

Watertown Park Commission

January 18, 2022

Agenda Item: Adopt-A-Park Application**Request for Action:** Consider Adopt-A-Park Application for the Wetlands of Watertown**Employee/Dept.:** Jake Foster, City Administrator**Background:**

Brad Kipp submitted an application for the City of Watertown's Adopt-A-Park Program on behalf of the Tuscany Village 2nd Addition HOA to "adopt" the Wetlands of Watertown Trails. The Tuscany Village 22nd Addition HOA comprises 22 homeowners. The Wetlands of Watertown does not currently have anyone who has requested adoption of the park. The subject application is attached.

Attachments:

Wetlands of Watertown Adopt-A-Park Application – Tuscany Village 2nd Addition HOA



Adopt-A-Park Program Application

Yes, I'd like to adopt a City of Watertown Park!

Name Brad Kipp

Name of Group Tuscany Village 2nd Addition HOA # of Members 22 homeowners

Address 1053 Trebbiano Lane N

City Watertown State MN Zip 55388

Phone Number 612 810 6738 Email Bradkipp1@gmail.com

Name of Contact Person/Phone Number Brad Kipp 612 810 6738

Park you are interested in adopting (if known):

1. 30th Street Wetland

2. _____

Thank you for your interest!

Please fax this form to 952-955-2695 or email to info@ci.watertown.mn.us or mail to:

City of Watertown
PO Box 279
Watertown, MN 55388

State of Agreement

I have read and agree to abide by the policies and regulations as designed by the City of Watertown in regard to the Adopt-a-Park Program.

Name: Brad Kipp

Date: 11/14/2022

Adoption Information (For Office Use Only)

Park Adopted: _____

Location: _____

Adoption Dates: From: _____ To: _____



Watertown Adopt-a-Park Program

The Adopt-A Park Program was created with the objective of beautifying our public spaces, decreasing the effects of vandalism, maintaining the safety of parks and park equipment, increasing community pride and ownership in the park system, educating the public of the environmental, financial, recreational and legal challenges facing the City and to assist the City's maintenance crews with clean-up activities. The City of Watertown Public Works Department acknowledges the fact that this program cannot be successful without dedicated citizens who donate their time in an effort to make a difference in their community. The City encourages individuals and organizations to become involved in the care and maintenance of our City parks. If you or your group would like to be involved with the Adopt-A-Park Program please contact City Hall at 952-955-2681.

Program Information & Policies

1. The group shall provide one individual as a contact person with the City. Groups and/or individuals will adopt a park area for a minimum of 1 year.
2. Adopt-A-Park duties shall be completed year-round. Monitoring of the park should be done on a regular basis, usually twice a month during the warm season and as weather permits in the cold season.
3. Prior authorization must be obtained before any development or maintenance project begins. Each adopting individual or group must sign an Adopt-A-Park agreement as a condition of the adoption. Participants must be physically able to perform general park maintenance and children under age 18 must be properly supervised.
4. Recycling of all waste material is encouraged. Individuals or groups may keep any and all proceeds from any material of recyclable value that is found.
5. Duties must be performed during daylight hours only and during appropriate weather conditions. Be aware of your surroundings to ensure your safety and the safety of others. Use caution while handling or collecting items such as litter and debris. Do not crush collected items as broken or jagged objects may cause injury. Do not wear headsets or engage in horseplay or other conduct which could divert your attention from your work or impair your ability to perceive hazards.
6. If participants are under the age of 18, the adopting group must have written parent / guardian permission on file prior to beginning this program.

Adopt-A- Park General Duties (Participants are encouraged to do more!)

- Picking up litter & debris



- Sweeping / Dusting
- Raking Leaves
- Spring & Fall clean up
- Weeding
- Plant / Water Flowers
- Graffiti - notify Public Works Department
- Clean out Barbecue Grills as necessary
- General Park Observation (broken glass, user behavior, lights, noise and etc.).
- Check play equipment for obvious safety concerns
- Return spilled sand to designated play areas
- Refill mailboxes with plastic bags

General Equipment Needs

The City of Watertown Public Works Department will provide adopt-a-park groups with garbage bags, safety vests & paint. The adopt-a-park group will provide rakes, shovels, work gloves, eyewear, brooms, rags (as duties require) & a first-aid kit.

CITY OF WATERTOWN

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

WHEREAS, the **UNDERSIGNED** has volunteered his/her services in the City of Watertown:

The UNDERSIGNED AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY RELEASES, WAIVES AND DISCHARGES THE CITY OF WATERTOWN**, its council members, officers, employees, agents and independent contractors from all liability to the undersigned and/or his/her personal representatives, assigns, heirs and next of kin for any loss or damage and any claim or demands therefore on account of injury to the person or property or death of the undersigned, whether or not caused by the negligence and/or property of the City of Watertown, its council members, officers, employees, agents and independent contractors.

- 2. THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE** due to the negligence of the City of Watertown, its council members, officers, employees, agents and independent contractors, or otherwise while in, upon or about the premises of the City of Watertown and/or while using the premises or facilities or equipment thereon, and/or while participating in the volunteer activity whether within or outside the City.

- 3. THE UNDERSIGNED UNDERSTANDS THAT HE/SHE WILL BE VOLUNTEERING** time to work on projects and therefore will not be compensated monetarily or otherwise by the City of Watertown.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAS READ AND VOLUNTARILY SIGNS THE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, and further agrees that no oral representations, statements of inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement has been made. Execution of this Release and Waiver of Liability does not constitute a release and waiver by the City of Watertown of the defense of governmental immunity, or any other legal defense which may be applicable with respect to any claim which may arise against the City.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE:

Volunteer - Print Name

Volunteer's Signature

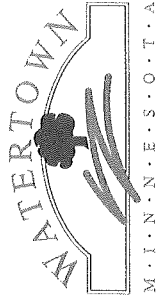
Parent's Name - Print Name
(Only required if Volunteer is a minor)

Parent's Signature
(Only required if Volunteer is a minor)

Date

Email Address

City of Watertown



CITY PARKS

1. Ann Street Park 0.2 acre
2. City Center Park 1 acre
3. Community Park 40 acres
4. Evergreen Park 16 acres
5. Grove Street Hockey Rink 1 acre
6. Highland Park 7 acres
7. Kings Highland Park 12 acres
8. Kings Meadows Park 8 acres
9. Madison-Green Park 2 acres
10. Old Mill Park 1 acre
11. Pocket Park 2 acres
12. Rapid Waters Park 2 acres
13. Rick Johnson Park 4 acres
14. Riverpointe Park 27 acres
15. Sugarbush Park 1 acre
16. Sunset Ridge Park 1 acre
17. Wildflower Park 0.3 acre

