



# adopt-a-spot

A PARKS COMMITTEE PROGRAM  
CONCRETE WASHINGTON

Encouraging community organizations, school clubs,  
families and individuals to take an active role in improving the  
Town of Concrete parks and public spaces.

**PARKS COMMITTEE**  
**CHAIR CASSIE MANKE**  
**ADOPT-A-SPOT LEAD MARLA REED**



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**July 25, 2022**

### **NEW PROGRAM TO HELP IMPROVE TOWN'S PARKS**

The Parks Committee of the Town of Concrete has created a way for community volunteers to help make the town's parks more attractive and useful. The new "Adopt a Spot" program encourages community organizations, school clubs, businesses, and families to take an active role in improving the Town of Concrete parks, spots and public spaces.

By adopting a spot in town, volunteers will be increasing the number of public places where the natural beauty shines through. Clean, well-kept spaces provide a positive impression to visitors, enhance public pride in our town and can add to the play spaces for children and pets.

Adopting a spot not only promotes physical activity and better health for those who maintain the space, but also encourages others to get active.

Other benefits might include a reduction in vandalism and graffiti throughout town, and also provide an opportunity for volunteers to meet new people and be recognized as someone who cares about the community.

Adopt-a-Spot groups will do some or all of the following in their adopted space:

- Pick up litter, pull weeds
- Rake leaves, sweep paved areas
- Report and/or help remove graffiti
- Report hazards
- Keep shrubs and gardens maintained
- Woodchip trees and shrub beds
- Offer suggestions for improvement in public spaces
- Encourage others to keep our public spaces clean and litter-free

Adopt-A-Spot groups will be provided with training from Parks Committee volunteers and expected to participate in two community-wide clean-up activities throughout the year.

For more information and to apply to adopt a spot, please contact Parks Committee Chair or Adopt-a-Spot lead, Cassie Manke at (360)540.6875 or Marla Reed at (360)391.2589.



## **ADOPT-A-SPOT OVERVIEW**

This program encourages community organizations, school clubs, corporations, families and individuals to take an active role in improving the Town of Concrete parks and public spaces.

Benefits of well-kept parks and public spaces include:

- Natural beauty and neighborhood gathering places
- Provides positive impression; appeals to and attracts residents and visitors
- Cleaner air from trees; releasing oxygen and absorbing pollutants
- Natural habitat for animals and birds
- Play space for children
- Promotes physical activity and better health for all

Being part of an Adopt-a-Spot program provides volunteers with an opportunity to:

- Keep your local park clean and green
- Work together with friends and neighbors to foster community-building
- Meet new people
- Be recognized as someone who cares about your community

Adopt-a-Spot groups can do a lot to keep Concrete looking beautiful, such as:

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**ADOPT-A-SPOT AGREEMENT**

This agreement is entered into between the Town of Concrete and the volunteer organization \_\_\_\_\_

Spot being adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

The volunteer organization agrees to:

1. Assign a leader or contact person for their organization. The contact person will keep a copy of this agreement. The crew leader or contact person will supply the Parks Committee with a roster of participants so the Committee may recognize their efforts.
2. Insure that volunteer participants are adults age 18 years of age or older, or that there is one adult supervisor for every 6 minors under age 18.
3. Complete clean-up tasks at a minimum of once each month, with litter pick-up happening more frequently or as needed. One spring clean-up day is required (TBD).
4. Include in clean-up: litter collection, raking, cleaning planter areas, sweeping pathways and other designated tasks as agreed upon between the Parks Committee and volunteer organization.
5. Use or obtain their own tools, supplies and materials or in some instances arrange for loan of tools and supplies from the Parks Committee.
6. Conduct park maintenance and cleanup activities in a safe manner. Do not pick up syringes, hypodermic needles, or exceptionally large, heavy items. These items should be reported to the Parks Committee as soon as possible for proper disposal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Group \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of Town Staff Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Town Approved Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Plaque Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Initials



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**ADOPT-A-SPOT APPLICATION**

Park, spot or public space being adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Goals, objectives, plans for the space \_\_\_\_\_

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Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_

Group Members & Phone Numbers

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After your application is reviewed and approved by the Parks Committee, you will be contacted to begin work on your spot. Questions- Contact Cassie Manke at (360)540.6875 or Marla Reed at (360) 391.2589.



**ADOPT-A-SPOT LIABILITY WAIVER**

I understand that neither the Town of Concrete nor the Concrete Parks Committee is responsible for my actions. I release and hold harmless the Town of Concrete, Concrete Parks Committee, and any of their officials, employees, volunteers, and agents, and agree to waive any right of recovery that I may have to bring a claim or lawsuit for damages against them for any personal injury or death or other harmful consequences occurring from my voluntary participation in this activity, except for the sole negligence of the Town of Concrete.

Any additional volunteers who will work in this Adopted Spot must also sign this waiver/application.

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