



Tuna Valley Trail Association
P. O. Box 1003
Bradford, PA 16701

Tuna Valley Trail Association
Adopt-a-Trail Agreement

This Adopt-a-Trail Agreement (hereinafter "Agreement") is made between the Tuna Valley Trail Association (TVTA) and the following Adopter:

Name of adopting group _____
Coordinator _____

Recognizing the need for and desirability of an attractive, well maintained and litter free trail, the TVTA and Adopter enter into this Adopt-a-Trail Agreement to enable the Adopter to contribute to maintaining the appearance and condition of a portion of the TVTA trail system as described: Trail Name: _____

Extending approximately _____ miles
Beginning _____
Ending _____
Through municipality(s) of _____

The Agreement will be for a **two-year period** commencing on _____ and terminating on _____. The Agreement may be cancelled at any time within the two year term by the Adopter or the TVTA, with 30 days notice to the other party to this agreement. The Agreement may be renewable as long as the Sponsor and the TVTA are in agreement.

The TVTA will furnish and erect **Adopt-a-Trail signs** at the beginning and the end of the adopted trail segment.

It is understood by the Sponsor and the TVTA that **no liability** of any kind shall be assigned to the TVTA. The Sponsor will perform the activities described in this agreement at their own risk.

The Adopter shall conduct activities that will enhance the goal of providing a park like appearance along the adopted segment. The expected **minimum frequency of inspections** and maintenance along the trail segment is at least once **each calendar month from April through November**. Additional visits may be necessary, and such may be requested by the TVTA during periods of heavy recreation use of the trail segment. Visits are also encouraged during the winter season.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson

The activities that are anticipated to be performed by the Adopter include the following:

- A. Inspect the adopted segment of the Trail and note conditions which interfere with the safe recreational use of the Trail or which detract from the park-like setting of the Trail.
- B. Remove trash and litter which is visible and accessible from the Trail. Adopt-a-Trail volunteers must not trespass on neighboring private property.
- C. Monitor and maintain the Trail by checking, correcting, repairing or reporting conditions which negatively impact the use or appearance of the Trail corridor. The use of chain saws is not permitted. Mechanized equipment can be used only with permission of the TVTA.

Eligible, permitted Adopt-a-Trail tasks may include any of the following:

- 1. Remove sticks, fallen branches, “foreign objects”, dumped materials and other debris from the trail.
- 2. Remove vegetation that is growing through or on the Trail surface.
- 3. Cut back weeds, vines, shrubs and tree branches (but only if 2 inches or less in diameter) which are growing or hanging into the zone within two feet on both sides of the trail and ten feet above the trail, or which obscure way-finding, warning or other approved signage.
- 4. Trim, weed, water, fertilize and beautify landscaped areas along the Trail.
- 5. Fix, level or report cracks, heaves, pot-holes and similar damage or faults in asphalt or masonry surfaces of the Trail; and bumps, ridges, gullies, depressions, drainage problems, muddy areas, coarse gravel and other flaws in stonedust or aggregate surfaces of the Trail.
- 6. Repair, refurbish, replace or report trail signs, posts, fences, kiosks, benches and other structures which are damaged, severely weathered or missing. Repairs and replacements must be consistent with the original design and appearance of such structures.
- 7. Mow the shoulders of the Trail, to a width of no less than two feet.
- 8. Remove or report graffiti, breakage and other evidence of acts of vandalism.
- 9. Assess and report observed conflicts between uses of the Trail, suspected unlicensed encroachment or mis-use of trail facilities, threats to the environment or the safety of trail users, and gross housekeeping problems or visual pollution on private or public lands adjacent to the trail.
- 10. Optional – Create and maintain new landscaping or plant beds (using ornamental or native perennial or annual plantings and natural mulches) along the Trail, and not obstructing the Trail or its 2-foot wide shoulders or points of access.

Signatures: _____
(Sponsor Coordinator) (TVTA Representative)

Please Print: _____

Telephone No. _____

E-mail: _____

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