



## Welcome, Adopt-A-Park Partner!

The Adopt-A-Park (AAP) Program is a volunteer experience for residents and businesses to work with the Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department to keep our community's parks, beaches and trails clean and attractive for this and future generations to come!

#### **Benefits**

The AAP Program provides participants with a sense of park ownership and an outlet to give back to the community and protect our natural environment and supports in our mission in: *providing opportunities* for healthy, happy living through award-winning parks, inclusive experiences and environmental stewardship".

#### **Policies**

- 1. The adopting group commits to hosting at least one beautification project/cleanup with at least 5 volunteer participants.
- 2. The adopting group reviews the Cleanup Project Guidelines, determines dates and completes the Adopt-A-Park Park Improvement Permit Request and sends completed request to Volunteer Services. Individual dates must be submitted and reviewed a minimum of two weeks in advance. Group will be informed of approval by Volunteer Services and issued a permit.
- 3. A group representative will schedule an appointment with Volunteer Services to pickup and drop off cleanup supplies at the John Prince Park Administration Building.
- 4. The adopting group completes the Data & Volunteer Roster form and send to Volunteer Services within 5 days after each project completion.

### Recognition

The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department recognizes volunteer efforts as a valuable resource in supporting our department's ability to provide quality programs and services to Palm Beach County's residents and visitors. The donations of our dedicated volunteers' time and energy used to improve our community for this and future generations is why volunteers are the Heart of PBC Parks!

We have so many dedicated Adopt-A-Park Partners, we've grouped them to highlight their level of impact. After returning the completed Data & Volunteer Roster form to Volunteer Services:

Adopt-A-Park Partner Levels	Recognition
Roots (1-4 volunteer projects/ cleanups per year)	Certificate of Adoption, designation as an official Adopt-A-Park Partner on PBC Parks' website for the month and on the department's social media
Seedlings (5-9 volunteer projects/ cleanups per year)	Certificate of Adoption, designation as an official Adopt-A-Park Partner on PBC Parks' website for the year, spotlighted in our department's publications
Blooms (10+ volunteer projects/ cleanups per year)	Certificate of Adoption, designation as an official Adopt-A-Park Partner on PBC Parks' website with short spotlight bio displayed, *qualify for park adoption signage available if all projects are at the same park, receive an Oakly plush doll

<sup>\*</sup>Must be in good-standing with PBC Parks' Volunteer Services (Return volunteer rosters and data collection paperwork in a timely manner, communicate with Volunteer Services on a monthly basis, etc.)

# Maintenance of park adoption signage

- The sign will be added in the park if the partner complies to the requirements of the minimum 10 cleanups per year
- The sign will be removed if there are no scheduled projects or communication with Volunteer services within 6 months.