**City of Milpitas**

**Take action...**

**ADOPT-A-SPOT!**

ADOPT-A-SPOT PROGRAM

Adopt-A-Spot is a City-wide volunteer program designed to enhance the environment and improve the appearance of the Milpitas community through citizen involvement. Adopting a spot is a great opportunity for individuals, community organizations, businesses and companies to become directly involved in making Milpitas cleaner and more beautiful!

Adopt-A-Spot’s goals is to provide an attractive and clean community through volunteer assistance in beautification tasks and services. This program enables City staff to concentrate on the more technical aspects of maintenance operations within the city and work in high traffic areas not suitable for volunteers.

Past Adopt-A-Spot Participants
- Akshay Thapar - Boy Scouts Troop 92
- Browning-Ferris Industries
- Calaveras Hills High School
- Cub Scouts Pack 92
- Jones Chemical
- Knights of Columbus
- Milpitas Host Lions
**What areas are available for adoption?**

The Adopt-A-Spot program ranges from large areas, such as parks, to smaller areas, such as the section of street in front of your house. The program applies to all public areas of the City. Public areas include streets, parks, trails, vacant lots, street medians and other publicly held lands.

**Who can Adopt-A-Spot?**

We welcome anyone! The entire community is eligible to participate, including community groups, service clubs, fraternal organizations, schools, local neighborhood groups, houses of worship, youth programs and local businesses. Grab some friends and make a difference.

**How do volunteers help?**

Volunteers help care for their adopted spot in several ways. They look out for vandalism and maintenance problems, plant trees, paint picnic tables and benches, pick up litter, rake leaves and more! Participants are requested to patrol their spot weekly. Volunteers often provide input to the City on site development and use. Adopters may also provide assistance, either monetary or volunteer, for the recreation program activities that take place in the adopted spot. Some activities include the youth summer day camp program and special events.

Volunteers will also be invited to participate in other local and national environmental events, such as Compost Give-Away Day, National Creek Clean-up Day, Make-A-Difference Day and Pollution Prevention Week. The City also seeks volunteers for City-Wide tree and flower planting projects.

**Supplies and Tools:** Volunteers are encouraged to provide their own supplies and tools (ask about the Lend-A-Tool Program). If needed, however, the City will assist in providing litterbags, gloves and other supplies.

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**Why you should volunteer?**

Volunteering to keep our City clean and beautiful is a great way for you to share not only in the beautification of Milpitas, but in the savings of taxpayers as well, by helping reduce the thousands of dollars spent on litter clean-up. In addition, it’s an opportunity to get involved with the community, make new friends and build relationships. Plus, it’s FUN!

All Adopt-A-Spot volunteers will be recognized by the City. The type of recognition depends upon the level and length of participation.

Recognition levels include, but are not limited to, public acknowledgment at City Council meetings, Certificates of Appreciation, signage at the adopted spot, and articles in local newspapers/publications.

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**Mail in the attached application, or call (408) 586-3207**
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