



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**AGENDA ITEM**  
**Assistant County Administrator /**  
**Department of General Service /**  
**Parks and Recreation Division**

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**Date:** January 18, 2023  
**To:** The Honorable Board of County Commissioners  
**Thru:** Michael C. Zito, Interim County Administrator  
Beth Powell, Interim General Services Director/Parks and Recreation Director  
**From:** Brad Dewson, Parks Superintendent  
**Subject:** Consideration for Adopt-A-Park Program

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**DESCRIPTION AND CONDITIONS:**

Parks and Recreation staff were approached by a volunteer organization interested in adopting a County park to perform litter removal. After researching County files and other documents, staff identified that the County Public Works Department has a similar objective through its Adopt-A-Road program. This program has been in place since 1993. Staff did not locate records of prior County Adopt-A-Park initiatives.

Staff recommends the Board's consideration of an Adopt-A-Park program with the goal of engaging the public in assisting to keep our parks, conservation lands, and beaches free of litter. These types of programs are expected to promote responsible stewardship of the environment and serve to instill pride in our community. In recognition of group participation, the County would fabricate and install signs bearing the names of the participating group. These signs would be displayed at the entrance to the adopted site and would remain in place as long as the terms of the program were met by the group.

A standard agreement has been created to be used for this program that outlines the parameters for the volunteer activities. For reference, copies of the draft Agreement; Adopt-A-Park Reference Manual; and the County's Accident Prevention Policy AM 1000.9 have been provided.

**FUNDING:**

The estimated cost to the County over time would be approximately \$500.00 per year for signs and materials. Based on similar efforts in the Adopt-A-Road program, the cost of this program to the County is outweighed by the savings in staff time required to complete litter control. Funding for the purchase of signage and materials is available on the General Fund/Parks/Other Operating Supplies account, number 00121072-035290.

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Fund/Parks/Other Operating Supplies	00121072-035290	\$500.00

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests that the Board approve the implementation of an Adopt-A-Park program for Indian River County and adopt the corresponding Resolution. Additionally, staff requests that the Board approve the Adopt-A-Park Program Agreement upon review and approval by the County Attorney and Risk Manager.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- **Adopt-A-Park Resolution**
- **Draft Adopt-A-Park Agreement**
- **Draft Adopt-A-Park Reference Manual**
- **Accident Prevention Policy AM 1000.9**

**APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR JANUARY 31, 2023**