

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Department Head

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City Council Date

March 2, 2010

Agenda Item

Approve and reauthorize the Adopt-a-Park/Trail program

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff recommends approval and authorization of the Adopt-a-Park/Trail Program. Also reauthorize assignments for 2010 and solicit additional volunteers.

BACKGROUND

Last year, the City implemented an Adopt-a-Park/Trail program to help beautify our parks and trails. Volunteers agreed to adopt specific amenities in the community and made a regular effort of picking up trash, planting flowers, and address other minor maintenance. The program was implemented in the face of major budgetary concerns as a result of the tough economic times. In practice though, the program has become much more as it is a way for community members to give back and add to the overall quality of life in Delano.

Staff has contacted all of the 2009 volunteers and invited them to readopt their park or trail again for 2010. Nearly all of the groups have agreed to maintain the same amenity for this second year of the program. Staff plans to use Facebook and Twitter to further solicit groups to volunteer for the 2010 season.

As you recall, the process for the Adopt-a policy is to 1) collect applications, 2) submit applications to Park and Rec for review and recommendations, 3) forward Park and Rec comments and recommendation to the City Council for consideration, 4) Council considers and approves park/trail assignments, and 5) coordinate work with Public Works Director and volunteer groups.

The Park and Recreation Committee considered the applications at their meeting on April 15, 2009 and recommend the following to the Council for final approval.

A quick summary of the applicants:

Group	Volunteers	Park
Delano Methodist Church	10-20	Big Rock Play Area
Jim and Julie Rassat	4-6	Parkview Hills Park
Coborn's Pharmacy	6	TH12 Trail (Bridge to County Line Road)
Delano Employee Club	10	County Line Road Trail
Girl Scout Troop 10896	4-6	Tiger Drive Trail (TH12 to Elm Ave)
Landscape Structures	15	Johnson Drive Trail
Landscape Structures	15	Maple Knoll Park
St. Peter's School	4	Baseball/Softball Fields
Anisia Electric	4	Delano Crossings Trail
Girl Scout Troup 11726	4-6	Stahlke Park
Big Woods Garden Club	8	Riverfront Park

Staff is also seeking authorization to purchase additional signs for the trails and parks as they are adopted.

FUNDING

General Fund