

## CITY OF CHISHOLM

### ADOPT AN AREA BROCHURE

#### What is Adopt an Area?

The City Of Chisholm is seeking community involvement to lend a hand in keeping public spaces clean. Volunteers will pick an area from a list designated by the city.

Adopt an Area Program allows individuals and organizations to agree to maintain a public space for two clean up seasons. Adopted Areas can be renewed before their area is placed for adoption.

Adopting individuals and organizations are required to complete an application nominating the area they wish to adopt.

If the individual or organizations are unable to keep their adoption commitment their spot would then be eligible for someone else to adopt.

Program runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Who can Adopt an Area?

- Community Organizations
- Individual Families
- Corporations
- Faith Based Groups
- Schools
- Neighborhoods and Civic Associations

Why Adopt An Area? Demonstrate we care about our city and the way it looks. Your name will be acknowledged on a sign and to promote community involvement.

#### Program Requirements: (May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>)

- Select one of the areas available from the provided list or a suggested area you wish to adopt.
- All volunteers must sign liability waiver forms. These must be submitted with application form. (forms can be picked up at city hall)
- Read and sign rules and recommendations
- Fill out required application
- Maintain Adopted Area for a minimum of 2 clean up seasons
- Maintain Adopted Area at the least twice per month. (Set own schedule)

- Notify the Chisholm City Administrator on your clean up days one week in advance to arrange for garbage and or clippings pick-up (254-7900)
- Separate trash from clippings ( pile garbage and clippings in one area for pickup)

**Suggested Tools/Clothing:** (To be provided by the adopting organization or persons)

- Insect Repellant and sun screen
- Leather working Gloves
- Hat
- Pruners
- Garden Trowels
- Garden Rake
- Leaf Rake
- 5 Gallon bucket for gathering weeds/or trash to be put into larger bags

**Safety Considerations:** (Group is responsible for their own safety and to review safety recommendations with their group prior to work commencing)

- Sponsors are responsible to use caution when picking up debris
- **Call 911 of any suspicious or hazardous looking material if found – Avoid contact and note location**
- Be aware that ticks, mosquitoes, hornets, wasps and other insects maybe found in some areas
- Carry a cell phone for emergencies and call 911 if needed
- Bring plenty of drinking water and snacks
- Wear sunscreen
- Wear leather working gloves
- Work on clear days and daylight hours
- Avoid working during the hottest part of the day
- Dress appropriately. Wear long pants, long sleeves, hat, and boots and do not wear sandals.
- Notify the Chisholm Police Department of any vandalism or safety hazards.
- Park away from traffic off roadways and watch for oncoming traffic

**Cities Responsibilities:**

- Provide trash bags
- Remove and dispose of filled trash bags
- Remove and dispose of shrub pruning's and clippings
- Erect a sign recognizing your groups commitment