



## Adopt-a-Park Program for Your Community



### Why Do Parks and Public Areas Need to be Adopted?

City and county government budgets are not large enough to resolve the litter problem in our community. That is why Tucson Clean & Beautiful (TCB) began implementing a model Adopt-a-Park program in 1984. Tucson Clean & Beautiful works in partnership with both city and county governments to help maintain Tucson's beautiful environment. Sincere community commitment, involvement and ownership have made this program highly successful. Over 100 public areas including parks, streets, and washes are now adopted by dedicated citizens of all ages.

### Who Can Adopt a Park or Public Area?

Any recognized community group willing to make an ongoing volunteer commitment throughout the year may participate. Civic associations, schools, neighborhoods, churches, military, scout and other community groups as well as businesses have made an ongoing commitment to clean up and control litter.



### What Commitment Must an Adoptive Group Make?

We ask for a commitment to conduct a cleanup and monitor the adopted site twice each month. Volunteer work report forms are provided to record volunteer hours and for easy notification if repairs are needed or if unsafe conditions exist at the adopted site, especially any dangerous or unsafe conditions, vandalism, or graffiti. These reports help TCB ensure that each site is clean and appropriately maintained as a positive community resource for all to use. If reporting forms are not received on a regular basis, TCB asks the group leader to renew its commitment or to let another group adopt the site.



"Never doubt that a small group of concerned people can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead

### What Areas in the Community Can Be Adopted?

Tucson Clean & Beautiful oversees the Adopt -a- Park, Adopt -a- Street and Adopt -a- Wash programs for the City of Tucson, as well as the Adopt-a-Park program for Pima County. Other public sites such as bikeways, desert areas, alleys, and even entire neighborhoods, are also eligible for adoption. Neighborhood associations are encouraged to request information about the Adopt-a-Park program. Contact TCB with your site suggestion.

### How Do We Conduct a Cleanup?

Groups can organize themselves to clean at any time throughout the year. Please call TCB to make arrangements in advance for any litter bags, supplies, and disposal assistance. Then, return a volunteer work form to notify TCB of your cleanup to record the group's volunteer hours and report any maintenance problems found at the adopted site.

### Do We Get Recognized?

After an evaluation period is completed by ongoing volunteer groups, a sign is placed to recognize the group's commitment to their adopted site. Once a sign is placed, the group is acknowledged at a public ceremony. An agreement is signed at the ceremony to reinforce the group's ongoing commitment to care for their adopted site. TCB also works with volunteer groups for one-time projects, but these are not recognized with a sign or ceremony.

### How Do We Sign Up?

Call Tucson Clean & Beautiful at 791-3109 to request an Interest Form for the Adopt-a-Park and Public Areas Program. Tucson Clean & Beautiful will help you get started and select an appropriate park or public site!



The Adopt-a-Park & Public Areas Program is coordinated in cooperation with:

- City of Tucson Parks and Recreation, Environmental Services and Transportation Departments
- Pima County Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation

Other Tucson Clean & Beautiful Programs:

- Children's Memorial Park
- Commemorative Tree Parks
- Hot Topics/Cool Solutions for a better local and global environment
- Trees for Tucson
- Recycling Information Line (791-5000) and Recycling and Waste Reduction information and education programs

Our programs provide citizens of all ages and socioeconomic groups in business, government, neighborhoods, schools, civic organizations and judicial institutions with opportunities to work together to improve and maintain our environment while reinforcing economic development, quality of life, and civic pride.

The success of all of these programs relies on volunteer participation and community support and involvement. With your help, we can all help to keep Tucson Clean and Beautiful!



Tucson Clean & Beautiful is a nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation created in 1985. Tucson Clean & Beautiful is the flagship for environmental education and community volunteer programs in the Tucson area addressing recycling and waste reduction, urban forestry, land stewardship, and beautification.



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Toward our community's goal of a cleaner and healthier environment



*The Adopt-a-Park & Public Areas Program unites the support of government with business and community volunteer resources. Thanks to this program, public sites throughout Tucson and Pima County are cleaner and safer, for all to enjoy.*