

**NORTHERN LEHIGH RECREATION**

**ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM**

**WHO CAN ADOPT A PARK?**

Anyone interested in improving Northern Lehigh’s parks and contributing to the quality of life in Northern Lehigh!

**WHAT CAN BE ADOPTED?**

Entire parks or sections of parks can be adopted at the discretion of Slatington Borough and Washington Township. Sections of parks may include, but are not limited to: pavilions, open space, flower beds, trails, playgrounds, etc.

**WHAT CAN BE DONE IN ADOPTED AREAS?**

Groups or individuals who adopt sections of parks can help in many ways:

* Picking up trash
* Raking playground surfaces
* Reporting any hazards or graffiti/ vandalism to NLRA or municipal staff
* Pulling weeds
* Planting

**SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Review safety rules and guidelines with your group prior to beginning any project. These rules ae not all inclusive; please feel free to add any additional rules that will help keep you/your group safe while in a park.

* Children 15 years of age or younger. Must be supervised at all times.
* Always wear gloves and appropriate safety gear.
* Do not pick up trash near the street or near the curb.
* Do not pick up sharp objects, such as broken needles or glass.
* Do not run in front of vehicles entering a park or park staff working in a park.
* Wash hands thoroughly after a project is complete.
* Lift all objects with your legs, not your back.
* Wear sun block and/or a hat.
* Drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks.
* Work with partners whenever possible.
* Wear appropriate clothes and shoes, depending upon the project and the temperature.
* Seal all trash bags tightly prior to placing them next to the designated trash receptacle location for pick-up.
* Schedule projects with NLRA to ensure you are informed of any activities or construction projects that may be taking place in a park that day.
* Do not work at night or during potentially hazardous weather conditions.
* Do not block pathways or trails.
* Do not use power equipment or chemical when weeding in the parks.
* Report any hazards, graffiti or vandalism to NLRA immediately at 484-633-0093.
* Report any suspicious behavior to the Police.

**PARKS AND TRAILS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION**

**Washington Township:**

* Eagles Nest Park
* Slatedale Park
* Covered Bridge Trailhead
* Slate Heritage Trail

**Slatington Borough:**

* Victory Park
* West End Park
* Veterans Memorial Park
* D&L Slatington Trailhead
* Slate Heritage Trail
* Walnut Street Playground
* Covered Bridge Trailhead

**HOW TO ADOPT A PARK**

* Contact NLRA’s Executive Director, Lindsay Taylor at 484-633-0093 / nlrecauthority@gmail.com.