

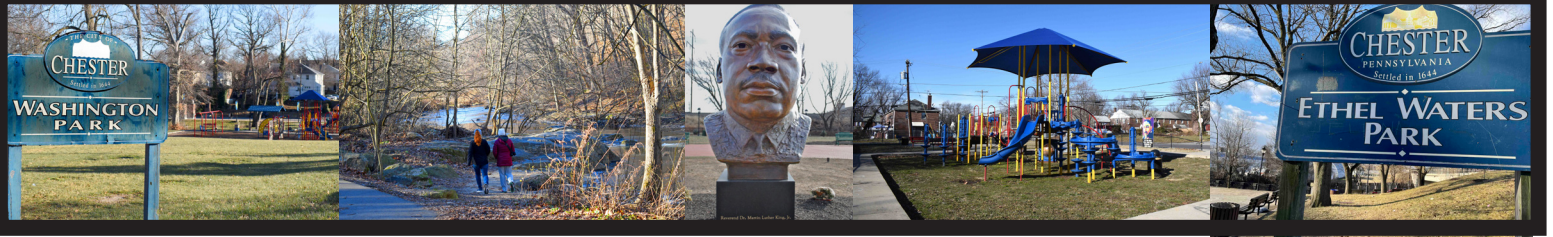
Adopt-A-Park 2022

Chester City invites you to adopt a park or playground. Help us to increase the benefits of our many outdoor spaces by keeping them clean and safe and providing new and exciting programming for children, teens, young adults, mature adults, and our beloved seniors.

This program cost nothing to join. All we require is your commitment to coordinate park and playground activities among your employees, local volunteers, City Public Work staff, and anyone else who brings value to our resident's enjoyment in the City's outdoor spaces.

Thank you for your support as we partner to bring fun and play back to Chester's parks and playgrounds.

City Councilman Stefan Roots
Director of Public Property and Recreation



Adopt-A-Park Overview

The City of Chester has established an Adopt A Park program as a way for businesses and civic organizations to join with local volunteers and the City's staff to provide fun, safe, and creative activities for all age groups in Chester's parks and playgrounds. In order to maximize the benefits of our parks and playgrounds, the City recognizes the need to maintain clean, litter free parks and playgrounds. Not only do litter free parks and playgrounds improve the beautification of the city, it also increases property value and instills a huge sense of community pride.

Businesses and civic organization desires to adopt a park by agreeing to provide volunteer support for the seasonal removal of litter and general maintenance in the park or playground well aware of the hazardous nature of the work to be performed. All activities in the parks and playgrounds conducted by the Adopter are to be communicated in advance with the Director of Public Property and Recreation to ensure the appropriate coordination with the Department of Public Works for equipment, supplies, and logistics.

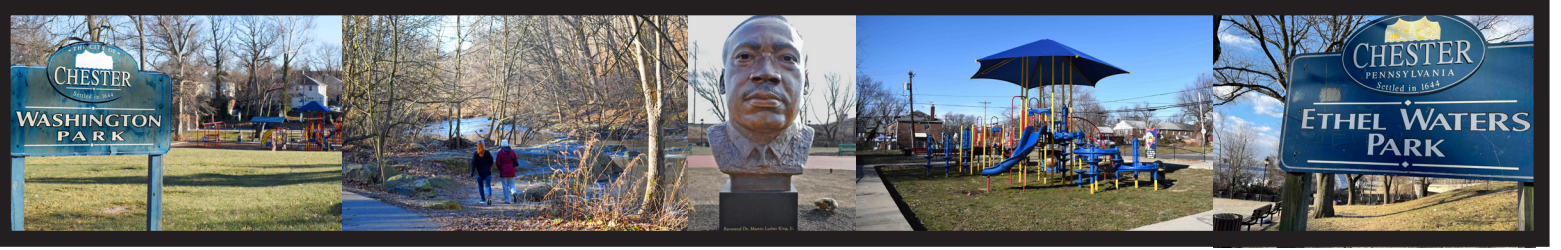
Adopters are encouraged to imagine inclusive programs to conduct in the parks and playgrounds that involve local residents like game days, performances, fund raisers, education events, craft fairs, nature walks, cook-outs, tree and flower plantings, etc.

The process to adopt a park is as simple as filling out an annual application, agreeing to the Memorandum of Understanding, attending an safety training session with the City's Public Works Department, and getting started.

I look forward to personally working with every Adopter who volunteers to help the City of Chester bring back our parks and playgrounds to become the vibrant outdoor spaces for fun, recreation, education, and enjoyment they are meant to be.

Thank you for your interest in the City of Chester's Adopt-A-Park program. Together, we will help create a better Chester for generations to come.

**Councilman Stefan Roots
Director of Public Property and Recreation**



Adopt-A-Park Requirements

The On-boarding Process

- **Complete and Submit Application**
- **Receive Approval Letter from City of Chester**
- **Complete Memorandum of Understanding with City of Chester**

Requirements for Adopter

- **Conduct volunteer cleanups at least 3 times a year**
- **Attend a mandatory safety orientation with the City's Department of Public Works**
- **Be responsible for all volunteers or employees performing work at the park or playgrounds**
- **Provide adult-supervision for children under the age of 18**
- **Provide a copy of all child abuse history clearances**
- **Provide a copy of a signed waiver from a child's parent or guardian**
- **Maintain adequate General Liability Insurance, a Worker's Compensation policy, and add the City of Chester as an additional insured**
- **Make request to the City 30 days prior to event for equipment needed for the cleanup**



Adopt-A-Park Application

Date of Application: _____ *(Adoption will be reviewed in one (1) year)*

Name of Organization: _____

Circle Type of Organization: Corporation Business Non-Profit School Church Group

Primary Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Park or Playground you want to adopt: _____

What do you want to do through your park adoption *(circle all that apply):*

- Clean Ups Activities & Programs Landscaping Grass Cutting Upgrades**

Date you would like to begin activities: _____

Please submit for approval to:

**Councilman Stefan Roots
 Director Public Property and Recreation
 Chester City Hall
 1 West 4th Street
 Chester, PA 19013
 (or email to SRoots@chestercity.com)**