



Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program

Purpose: The Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program has been created to encourage the community to help beautify the city through its park and city-owned landscape and flowerbeds. This is a volunteer program to encourage community pride and make Marion an attractive place to live and visit.

Volunteer Responsibilities

Resident volunteers are essential in helping achieve the goal of maintaining the city flowerbeds. As part of this program, volunteers “adopt” a chosen flowerbed within the city limits.

To Get Started:

1. Fill out an application and submit to mweber@cityofmarion.org
2. Sign a volunteer waiver with the application
3. Park’s staff will notify you of your approved/denied application
4. Accepted applications will setup a date to pick up flowers in late May
5. Plant flowers and maintain beds throughout the growing season

Activities volunteers will conduct during the growing season include the following:

- Maintain weeding of beds throughout the summer once every two weeks, or as needed
- Plant annuals/perennials (provided by City)
 - *Other/additional plant material may be added & design changes may be made by volunteers, at the approval of the Horticulturist*
- Provide own tools for maintenance
- Consult city staff regarding horticultural advice and issues such as disease, insect infestation, etc.
- Prune/pinch back dead foliage and spent flower heads
- Keep flowerbed free of litter and debris
- Clean garden edges and spread mulch (provided by City), as needed
- Help track working hours for future grant applications for the city

City of Marion’s Responsibilities

The City’s role in the Adopt-A-Flowerbed Program is to assist in assigning available flowerbeds to volunteer groups or individuals and to assist in selecting flowers and providing necessary supplies. We will publicly recognize each group or individual by placing an Adopt-A-Flowerbed sign near their flowerbed. A certificate of appreciation will also be presented. Specific responsibilities include the following:

- Provide and install a recognition sign in or near the designated flowerbed exhibiting the adopter's name
- Provide horticultural advice addressing garden related concerns
- Provide approval for any additional plant materials or design changes
- Provide annuals/perennials
- Provide mulch for flowerbeds
- Prune/maintain trees & shrubs in beds (when applicable)
- Provide gloves upon request
- Remove bagged litter or debris upon request

Every season we will do a friendly award contest with those that would like to participate. The following awards will be given:

- Best Maintained
- Most Improved
- Best In Show

List of Available Flowerbeds		
Location	Description	Bed Size
Library	Raised beds (3)	Small
Library	Ground beds	Large
Elza Park	Sign bed	Small
Hanna Park	Sign bed	Large
Starry Park Complex	Sign bed	Small
Starry Park Complex	Ground beds	Medium
Ascension Park	Sign bed	Small
Peg Pierce Park Complex	Sign bed	Small
Donnelly Park	Sign bed (near playground)	Small
Willow Park	Raised bed	Medium
Lininger Park	Sign bed (near road)	Small
Fire Station #1	Sign bed	Small
Gill Park	Gazebo beds	Large
Lowe Park – Arts Center	Flagpole bed	Small
Lowe Park – Playground (West Side)	Ground beds	Large
Lowe Park – Ball Complex	Flagpole beds	Medium
Willowood Pool	Entry sign bed	Medium
Willowood Pool	Flagpole bed	Medium
Willowood Pool	Ground beds (near pool bldg.) (3)	Small-Medium
Willowood Pool	Dumpster enclosure bed	Small
Taube Park	Sign bed	Medium
Butterfield Park	Sign bed	Small
Butterfield Park	Gazebo beds	Medium