ADOPT-A-TRAIL
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AGREEMENT

I, _____ (Adopter__Co-Adopter__) agree to adopt the following:

_____ (Section) _____ (Land)

_____ (Trail) _____ (Region)

Alpine section (Y/N) _____ Appalachian Trail (Y/N) _____ Wilderness area (Y/N) _____ Blaze Color/Info _____

I accept the following duties of a trail adopter as my commitment to assist the AMC in achieving its goal of maintaining all trails to a high and consistent standard. I understand it is my obligation to meet the expectations and requirements of the Adopt-A-Trail program, as follows:

1. **Training**:
   - Review the *Adopter Handbook* for accepted standards of trail work
   - Adopters and Co-Adopters must complete a required trail maintenance Skill Session prior to working on their adopted trail (Skill Session dates and locations available at http://www.outdoors.org/conservation/trails/volunteer/index.cfm)
   - All volunteers must recertify at a Skill Session every three years
   - Trail sections in an alpine area require attendance at an Alpine Skill Session

2. **Maintenance**:
   - Perform all trail maintenance work in compliance with AMC standards outlined in *Adopter Handbook*
   - Complete maintenance in order of priority:
     i. Clean drainage
     ii. Brush corridor and remove blowdowns whenever possible
     iii. Blaze the trail
   - For additional assistance and direction, consult with your Region Leader

3. **Work Trips & Reporting**:
   - Perform a minimum of three (3) work trips annually
   - Submit an *Adopter Work Report* to your Region Leader immediately upon completion of a work trip (see your Welcome Letter for your Region Leader contact information)
   - Report deadlines: July 15, September 15, and October 15 (any work reports submitted after October 15 will be counted toward the following year totals)
   - You are permitted to bring friends and family along on the trail to work with you. A trained Adopter or Co-Adopter must accompany any others on all work trips, providing training and work supervision. As the Adopter, you are taking responsibility for properly training and observing the participants in your group

4. **Safety & Environmental Ethics:**
   - Follow safety procedures as outlined in *Adopter Handbook*
   - Follow Leave No Trail principles (www.lnt.org) and adhere to all Wilderness and Alpine area standards as outlined in *Adopter Handbook*

Failure to comply with any or all of these requirements may result in removal from the AMC Adopt-A-Trail program.

Thank you for joining the program and the AMC wishes you Happy Trails!

Adopter Information:

Street/Unit # _____ Email _____

City _____ Phone (Day) _____

State/Province_____ Zip Code_____ Phone (Evening) _____

Phone (Cell) _____

_____ _____
Adopter Signature Date

_____ _____
North Country Trails Volunteer Programs Supervisor Date