

**Appendix C – Part I**

**ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES  
MODEL “ADOPT-A-PROGRAM” CONDITIONS  
DOG EXERCISE AREA (DEA)**

This arrangement between the Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources, hereinafter referred to as “DPRCR” and \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter referred to as the “Adopter” entitles the Adopter to accept and perform maintenance and operational functions at \_\_\_\_\_ for the areas or facilities identified below:

The following conditions shall apply:

- Work may only be performed in the designated area.
- Group leaders must obtain written permission from the parent or legal guardian of children less than 18 years of age, granting permission to participate in the Adopt-A-Program. Individuals or groups with members under 15 years of age must be supervised by adult’s 18 years or older.
- The work will be performed in accordance with DPRCR “description of responsibilities” in the “Adopt-A-Program” application. A copy of the application and responsibilities are attached.
- All chemical applications, including lime, fertilizers, etc. must be applied by a certified, licensed applicator, approved by PRCR.
- No additions or changes to any County property may be made by the Group without a written request and approval by DPRCR. All requests should be sent to the staff project coordinator.
- Any property that is damaged must be returned to its original condition.
- Litterbags are to be placed next to trash receptacles or at designated locations. The County will remove litterbags.
- Project leaders are responsible for: submitting all work projects to DPRCR staff coordinator for approval; ordering materials, scheduling work days, returning unused materials, supplies and tools, and submitting completed Adopt-A-Program reports.
- The Adopter accepts full responsibility for all damages and injuries, which may result from their actions. Arlington County will not be responsible for any claims of property loss or personal injury.
- This is not intended to create any rights in any third party or any person doing work for or on behalf of the Adopter.
- A sign will be installed at each Adopt-A-Program project with the name of the individual or group.
- Use of the DEA by the adopting group and others shall be conducted in a manner consistent with applicable Arlington County Codes, Arlington County Administrative Regulations, and DPRCR Operating Memorandums.
- The DEA is owned by Arlington County. DPRCR agrees to permit the adopting group to improve and assist with the maintenance and operation of the DEA subject to approval of DPRCR as provided in this memorandum.
- Subject to the appropriation of adequate funds, DPRCR shall support the Sponsor(s) maintenance and operation of the DEA as follows:
  - Ensure that the grass is mowed on a regular basis.
  - Repair and/or replace fences, benches, trash receptacles, and other DEA related amenities as deemed necessary by DPRCR.
  - Place signs in locations deemed appropriate by DPRCR.
  - Empty trash receptacles on a scheduled basis.
  - Maintain a liaison with the Arlington County Animal Control to keep informed of issues relating to use of the DEA.
  - Schedule the hours of operation for the DEA.
- DPRCR shall conduct an ongoing evaluation during a one-year pilot program, eliciting input from park users, Sponsor(s), and the community. Criteria to be used in the evaluation of the DEA shall include but not be limited to environmental impacts, utilization, community, and fiscal impacts.
- DPRCR reserves the right to unilaterally suspend or terminate the use and/or operation of the DEA for any reasons it deems appropriate in its sole discretion, including but not limited to public health, safety, and welfare.
- This application and conditions shall remain in force for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of signature and may be terminated by mutual agreement unless otherwise specified. It may be extended in one (1) year increments with the written acceptance of all parties.

**I have read and accept the scope of work and all of the conditions as described in this Adopt-a-Program application.**

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

Signature of Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_ (Revised 3/99)