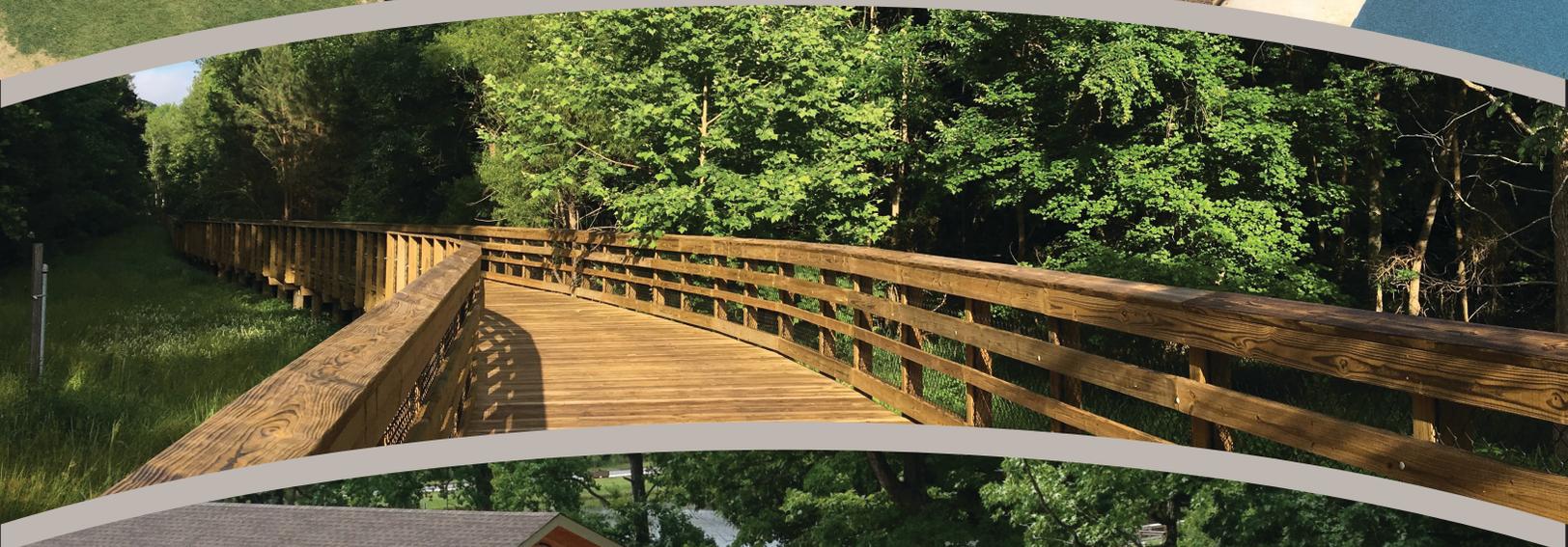




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NORTH CAROLINA

ADOPT A PARK / TRAIL PROGRAM



ADOPT A PARK / TRAIL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Purpose

- Offers an organized frame work to adopt a section(s) of parks and trails.
- Encourages the community to assist in the care of Apex's parks and trails to keep them clean and attractive.
- Promotes civic pride and appreciation.

Who Can Participate

- We welcome individual(s), youth groups, neighborhood associations, civic groups, faith based organizations, athletics organizations, service organizations, schools (groups and teams) business and other community organizations that are interested in bettering our parks and greenways. Priority will always be given to those who are residents of Apex, those who own/operate a business in Apex, and those groups who are based in Apex.

Time Commitment

- One year commitment is requested, with a minimum of 2 projects a year.
- Commitment follows the town's fiscal year (July 1st-June 30th). Applications may be taken during the year and the number of expected cleanup projects may be pro-rated according to the adoption approval date.

Special Projects and Improvements to Parks

- Any adopting individual or group who wants to materially change their adopted space, such as by landscaping or other area improvements, should contact their APAT Coordinator to discuss their proposed project. The appropriate Town departments will then review the request to ensure that the project complies with applicable safety, environmental, and legal restrictions, that it is consistent with the overall design, use, and maintenance of the park or trail. The APAT Coordinator will then follow up the request with the requesting group.

Materials/Equipment Provided for Cleanup

- The Town of Apex provides trash and recycling bags, trash grabbers, recycling information, safety guidelines and trash removal at the end of the project.
- Safety vests and work gloves will also be provided.

Recognition

- After completion of 2 scheduled cleanups, signage will be placed in a prominent location within the boundaries of the adopted park/trail.
- Signage will acknowledge the organization/individual service and commitment to maintaining the park or trail.
- Organization/individual will be highlighted on the Town of Apex website.

Getting Started

- View list of park and trail sections online at www.apexnc.org/adoptapark.
- Complete online application.
- Once request has been approved, meet with the APAT program coordinator to fully discuss the specifics of the program.
- After a park/trail has been chosen, determine the first clean-up date.

In the event an application is submitted by an organization, the Town reserves the right to deny the request to adopt if, in its opinion, granting the request would negatively affect the reputation of the Town or its ability to govern effectively. Any application for adoption of a park or trail which is likely to compromise the public's perception of the Town's neutrality or its ability to act in the public interest will be rejected. The Town retains sole and final decision-making authority for determining the appropriateness of its affiliation with an organization. Notwithstanding the foregoing, applicants shall not be discriminated against on the basis of religion, race, national origin, sex, or disability.