

Adopt-a-Planter Program

Virginia, Minnesota

Administered by:
Virginia Community and Lakes Committee
(VCLC)

Program guidelines have been drafted following the Adopt-a-Shoreline programs already in-place for Silver and Bailey's lakes in Virginia.

- This program is being created in response to significant cut backs in City Greenhouse services and beautification of our city in the summer. Previously, these planters were planted and maintained by the city. As these very public planters go neglected, the weeds can grow over 2 feet tall leaving some of our best and first impressions of the city, weed infested and neglected eyesores. We ask volunteers among the public to help.
- Volunteer individuals and/or groups will “Adopt-a-Planter” from the attached list.
- Planters range in size from very large to very small. The size in square feet is listed along with a photo of the site which will assist in finding its location.
- Volunteer groups or individuals must commit to a minimum of 2 years for each planter adopted. In doing so you will design, install and maintain the surface of the planter throughout the summer. Suggestions for design include; bedding plants, mulch cover over landscape fabric, rock or wood formations, decorative driftwood, fake plants, etc. Each group would survey the location and determine what would fit best. Criterion could include low maintenance, low cost, historical theme, geographical area theme, etc. Costs would be borne by the Adoptee individual or group. Some financial and technical assistance could be available through the Lakes Committee for physical maintenance for the planter itself.
- To participate, complete the Adopt-a-Planter Application and Registration Form and submit it to the Virginia Community and Lakes Committee Chair, ATTN: City Hall, 327 1st Street South, Virginia MN or email Luke.W.Chopp@wellsfargo.com. Planter selection is reserved by first come first serve. The VCLC will make the final decision in awarding any specific planter to a specific applicant authorizing them to make the “adoption”. **The applicant individual or group may not adopt a planter until authorized by the committee.**
- Successful Adoptee shall volunteer their efforts. The City of Virginia and the VCLC/LCC shall be held harmless from any adverse event or outcome resulting from these voluntary efforts in adopting a planter and giving freely of volunteer services. The VCLC serves only to match volunteers and planters.
- Recognition of your volunteer efforts will be made in our local chamber newsletter and local media. Volunteer groups and/or individuals will also be publicly recognized by posted signage on your designated planter with your group or business name free of charge.
- Contact Luke Chopp at 218-780-5464 or email Luke.W.Chopp@wellsfargo.com with any questions.

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How Adopt-a-Planter Works

What you, the volunteers do:

- Choose a planter site that is right for your group. Some are quite small and others much larger. If you are an individual and just looking to help, put your name in and you may be added to a group.
- Adopt the planter you like by filling out the Adopt-a-Planter Application and Registration Form and forward to VCLC Chair, Luke Chopp.
- Your application will be reviewed and the VCLC will match applicants and planter locations. They must formally authorize the adoption prior to any work being done as others may have applied for your planter ahead of you.
- A large part of your responsibility will be making sure your design and installation are appropriate for the site and your group has sufficient help to commit for 2 years through the growing season.
- Your groups name will be publicly recognized in your planter so periodic monitoring, inspection, and upkeep may be necessary to adequately reflect positively on your group of volunteer's efforts.
- The Lakes Committee can provide some assistance if heavy material hauling is required. The stone planters are already set up and waiting.
- If you wish to un-adopt your planter, please notify Luke Chopp ASAP.

What the Adopt-a-Planter Program offers you or your group:

- Personal satisfaction and pride in beautifying and maintaining a small part of our community.
- Formal recognition from the Lakes Committee on a sign in your planter.
- Group or Business name recognition as “giving back” to the community.
- Membership in the Virginia Community and Lakes Committee that meets monthly. Their mission statement follows:

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Adopt-a-Planter Application and Registration

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Applicant or Group Name: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email address (required): _____

Planter(s) Requested For Adoption **By ID #** (see photos) _____

PRINT Exact Name to appear on Adopt-a-Planter signage (max 20 Characters). Please print clearly.

I assume all risks associated with participating in this program including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, and the effects of the weather including temperature and humidity, traffic, and the conditions of the road, the sidewalk, and/or the downtown area, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. I understand that the I will be working in public areas and that they are open to the public at all times. I understand and agree that neither the City nor any person acting on behalf of the City, may be held liable in any way for any event which occurs in connection with my participation which may result in harm, death, injury or other damage to me. This waiver of liability does not waive liability for any injuries that I obtain as the result of willful, wanton or intentional misconduct by the City or any person acting on behalf of the City. I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City for any expense or liability the City may incur as a result of my conduct, actions or omissions during the program. It is my express intent that this Waiver and Release shall bind the members of my family, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives if I am deceased. I have read the above and understand the legal significance of signing this document.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Adopt a Planter 35 Pictures, Locations and Sizes

Locations 8-11, 17-20, 29 and 33 have been taken out of service.

Select a site by Number. If more than one planting area per numbered site, all are required to be adopted.

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1 Miners 190 Sq. ft.



2 Boat Landing 264 Sq. ft.



3 North Outer Planters (2)
32 Sq. ft.



4 Historical 79 Sq. ft.



5 Inner Planters (2) 25 Sq. ft.



6 West Outer Planters (2)
32 Sq. ft.



7 SW NW Circles (2) 88
Sq. ft.



8 North Snake 409 Sq. ft.



9 South Snake 332 Sq. ft.



10 North Rectangles (8) 192
Sq. ft.



11 South Rectangles (8)
192 Sq. ft.



12 South Oval 107 Sq. ft.



13 North Oval 100 Sq. ft.



14 South Outer Planters (2)
32 Sq. ft.



15 D Bed 180 Sq. ft.



16 Monkey Island 2468 Sq.
ft.



17 South Sm. Corner 33 Sq.
ft.



18 South Lg. Corner 155 Sq.
ft.



19 North Sm. Corner 33 Sq.
ft.



20 North Lg. Corner 155 Sq.
ft.



21 Urns N. Fence East (2) 6
Sq. ft.



22 Urns N. Fence West (2) 6
Sq. ft.



23 Golf Road Rock 38 Sq. ft.



24 Golf Road Oval 75 Sq. ft.



25 Clubhouse Rock 44 Sq.
ft.



26 Clubhouse Oval 64 Sq. ft.



27 Mineview 94 Sq. ft.



28 Old Fountain 64 Sq. ft.



29 Boomerang 136 Sq. ft.



30 Senior Citizen Bldg 25 sq.
ft.



31 Lakeshore Trestle E & W
(6) 20 sq. ft.



32 Public Library (3) 25 sq.
ft.



33 City Hall (3) 15 sq. ft.



34 Horse Trough 15 sq. ft.



35E-W Chestnut Sq. (2 ea)
18 sq. ft.

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