A Sampling of Santa Rosa Green Spaces

PARKS

- Newhall Bike Trail
- Juilliard Rose Garden
- Howarth Park Fisherman's Trail
- Ponds at Rincon Valley, Juilliard and Galvin parks
- Creek Clean Up at Doyle, Hidden Valley, Steele, Tanglewood, Strawberry, Youth and Peterson Lane Parks
- Finley Park Parking Area Landscape and lots more...

MEDIANS

- Stony Point
- West Third
- Summerfield
- Fulton
- County Center Dr.
- Guerneville
- Marlow
- Bethards
- Brookwood
- Proctor
- Santa Rosa Ave.
- Mission
- Montecito
- And lots more...

RURAL CEMETERY

Hundreds of gravesites over seventeen acres assure quality work and public safety

ADOPT

(ə̄ dopt'), v.t. 1. to choose or take as one's own. 2. to take and rear. 3. to take on or act in accordance with.

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Program Description

The **Adopt-A-Green-Space** program is a partnership between the City of Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks Department and individual volunteers, businesses and/or community groups. The program encourages these groups and individuals to commit their time, talents and/or money to the maintenance and/or improvement of one of the City's green spaces such as a neighborhood park, street median or gravesite at the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. **Adopt-A-Green-Space** partnerships are very successful and rewarding as community members feel a great sense of ownership and accomplishment.

Volunteers, a much needed resource

As the City of Santa Rosa continues to grow, our dedicated City park maintenance staff has difficulty keeping up with all of the green spaces as well as they would like. **Community involvement** through the adoption program keeps our City looking its best by enlisting the energy, skill and care of community businesses and organizations. The City staff has come to rely on **businesses** and **volunteers** as a much needed resource in keeping our parks looking their best.

How does the Program Operate?

Adopting a park or other green space can take many forms and the Recreation and Parks staff is happy to design a program to suit your needs. Participation can happen in several ways. One is a commitment to a **specific park**, **median/island**, or a **pioneer gravesite** to physically perform tasks such as: **litter removal**, **graffiti removal**, **weeding**, **planting** or seasonal **projects**, maintenance, special projects. In addition, **financial support** or funding can be applied to a specific area for its maintenance and improvement. Groups can also get involved with funding or **volunteering** in a recreation program or **special event**.

Who Is Eligible?

The entire community is welcome to get involved, including **community groups**, **businesses**, **service clubs**, **schools**, **private clubs**, **youth groups** and **individuals**.

Recognition

After one month of active adoption, the City will **erect a sign** in the location adopted (excluding the Rural Cemetery), bearing the name of the **adopting group** or **individual**. Adopting groups will be invited to send representatives to the annual volunteer recognition event and will be recognized with a **Certificate of Appreciation**. You will also be listed in the Rec and Parks annual *"Friends Newsletter"* publication and periodic stories will be sent to the media or presented in the quarterly City Update. Volunteers will also have the satisfaction of knowing that they helped keep Santa Rosa a City of beauty and vitality.

How to Get Started

Contact the Project Coordinator at **543-3770** to develop an adoption plan consisting of your group's intended activities, frequency, and the City support which will be needed. Adoption is for a minimum of one year and can be extended by mutual agreement. A written agreement will be formulated between the City and the group to record the adoption and details.

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