

Beautification Checklist

Welcome to your neighborhood park. We would love your help in keeping our parks beautiful. Use the list below to explore the park and look for project components that you can do to beautify the park and create a meaningful project proposal for submission to your Scout organization. We know that some organizations feel that routine labor, like a service scouts may provide as part of their daily lives (mowing, weeding a church lawn, etc.) is not normally appropriate. However, if a project's scale and impact are sufficient to require planning and leadership, then it may be considered. These types of efforts are great areas of need for our Parks.

As you go through this checklist and mark areas of need, note that some parks will have a master plan map you can use to mark target areas. You can find those [here](#).

1. Does the park seem dirty? No Yes Area of greatest need _____

If yes, consider adding a cleaning project to your list. Pick up trash, wash metal signs or sports areas like backboards or practice walls, clean buildings of spider webs, etc.

2. Does the park look old and run down? No Yes Area of greatest need _____

If yes, consider a painting or staining project. Things that often need to be painted or stained are trash cans, picnic tables, signs, parking lot lines, fences, bollards, kiosks, doors or out-buildings.

3. Does the green space look shabby? No Yes Area of greatest need _____

If yes, consider small projects to fix erosion (bare dirt spots) and overuse of certain small areas. Consider weeding mulched areas and around features like sport courts, buildings and parking lots.

4. Are the trails in need of fixing? No Yes Area of greatest need _____

If yes, consider a project that includes mulching or maintaining trails, closing social trails, or even terraced steps to combat erosion from shortcuts and overuse.

5. Is the forest or other park features being taken over by invasive plants or vegetation?
No Yes Area of greatest need _____

If yes, ask us about a project that includes removing vegetation to improve animal habitat and access for people.

What's Next?

Use this list to help create your "Park Beautification" proposal for submission to your Scouting organization. We hope that this list will provide a guide and project scope that is broad enough to provide the planning and leadership a scout needs in order to be approved for your project, but be sure to talk with your scout master while developing your proposal.

Once you have completed your project proposal please submit through the VMS system to which site opportunity you are applying. Please allow at least 48 hours for the sites volunteer coordinator to respond to your proposal.