

Greenway Adopt-a-Trail Program Overview

Thank you for your interest in helping keep the Greenway green. With over 2,200 acres of natural space, the Greenway brings recreational, educational and environmental benefits to Greater Grand Forks residents and visitors. Unfortunately, this area also requires a lot of attention to keep it looking great.

The Greenway Adopt-a-Trail program is an all-volunteer program that provides an opportunity for the public to become actively involved in conserving and maintaining the natural wealth and beauty of this unique area. A job of this size could not be possible without the time and dedication of the volunteers.

Program Details

The Group agrees to:

1. Accept responsibility for maintaining the trail segment located in the Greenway.
2. Participants do not hold the **Managing Agency** responsible for death, injury, or property damage that may have been prevented by their actions.
3. To maintain this agreement for a minimum of two years.
4. Maintain the segment of trail up two to three times per year within a two-week span of **Managing Agencies** designated cleanup times, weather permitting (Usually May and October). Additional cleanup activities may be done at the discretion of the **Group**.
5. Conduct maintenance activities in a safe manner and under any conditions as may be required by **Managing Agency**. The **Group** agrees to take full responsibility for the safety of each of its participants.
6. Pick up litter along path in adopted section. **Group** may decide to clean further away from trail, at their discretion.
7. Report any weedy growth, graffiti, unusual or suspicious events on the trail, or hazardous materials such as powders, weapons, sharp objects, or dead animals to the **Managing Agency**.
8. Be courteous to trail users.
9. Wear the appropriate safety items such as heavy gloves, hard hats, orange vests, and safety glasses when necessary.
10. Not use motor vehicles on the trail.
11. Require that all **Group** participants be:
 - Groups of at least 6 persons
 - Must be over the age of 6 to participate
 - “ 1 adult for every 8 participants ages 13-17
 - “ 1 adult for every 3 children ages 6-12
 - “ A signed parental consent form, found on page ten, is required for all minors prior to participating in the Greenway Adopt-a-Trail program.
 - Must be over the age of 18 to adopt a section.
13. To obtain supplies and materials from **Managing Agency** during regular business hours at **Managing Agency** address.
14. To place debris piles at the designated sites and notify managing agency within 24 hours of completion of each maintenance time.
15. Record and submit the number of hours volunteered by each participant to the **Managing Agency**. This information is used to document cumulative volunteer hours for all Greenway projects.
16. Provide a first aid kit during the time of maintenance activities.
17. Recycling is accepted and encouraged for the benefit of the **Group**.

Managing Agency is responsible and agrees to:

1. Coordinate and facilitate the Grand Forks Adopt-a-Trail program.
2. Assign sections of trails to volunteer organizations.
3. Provide trash bags and dispose of trash, recyclables and other piles of rubbish from designated

- area, if necessary.
4. Arrange to dispose of large, heavy, or hazardous materials if necessary.
 5. Provide technical advice.
 6. Pay for, install, and maintain Adopt a Trail signs with the name of the volunteering organization at the adopted section.
 7. Provide recognition to volunteer organizations that participate in any capacity (plaques, certificates, website, newsletter, or any other form deemed appropriate).
 8. **Managing Agency** may suspend the agreement temporarily because of construction, repairs or high water that will take place within the limits of the assigned area. Once these activities have been completed, the group will be notified and the agreement restored.
 9. The term of the agreement shall commence on the date of execution stated, and shall end on the date of termination unless terminated by **Managing Agency** or the **Group** upon a 30 day notice.

What next?

Complete a Greenway Adopt-a-Trail Application and submit for consideration as described in the application. A Greenway staff person will contact you upon receipt of the application.