

Eau Claire Parks and Recreation

Park Pride Program



Pitch in and Pick up

Your family, group or organization can now partner with the Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department in a number of great volunteer opportunities:

"Committed Partners"

Ongoing volunteer opportunities

Adopt-a-Park, Adopt-a-Trail:

Benefits

The Adopt-a-Park and Adopt- a- Trail program is a public service for volunteers who are interested in caring for Eau Claire parks and trails. It is an excellent way for citizens and organizations to make a personal contribution to the community. Volunteers can pick up litter, report vandalism and help with a special project identified by the group and approved by the Volunteer Coordinator.

Process to volunteer (agreement required)

Requires a two year commitment

Families, Groups or organizations can adopt-a-park from the list below. This is a minimum of two-year commitment to the park. An agreement identifying all the volunteers working in the park will need to be approved by the Park Volunteer coordinator by April 1 to allow for a recognition sign to be placed on site for the duration of the agreement. Agreements after that date may not get recognition in the first year of the agreement but every effort will be made to place a sign. A planned cleanup on Earth Day (the third week of April) of each year will kick off the program. A schedule of maintenance days needs to be established in the agreement to insure the ongoing commitment by the group.

Supplies

Groups will need to provide the supplies for the program unless a special project is identified and if supplies can be arranged with the Volunteer Coordinator. If rakes, shovel or other hand tools are needed for a special project, they are limited to up to six hand tools (shovel and rakes) and will be need to checked out on a first come first served basis.

Most of the time, volunteers will be picking up litter and the Park Maintenance support will be limited to picking up bags deposited in an agreed upon location. The groups will need to supply their own bags.

Trails

City Trail sections approximately 2 miles

Park

Randall Park	Wilson Park	University Park	Domer Park
Archery Park	Jaycette Park	Riverview Park	Rod and Gun Park
Mt Simon Park	Fairfax Park	Owen Park	Eau Claire Soccer Park
Half Moon Beach/Bayview Park		NW Community Park	
SE Community Park			

Any of our 17 Neighborhood Park

Adopt-a-Flowerbed

Benefits

Groups can adopt one or more public flower gardens. This can be a great opportunity to meet other gardening enthusiasts, learn more about plant care, gain experience in garden design and plant selection, and beautify our community.

Process to volunteer (agreement required)

Requires a one-year commitment

An agreement identifying all the volunteers working in the flowerbed will need to be approved by the Volunteer Coordinator by April 1 to allow for a recognition sign to be placed on site for the duration of the agreement. Agreements signed after that date may not get on-site recognition but every effort will be made to place a sign. The group will plant and maintain the bed for one year. The City will provide the flowers. These projects require a few hours of time each month during the spring and summer to plant flowers, pull weeds, water and mulch beds.

Sites (with water)

Phoenix Park- multiple group opportunities

Wilson Park - multiple group opportunities

Carson Park- multiple group opportunities

University Park

Randall Park

Riverview Park

Mt Simon Park Babe Ruth Fields

North River Fronts Neighborhood Park

Neighborhood Playgrounds

Future Park developed with flowerbeds

Supplies

Gardening can be done with few tools and are to be supplied by the group. The City will provide the flowers. Volunteers should wear gloves when working with the soil or flowers for their own protection.

"Just Helpin' Out"

Short-term opportunities:

Park or Trail Clean-up

Benefits

Litter is unsightly- it destroys the natural beauty of our parks and city. Litter is very expensive and only with help from the community can we keep our city clean. Past involvement from groups has been an immense help in keeping the parks and trails throughout the city a safe and attractive place.

Process to volunteer (agreement required)

A signed agreement and one week notice is required to schedule a single or multi-day clean up.

Sites

City trails that are not part of the Adopt-a-Park or Adopt-a-Trail program are available for groups to schedule a clean up activity. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator for available site information

Supplies

No supplies are provided to the group and the group needs to provide bags for the clean up. Most of the time, volunteers will be picking up litter and the Park Maintenance support will be limited to picking up bags deposited in an agreed upon location convenient for pick up by city vehicles. Volunteers should wear gloves when picking up trash for their own protection.

Park Tree Planting

Benefits

Tree planting or developing a shrub planting has been a popular project for school groups. Memorial tree plantings honoring a loved one or the new arrival into the family is another great reason to plant a tree. Watching the tree grow as the child grows is a fun way to mark the growth of both. Some of our parks are still open and adding trees is a benefit to future generations of park users.

Process to volunteer (agreement required)

After donating the money to the Eau Claire Community Park Association, our Forestry Staff will assist in the selection and planting of the tree. A certificate with a picture of the tree and a description of its location will be provided to the donor.

Sites (Approval from the City Forester is required)

Community and Neighborhood Parks, Trails and City Cemeteries

Supplies

Trees must be purchased by our Forestry Staff to assure the quality and proper species are being planted. Funds need to be donated to the Eau Claire Community Park Association prior to ordering the tree

