

## WHAT DOES AN “ADOPTER” DO?

Adopters....

### Make A One-Year Commitment:

You will be asked to make a one-year commitment. After that you may renew, change or discontinue your agreement.

### Visit Their Natural Area Each Month:

You will be encouraged to visit your natural area every month. This is a neat opportunity to see the area change though the seasons.

### Pick Up Litter:

Natural Areas staff will provide you with an official Adopter vest, a map of your site and trash bags. You will monitor your site for litter and commit to keeping it clean on a regular basis.

### Keep A Record:

You will send a report of your visits to the Natural Areas Department Volunteer Coordinator who will record your hours and deal with any maintenance concerns.

To Apply

Visit [www.fcgov.com/naturalareas](http://www.fcgov.com/naturalareas)

Click on “Volunteer Opportunities” to download application or apply on-line

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## OUR NATURAL HERITAGE

Fort Collins is located where the vast prairies meet the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. This merging of ecosystems, along with many wetlands and streams, results in a wide diversity of habitat types and wildlife in our area. The “**Adopt-A-Natural Area**” program helps preserve this natural heritage and provides opportunities for citizens to take an active part in the stewardship of these lands.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

Some natural areas are home to rare plants such as Bell’s twinpod, American currant and prairie gentian. Natural areas provide essential habitat for wildlife species of concern such as ferruginous hawks, burrowing owls, prairie dogs and bald eagles. Other wildlife use natural areas as crucial corridors for migration. Many species of songbirds and butterflies are seasonal visitors. With your help, the Fort Collins Natural Areas Department seeks to conserve native plants, animals and their associated ecosystem.

Thank you! Through your citizen-initiated sales tax dollars you have helped conserve over 33,000 acres as protected natural areas.

You can continue to support these efforts by helping the Natural Areas Department restore and enhance habitat for native plants and animals. The **Adopt-A-Natural Area** program plays a vital role in restoration efforts by keeping ecosystems free from trash and debris.



### WHO CAN ADOPT A NATURAL AREA?

- 👤 Businesses
- 👤 Families
- 👤 Church groups
- 👤 Schools
- 👤 Senior citizen groups
- 👤 Homeowner’s associations
- 👤 Service clubs
- 👤 Conservation organizations
- 👤 Individuals

### BENEFITS OF ADOPTING A NATURAL AREA:

- 👍 Set an example for stewardship of our natural resources.
- 👍 Foster an awareness of natural values.
- 👍 Promote community involvement.
- 👍 Impart a sense of pride.

