

Adopt-a-Garden *Frequently Asked Questions*

What is the program?

The Adopt-a-Garden program is a cooperative venture between the City of Houghton and its citizens. Through an agreement with the City, an individual or group assumes responsibility for assisting in the maintenance of a garden located on public property.

Materials including gloves, mulch, leaf compost, trash bags, and safety literature will be provided by the City.

Why was the program created?

The program was created after many involved citizens and organizations expressed interest in creating new gardens on City property or maintaining existing City gardens.

What are the program's goals?

- ◆ To beautify the City and empower its citizens.
- ◆ To encourage the adoption of existing garden areas on public property rather than the creation of new garden areas.
- ◆ To promote the use of plants that are appropriate for a particular site and are not harmful to native ecology.

How do citizens benefit?

Citizens benefit through an increased sense of ownership in the community and through the satisfaction of volunteering. Also, a sign bearing the name of the adopting group or individual will be placed in the garden.

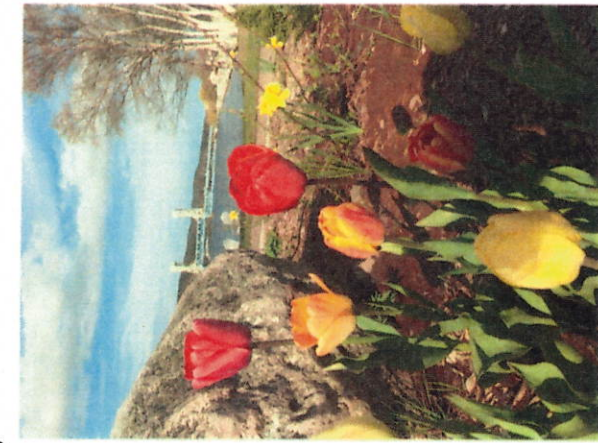
What is expected of gardeners?

- ◆ Keep gardens weed-free
- ◆ Cut back & mulch the garden in appropriate seasons.
- ◆ Remove litter and debris.
- ◆ Submit a plan to the City for review if an organization wishes to create, develop, expand or modify a garden.

How do we apply?

Submit the attached application to the City for review. If approved, the City will mail you or your group an agreement.

www.cityofhoughton.com



Adopt-a-Garden Application

Name of Individual: _____

Name of Organization: _____

Email address: _____

Telephone: _____

Mailing address: _____

Location of Garden: _____

Proposed Start Date: _____



For more information contact: City of Houghton Beautification Committee.
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