



GREENWAYS ADOPT-A-TRAIL AGREEMENT

The City of Bowling Green Kentucky or Warren County, Kentucky, hereinafter called the “Department” and _____, hereinafter called the “Group” recognize the need and the desirability of litter-free Greenways trails and are entering into this Agreement to permit the Group to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter-free Greenways trails.

BY SIGNATURE BELOW, THE GROUP ACKNOWLEDGES THE HAZARDOUS NATURE OF THE WORK AND AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Participants shall be at least 13 years of age. Volunteers who have not reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday shall be closely supervised and have parental consent to participate in trail cleanups.
- Each Group shall conduct at least two safety meetings per year. Participants must attend a safety meeting conducted by the Group before participating in a cleanup event. All training shall include at a minimum a review of this Agreement, including the safety requirements listed below. Participants shall adhere to the safety requirements throughout the term of this contract. A review of these requirements will be presented to participants by the Group leader prior to each cleanup.
- Groups shall be required to adopt a section of trail designated by the Department for a minimum of a one-year period.
- Groups shall be required to maintain their adopted section of trail at least 4-6 times per year.
- The Group acknowledges that the condition of the adopted trail will have a direct reflection upon the Group and its efforts.
- The Group shall obtain its own supplies and materials and litter shall be disposed of properly. Once litter is collected and bagged, the group agrees to contact the Greenways Coordinator and the Coordinator will then contact the appropriate Parks Department to pick up the bags of collected trash and properly dispose of them.
- The group agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Department, its officials, officers, employees and agents for any damage or injury to person or property suffered, arising from, caused by or in any way related to the Group’s activities under this Agreement.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Strategies

- Separate into groups if possible. Start each group at opposite ends of the trail and meet in the middle.
- Work closely with at least one other person.
- Carpool to the site to reduce the number of vehicles.
- Face oncoming traffic while you work and be prepared to move out of the way of vehicles in emergency situations.
- Avoid overexertion and drink plenty of water, especially on warm, humid days.
- Be aware of members' allergies and bring a first-aid kit along for emergencies.

- Hold a safety refresher session before each pickup to remind members of hazards.
- Be aware of places where snakes may be located, such as around logs or in high grasses. Be alert for stinging bees, poison ivy or oak, and noxious weeds (Canadian thistle, wild cucumber, kudzu, etc.).
- Do not attempt to fill bags too full or squeeze bags. Injuries can occur with glass or other objects in filled bags.
- Children under age 18 shall always be under close supervision and accompanied by one adult per three children.

What to Wear

- Wear safety vests and light-colored clothing visible to trail users and motorists.
- Wear gloves to protect hands from sharp objects, insects, or poison ivy. Wear a hat, long sleeves, or sunscreen to avoid sunburn. Wear leather shoes or boots with ankle support.
- Do not wear headphones, costumes or uniforms. These will interfere with flexibility and with the ability to hear and see trail users, oncoming traffic or emergency vehicles.
- Tip: Spraying your clothes with Scotchgard helps protect against poison ivy.

Do Not Pickup

- Avoid picking up hazardous items such as hypodermic syringes, broken glass, or dead animals. Large, heavy items such as appliances or barrels should be left for Department personnel. Inform the Department of these items and their locations.
- Avoid pickup during rush hour, on very hot days, during rain or snow, at dusk or at night, or during holidays.

If, in the sole judgment of the Department, it is found that the adopting Group is not meeting the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Department, upon a 15-day notice, may terminate the Adoption Agreement

The Department recognizes the Group as the adopting organization for this Agreement, and the Group accepts the responsibility of picking up litter on the site stated herein to promote a litter-free environment in the community for a minimum of a one-year period.

By signature, I, the Adopt-A-Trail Group representative, have read and fully understand the requirements of the Adopt-A-Trail Program and agree to adhere to the conditions and terms of this contract.

Preferred Trail: _____

Assigned Trail: _____

Date (*period beginning*): _____ Date (*period ending*): _____

Group Name: _____

Group Representative: _____

Signature (*Adopt-a-Trail Group Representative*): _____

Address (*street*): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Name (*Department Representative*): _____

Signature (*Department Representative*): _____

Date: _____