

Town of Onancock
Adopt a Garden/Tree Program
June, 2018

This program will provide an opportunity for individuals or groups to adopt a garden and/or tree (s) on property owned by the Town of Onancock. The Town currently maintains six (6) parks or open space areas with gardens and trees. These areas include Onancock Landing, Gazebo Park, Custis Park, the landscaped area behind Town Hall, the landscaped area around the welcome sign at the entrance to town and the landscaped area around the wharf sign. Interested individuals or groups can pick up applications at Town Hall to participate in the program. The following policies would apply to this program:

1. A tree or garden adopted by a group or resident will remain the property of the Town of Onancock.
2. The Town will be responsible for the purchase of the trees, mulch, plants, shrubs and flowers to be planted in the garden
3. The individual or group will supply all labor and tools necessary for planting, weeding, pruning, watering or any other activity that is required to maintain the garden or tree (s).
4. The Town will continue to maintain the remainder of the property where the garden is located including cutting grass, picking up garbage, etc.
5. A resident or group may offer a cash donation in lieu of labor to pay for maintenance of the tree or garden. These funds will only be used for the maintenance of that particular garden.
6. The Town will install a plaque in front of the tree or garden to recognize the group or individual for their contribution.
7. The group or individual shall have the right to discontinue maintenance of the adopted garden or tree by providing thirty (30) days written notice to the Town of Onancock.
8. The Tree board will provide an initial consultation with the group or individual who has adopted a garden to identify specific weeds and plants or assess the health of a tree.
9. The removal of any tree or plant other than noxious weeds initially identified for removal shall only be removed upon additional consultation with the Tree Board.
10. The participant in the program shall hold harmless the Town of Onancock from a cause of action, claim or lawsuit that arises from injuries or damages sustained during my participation in the Adopt-A-Garden Program.

11. Anyone participating in the Adopt-A-Garden Program under the age of 18 years of age shall be supervised by an adult.

Please contact Bill Burnham, Chair of the Town of Onancock Tree Board at 305-240-3298 to request a consultation to discuss the conditions of the garden or tree you have adopted.

Thank you for your generous donation to the Town of Onancock.