

ADOPT-A-TRAIL/OPEN SPACE PROGRAM

I. PURPOSE

To provide a program of defined opportunities for individuals, organized groups, organizations, and businesses to make specific volunteer contributions in time and/or money for the purpose of improving their county recpaths, trails and open space property.

II. GOALS OF THE PROGRAM

- Define and provide volunteer opportunities for the betterment of Summit County's recpaths, trails and open space property.
- Encourage and recognize volunteer contributions and efforts.
- Supplement the level of maintenance which can be provided with limited public dollars; control the amount of public tax funds necessary for proper maintenance of recpaths, trails and open space property.

III. ELIGIBILITY

The program is available to any individuals, or organized group of individuals that is capable and willing to perform the minimum requirements of the base program for a defined area as described below.

IV. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS - BASE PROGRAM

- A. Area of Responsibility - The volunteers shall agree to accept defined responsibilities for the following land areas:
- Adopt-A-Trail - A specified area of County's natural surface trail system or a trailhead
 - Adopt-A-Recpath - A specified area of the County's regional recpath system or a Trailhead
 - Adopt-An-Open Space Property – A specified County's open space property
- B. Time - The volunteers shall agree to provide volunteer services in accordance with the following minimum time requirement(s):
- Visit adopted area, according to the group's own schedule, a minimum of once per month for the period May-October of each year and periodically thereafter as weather permits.
 - Provide volunteer services for a defined area for a minimum period of two calendar years. Upon completion of the initial two-year period, the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space Property Agreement, by mutual consent, may be extended.
- C. Duties/Responsibilities - The volunteers shall agree to provide, at minimum, the following base level of service:
- Trash/Litter - General cleanup and removal to assigned pick up areas of litter within the defined area of responsibility.
 - Debris – Sweep gravel and small debris from the recpath. Remove larger debris from the recpath or notify the County.
 - Inspection - Written report of the physical appearance of the adopted area. General inspection and reporting shall include those items identified on the inspection checklist. (See Form Page 4)

D. Rules/Requirements/Agreement

- Volunteers shall report the dates and hours of all volunteer work performed on County path/trail/open space property. (See Form Page 4)
- Groups shall provide appropriate waivers throughout the term of the adoption.
- Volunteers shall provide their own transportation and tools as necessary to accomplish the assigned work, except the County Open Space and Trails Department will provide trash bags, brooms and traffic cones and hand tools available for check-out.
- Volunteers agree not to modify or add to the existing landscape without the permission of the Director of Open Space & Trails.
- This program description shall be used as an agreement to forth the terms and conditions of the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space Property Program.
- Volunteers shall agree to abide by County trail/open space property regulations.

V. OPTIONAL PROGRAM

Special Projects/Work Days - The volunteer group or the Open Space and Trails Department may desire to perform special projects within the assigned area. This type of activity shall be above and beyond the minimum requirements for participation in the Program and shall be optional on the part of the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space Property Group.

VI. DONATIONS

The volunteers may desire to donate funds or materials to be designated for special projects to be completed within the adopted area.

VII. COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

In return for the volunteer efforts of the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space Property Program, the Open Space and Trails Department agrees to provide the following:

- Coordination of and a designated liaison to the Program and communication with the assigned volunteer group liaison personnel in the performance of their regular duties and special work days.
- Preparation of the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space Property Program agreement.
- Installation of signage at the adopted site for identification and recognition of the volunteer group participating in the Program.
- Traffic cones to be placed along the repath while the volunteer work is being completed.
- Trash bags and brooms to be used for litter pickup.
- Check out of other necessary tools.

VIII. COUNTY CONTACT:

- Michael Wurzel, Resource Specialist
- Email: Michael.Wurzel@SummitCountyCO.gov
- Phone: (970) 668-4065

AGREEMENT

**SUMMIT COUNTY OPEN SPACE & TRAILS DEPARTMENT
ADOPT-A-TRAIL/OPEN SPACE PROPERTY PROGRAM**

START DATE: _____ **END DATE:** _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

PHYSICAL ADDRESS: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER (S): _____

This agreement is made between the Summit County Open Space & Trails and _____, a volunteer individual/organization.

The Summit County Open Space & Trails Department extends its appreciation to _____ for participation in the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space Property program by committing to sponsor Section # ___ of Recpath.

WHEREAS, the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space property program has been organized to provide volunteer opportunities for the betterment of Summit County's recpaths, trails and open space property; and

WHEREAS, the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space property program encourages and recognizes volunteer contributions and efforts for the stewardship of Summit County's recpaths, trails and open space property; and

WHEREAS, the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space property program has been organized to supplement the level of maintenance that can be provided with limited public dollars and control the amount of public tax funds necessary for proper maintenance of recpaths, trails and open space property.

NOW, THEREFORE, Summit County Open Space & Trails and _____ volunteer individual/organization, agree to the mutual responsibilities set forth above.

Summit County Open Space & Trails Dept.
Representative

Volunteer Group Representative

Date _____

Date _____

2017

**ADOPT-A-TRAIL/OPEN SPACE PROPERTY
VOLUNTEER HOURS WORKED
CHECKLIST OF SAFETY/REPAIR PROBLEMS**

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION: _____

NAME OF TEAM LEADER: _____ PHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS: _____ TOTAL TIME WORKED: _____ DATE: _____

PATH/TRAIL/PROPERTY LOCATION: _____

REPORT ANY INCIDENTS ATTRIBUTED TO VANDALISM:

REPORT MAINTENANCE NEEDS:

ANY OTHER PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

Please email this form to Michael Wurzel, Michael.Wurzel@SummitCountyCO.gov or call 970-668-4065 to report hours.

Comments may also be mailed to Michael Wurzel, Open Space & Trails Department, P.O. Box 5660, Frisco, CO 80443.

**SUMMIT COUNTY VOLUNTEER
NO COMPENSATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

I understand that while volunteering for the Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space program, I am not an employee of Summit County, its agents or Departments. I understand further that as a condition of my volunteer work, I will not receive any compensation and am not eligible for any coverage under the Colorado Workmen's Compensation Act. No promises or contract exists between Summit County and the undersigned. This understanding applies to all current and future Adopt-A-Trail/Open Space volunteer activities, which I may engage in with the Summit County Open Space and Trails Department.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2_____.

Print Name

Signature

Volunteer: Please check appropriate spaces below and provide information as requested:

Name of club/church/business or Scout Group (if any) with which I am affiliated as a Trail/Open Space Volunteer _____

Type of volunteer activity in which I am currently engaged:

Adopt-A-Recpath _____ Indicate recpath site: _____

Adopt-A-Trail _____ Indicate trail site: _____

Adopt-Open Space _____ Indicate property site: _____

Eagle Scout Project _____ Indicate site & describe project: _____

Special Work Day/Project _____ Indicate site & describe project: _____

Interpretive Division _____ Indicate site & describe duties: _____

