

# Adopt-A-River Application and Agreement



River Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, by and between OGDEN CITY CORPORATION DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES hereinafter called the "City"

and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter called the "Group," recognizes the need and desirability of maintaining and enhancing the City's rivers and are entering this Agreement to permit the Group to contribute towards the effort of maintaining and enhancing the City's rivers.

Duties of each volunteer group shall consist of the following:

1. Visit adopted section a minimum of 6 times per year.
2. Report hours.
3. Sign and return renewal contract.

If in the sole judgment of the City it is determined that the adopting Group is not meeting the terms and conditions of this Agreement, upon thirty (30) days' notice the City may terminate the adoption agreement and remove the Group recognition signs.

As the representative of \_\_\_\_\_,

I \_\_\_\_\_ am authorized to sign on behalf of my organization/group and those who participate in the volunteer activities. I will be responsible to explain the Code of Conduct and go over any safety training needed.

**Volunteer Code of Conduct**

- As a volunteer we will perform only those assigned tasks that are within our physical capability and will not undertake any tasks that are beyond our physical capability or ability.
- As a volunteer we will not undertake to operate or use vehicles, equipment or tools that we are unfamiliar with or have not been trained to operate properly and safely and have not received specific authorization to use from my supervisor.
- As a volunteer we will strictly observe all safety rules and use care in the performance of my assigned tasks.
- As a volunteer we will treat everyone with respect, patience, integrity, courtesy, and dignity.
- While volunteering we will not use profanity, or make humiliating, ridiculing, threatening, or degrading statements.
- As representatives of the City, volunteers, like staff, are responsible for presenting a good image to Citizens and to our community. Volunteers shall dress appropriately for the conditions and performance of their duties.
- As a volunteer, we agree to maintain the same standards of confidentiality regarding our duties that is expected of the paid staff.
- We give permission to utilize any photographs taken of our group for publicity or training purposes.

I/we hereby release Ogden City, its elected officials, offices, employees and agents, from any and all liability or obligation arising from, or in connection with the undersigned’s Volunteer activities with Ogden City.

We certify that we have read, understood, and will abide by all of the foregoing provisions of this Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Group

\_\_\_\_\_  
Group Representative Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Group Representative (Print)

OGDEN CITY CORPORATION,  
a Municipal Corporation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monte Stewart  
Parks and Cemetery Manager



# Adopt-a-River Program Guidelines

## Overview

The rivers of Ogden provide a wondrous and beautiful experience for all who explore them. However, to ensure the future of the rivers it requires the efforts of many to protect and preserve their unique ecosystem.

## Adopt-a-River

Taking on the stewardship of a river section is a privilege, and it is important that the adopter take the responsibilities of maintaining the river seriously. That is why we have prepared the following requirements so that you understand the value you can bring and responsibility you are taking on. You are not alone since we are here for guidance and assistance when faced with key or larger issues. But understand adopting a river puts you as the first line of protection of a very special and natural resource.

## Adopt-a-River Responsibilities

- Complete and sign the Adopt-a-River renewal application, including waiver and release of liability.
- Commit to a minimum of **6 visits** to work on your section of river for the year.
- Keep a record of volunteer hours to be returned to the Ogden City Volunteer Coordinator.
- **Spring Startup** – Initial trip in spring before heavy traffic (Usually in April) or on Make-A-Difference Day in May
  - Clear any low branches or overgrown brush off the river before the heavy traffic season. NOTE: If fallen trees require the use of a chain saw or larger equipment, please contact your Ogden City.
  - Pickup and dispose of any trash
  - Clean all drainage
  - Identify any major concerns (washouts, slides, fallen trees)
- **Inspect your river segment**
  - Clear brush and remove trash
  - Remove noxious weeds

- To report graffiti, call the **Graffiti Task Force at 801-629-8752.**
- Illegal activity- Camping, Horses, fires, fireworks, drug, and alcohol use is illegal along the Ogden rivers. Please report this or other illegal activity to the **Ogden Community Police at 801-629-8034 or the Ogden City Volunteer Coordinator 801-629-8214.**
- For needs beyond your capabilities contact you're the Ogden City Volunteer Coordinator
- **Fall Inspection** – A final inspection, usually in October-November
  - Assess trail conditions and identify improvements

### **Safety Guidelines**

- Rivers can be very dangerous: Use caution when rivers are running high and fast.
- Use caution: there are many materials that can be harmful: broken glass, rusted metal, sealed containers, used syringes
- Do NOT open sealed containers or handle syringes or pick up broken glass with your bare hands. Wear protective gloves.
- Natural hazards include ticks, spiders, snakes, poison ivy, wasps, slippery rocks and soil.
- Wear long pants, a long sleeve shirt, hat, gloves, appropriate footwear and sunglasses.
- Work with a partner.
- Stay away from traffic and railroad tracks.
- If a tree or other debris is in the river, please call 801-629-8214. A crew with proper equipment will remove the items.
- If you witness a crime or are hurt call 911.

Most importantly, stay safe, use best judgement and common sense when working around one of nature's powerful resources.