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SIGN UP TODAY TO ADOPT A PARK

Adopt-A-Park kick-off is Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. – noon. Details at: www.a2gov.org/adopt-a-park

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 5, 2008 — Thousands of Ann Arbor residents regularly visit their neighborhood city parks, valuing the natural beauty and amenities these local gems provide.

Whether you're a park regular or you're looking for a good reason to make your first trip, come out for the **2008 Adopt-A-Park Kick-off event on Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. – noon**. Neighbors from throughout the city will be rolling up their sleeves to volunteer at 10 participating parks — Burns; Fuller; Hannah Nature Area; Hunt; Huron Highlands; Landsdowne; Liberty Plaza; Maryfield Wildwood; Wellington; and Wurster parks — for planting, mulching, general clean up and, of course, camaraderie and fun. All ages can participate.

To sign up, or for more information, contact Adopt-A-Park Program Coordinator Anna Shipley at 734.996.3266 / adopt-a-park@a2gov.org, or Natural Area Preservation Volunteer Coordinator Jason Frenzel at 734.997.1719 / jfrenzel@a2gov.org.

The kick-off event encourages neighbors to partner with one another, and the city, in ongoing efforts to ensure their parks are well cared for, safe and that the park features continue to meet the neighborhood's needs. The Adopt-A-Park program promotes ongoing community spirit and involvement in the advocacy, upkeep and enjoyment of city parks.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named one of the top 25 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2006, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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