

VILLAGE OF SUSSEX NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WEED REDUCTION DONATION POLICY

Thank you for considering a donation to the Village and for your partnership with the Park and Recreation Board and its efforts to enhance the quality of life in the Village. As with any solid partnership the Village has some policy guidelines and donation acceptance rules to ensure the interaction can be a positive relationship for everyone involved. Please check out the Policy and the Donation form for more information.

The Village of Sussex, VILLAGE, hereinafter, as a matter of policy has determined that the neighborhood Park system is in acceptable condition and the Village will not provide weed control applications in neighborhood parks to limit dandelions and associated weeds. That policy decision was made after considering concerns of herbicide application, use and conditions of the parks, extent of nuisance caused by the weeds, costs of maintenance, and neighboring residents concerns. While the VILLAGE as a policy will not use taxpayer's funds for weed control applications in these neighborhood parks, the VILLAGE does contract for weed control on athletic fields, in roadway islands, and other locals deemed appropriate for said controls, and has means to extend said contracts.

The VILLAGE understands that adjoining properties and neighborhoods may be impacted by weeds spreading into the adjoining area from the untreated park. The VILLAGE would like to create a venue by which a neighborhood association or a particular neighbor could realize weed control in their neighborhood park if such cause is of import to them. Prior to accepting the donation the VILLAGE requires that the Donor use a reasonable attempt to provide notice through a letter sent to all property owners whose property is immediately adjacent to the neighborhood park notifying them of the intent of the Donor to seek weed control activities in the park and asking them if they have concerns to contact the VILLAGE or attend the Park and Recreation Board meeting where the acceptance of the donation will be considered. Objections to weed control will not automatically cause the rejection of the donation, but will be a factor in considering implementing weed control actions at the neighborhood park. This notice standard by the Donor would be required annually as different property owners may move in over time.

Because the spraying of weeds has liabilities and the use of public property such as a park is of common community interest the VILLAGE will not allow a private entity to cause actions on the park itself, but an entity may make a donation to the VILLAGE or a subsequent Friends of the Park Group, who in turn would make a donation to the VILLAGE to cause said weed control application. Said donations may have income tax benefits and the Donor may wish to discuss the issue with their tax advisor.

The Donation would need to be made annually in an amount that covered the VILLAGE's cost for said weed control. The donation would need to be attached with the Donation form that outlines the conditions of acceptance of the donation by the VILLAGE. The weed control means and methods would solely be in the control of the VILLAGE and if the VILLAGE chose not to perform the weed control activities the funds would be returned before the end of the year to the Donor (no interest would be accrued against the VILLAGE). If the Donation was not made to the VILLAGE by March 1 of the year no weed control efforts would be sought for that neighborhood park for that season under this program. Annually the VILLAGE would provide a cost sheet per application for each neighborhood park so as to allow any DONORS to know what the donation amount would be to realize the weed control activities.

SUSSEX NEIGHBORHOOD PARK WEED REDUCTION DONATION FORM
(Completed form and donation must be received by March 1 for weed control that year)

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Name of Donor _____ **Phone** _____

Property Address: _____

Name of Neighborhood Park Donation intended for _____

Donation amount _____ **Year(s) intended for Donation** _____

By my signature below I agree to the following terms for donation. I donate the above mentioned sum to the Village of Sussex to provide the total cost necessary to cause weed control activities in the neighborhood park listed above for the year(s) listed above. I understand that the Village is under no obligation to perform weed control activities and if the Village does perform the weed control activities said activities means, methods, and extent are solely in the control of the Village. If the Village chooses to not perform any weed control activities the Village will return the funds (with no interest) before the end of the year in which the funds were intended to be utilized as stated above. I further accept that I or the entity and the entities representatives may make no claim against the Village or its officers from the acceptance or use of this donation and the Village is under no obligation to continue weed control activities in the park in subsequent years regardless of whether it accepts and uses the donation with this cycle. I warrant that I have made a reasonable effort to notice the property owners who own property immediately adjacent to the park about this request for weed control and have provided for them the time of the meeting where the donation is likely to be discussed by the Village Park and Recreation Board. I further warrant that I am legally able to enter into such commitments on behalf of myself or the entity I am representing with this donation.

Signature _____
Date

Village Use Only: Form Complete _____ **Donation Adequate** _____
Donor sent notice(s) _____ **P&R Board Date** _____ **Village Board accepted** _____
Weed Control contract extended _____ **Weed Control activity complete** _____
Follow up letter sent _____ **Funds returned (if necessary)** _____