



Keeping Lansing Beautiful!



What is the Program?

The Adopt-A-Spot program is designed to provide businesses, families, organizations and individuals with an opportunity to instill a sense of ownership in our community by volunteering to adopt a designated area. This is a seasonal program that runs annually from May through mid-November.

With over 150 flower gardens and 55 rain gardens within the downtown and REO Town areas, Downtown Lansing Inc. (DLI) and the City of Lansing have a continuing need for volunteers interested in assisting with our efforts of keeping Lansing a beautiful city.

Multiple sites in Lansing's downtown and REO Town districts have been designated spots for adoption. Spots include rain gardens and flower beds. By adopting a spot you can greatly contribute in keeping Lansing a more beautiful place to be.



What Can I Adopt?

You can adopt a variety of different spots within the downtown area including:

- a rain garden
- a planted garden
- a whole city block

What Commitment is Needed?

You provide the time and that of others you recruit from your neighborhood, business or organization. You or your group are responsible for the general maintenance of your spot for a season (May–mid-November). This may include picking up litter, pulling weeds and basic maintenance. Time commitments can be from once a week to once a month, the level of commitment varies upon the needs of the Adopt-A-Spot site.

By Adopting a Spot:

- You are attaching a personal identity to the site
- You are making a difference
- You add a sense of ownership to a site
- You personally contribute to making Lansing more Green

You or your group will benefit through a sense of ownership of your community, and the satisfaction gained through volunteering. As a small token of our appreciation and gratitude, a sign will be placed in your adoption site. DLI provides materials needed for maintenance, including trash bags and yard waste bags.

Fun Fact:

**Downtown Lansing
has one of the largest
urban rain garden
projects in the country.**

How Do I Adopt-A-Spot?

The next step is getting involved. An application will need to be filled out and returned to: Downtown Lansing Inc. at 401 S. Washington Sq, Ste. 101, Lansing, MI 48933. The application is obtainable at www.downtownlansing.org/documents

For more information about becoming an Adopt-A-Spot volunteer please:

- Call 517-487-3322
- E-mail info@downtownlansing.org

Your group will be matched up according to group size and requirements of the location. DLI will take all location requests into consideration, and will accommodate your groups' needs to the best of our ability. Some spots may require more commitment than others, so we will help match you with one that best fits your group's needs. Once you have a group together appoint a team leader. This person will be the main contact for the group, responsible for organizing volunteer days and turning in Team Leader reports.



What is a Rain Garden?

A rain garden is a planted depression that allows rainwater runoff from urban areas like roofs, driveways, walkways, parking lots, and compacted lawn areas the opportunity to be absorbed. This reduces rain runoff by allowing stormwater to soak into the ground (as opposed to flowing into storm drains and surface waters which causes erosion, water pollution, flooding, and diminishing groundwater). Rain gardens can cut down on the amount of pollution reaching creeks, rivers and streams by 30 percent.



info@downtownlansing.org
P 517.487.3322 • F 517.483.6057
downtownlansing.org

