

# Adopt-A-Natural Area Adopter

## **Volunteer Description Overview**

Adopters agree to care for a natural area for one year by picking up trash and reporting maintenance issues.

## **Key Responsibilities**

- Visit natural area once a month to pick up litter.
- Report hours and maintenance issues in Engage.
- Implement safe practices of yourself and all others involved during site visits.

## **Impact**

This program provides opportunities for citizens to take an active role in restoration efforts through stewardship.

## **Training + Requirements**

- Trash Pickup Safety online course
- FC Volunteer's online onboarding course
- Natural Areas' online orientation
- You, and everyone in your group (if applicable) must sign a waiver.
- Sign the Adopt-A-Natural Area agreement.
- Record your hours and impact through the City's online system, Engage.
- Opportunity to attend continuing education sessions

## **Support**

Diane Wendt  
Stewardship Volunteer Coordinator  
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(970) 224-6153

Volunteers receive administrative support from the Stewardship Volunteer Coordinator.

## **Commitment**

Visit a natural area once each month.

## **Skills and Qualifications**

- Be 18 or volunteer with an adult
- Have transportation
- Access to the internet
- Ability to work on your own



## **Dress Code**

While volunteering the following items must be worn.

- Volunteer name badge/tag
- Volunteer shirt or vest
- Closed Toed Shoes
- Gloves and grabbers
- Phone with Access Fort Collins app
- Proper safety equipment (safety glasses, gloves, when required)

## **Benefits**

- Quiet time in a beautiful setting
- Flexible schedule
- Learn from experts in the field
- Make a visible impact
- Great opportunity for volunteers with limited mobility, as well as for families and groups
- Interact with people with similar interests
- Participate in fun volunteer recognition and social events
- Be an integral part of a large well-respected and forward-thinking land conservation and stewardship program.
- Be truly valued by Natural Areas Department staff and managers.

## **Our Philosophy**

By becoming a volunteer with the with us, you are joining a long history of community commitment to conservation. Since its inception, the Natural Areas Department has engaged volunteers on every level, from education to stewardship to leadership. Volunteers help extend outreach and strengthen community involvement. We believe that volunteers are one of our most valuable resources.

## **Information**

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## **Application**

<https://engage.fcgov.com/d/NA/App/Adopter>