

Polk County Conservation

Adopt-a-Park



Do you have a group of like-minded friends, family, co-workers, etc. that would enjoy the camaraderie offered by getting outside and making a difference? Groups sign an agreement to become a park/wildlife area sponsor on an annual basis. Commitment can range from an annual workday to monthly participation and beyond.

Sponsors and Area Managers work together when organizing workdays. Such tasks include beautification (litter removal, painting), invasive species removal, pick-up fallen twigs/branches, water testing & surveys, prairie planting & seed harvesting, trail projects, construction of duck boxes and bird houses, etc.

We currently have around 15 sponsors. More than one sponsor can adopt an area. Current sponsors include:

Brown's Woods - REI of West Des Moines

Mally's Park - Cummins Central Power

Fort Des Moines Park - Blank Park Zoo

Easter Lake Park - Green Iowa AmeriCorps

Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt - Boy Scout Troop 193, Mid-Iowa

Retrievers, Chichaqua Free Skinnners

Carney Marsh - DMAACC Environmental Science

Other available parks include Jester, Fort Des Moines, Thomas Mitchell and Yellow Banks Parks. Fill out and submit a Volunteer Application Form to Pat Spain at pat.spain@polkcountyiowa.gov or Melissa Schmeling at melissa.schmeling@polkcountyiowa.gov