-A-Park Stewardship program, using the standard permitting process, which can be found at: https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat_program_list.cfm?season_id=17646

Q: Can I apply for events besides what I submitted in the application?

A: Yes, adopt-a-park stewards are welcome to hold events and programs in addition to what was submitted in the application, but they will then have to use the standard permitting process, which can be found at: https://register.capturepoint.com/reg/cat_program_list.cfm?season_id=17646

Q: Can other groups permit the park if my group has adopted it?

A: Yes, other groups are able to permit events in the park, as long as they do not conflict with existing, approved events, including those submitted by the Adopt-A-Park steward.

Q: What support can the City provide for adopt-a-park stewards?

A: The City can help with limited clean-up supplies, such as trash bags, gloves, pickers, with advance notice. The City will help connect Stewards with resources, such as potential grants, sponsorships, and trainings.