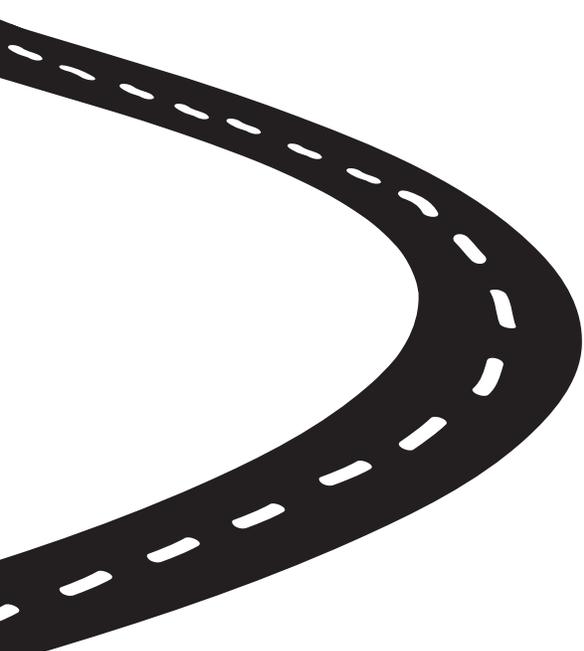


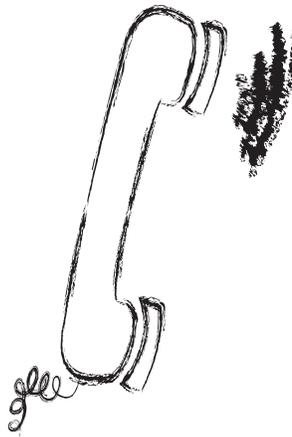


## **Adopt-a-Street Guide**

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### **City of Bloomington Engineering Department**

109 E. Olive St.

Bloomington, IL 61702-3157

[www.bloomingtonil.gov](http://www.bloomingtonil.gov)

Phone: 309-434-2980

E-mail: [engineer@cityblm.org](mailto:engineer@cityblm.org)

## Program Info

The Adopt-a-Street program provides an opportunity for members of the community to donate their time and effort to beautify streets in Bloomington. The Engineering Department hopes to produce a greater sense of pride in our beautiful community with this program.

### Advantages of the program:

- Reduce Water Pollution
- Increase City attractiveness
- Reduce Roadway Pollution
- Reduce Cost of Litter Removal
- Reduce Amount of Littering
- Increase Neighborhood Pride
- Increase Property Values
- Increase Awareness of Environmental Issues

### Group Coordinator Responsibilities:

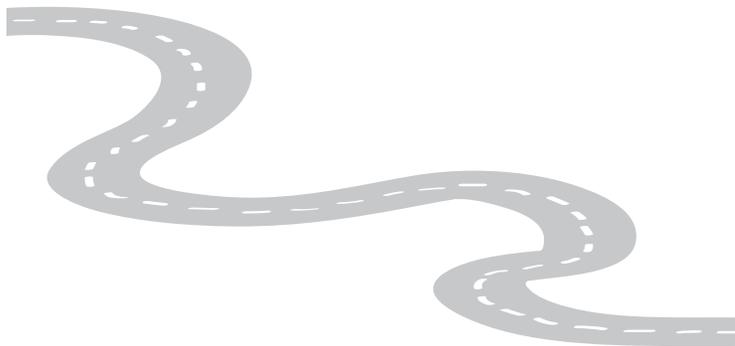
- Schedule clean-up dates
- Monitor volunteers during clean-up event
- Distribute safety equipment and trash bags at the clean-up event
- Notify City of collected trash to be picked up
- Complete an annual post clean-up report documenting safety or maintenance concerns

### Examples of groups that participate:

- Civic Associations
- Fraternities or Sororities
- Church Groups
- Neighborhood Organizations
- Families
- Businesses

### City Responsibilities

- Provide trash bags and safety vests
- Collect and dispose of trash bags after collection
- Install "Adopt-A-Street" sign (installed to recognize the dedication and accomplishment of a group after 6 months of service, or after the 3rd clean-up event, whichever comes first)

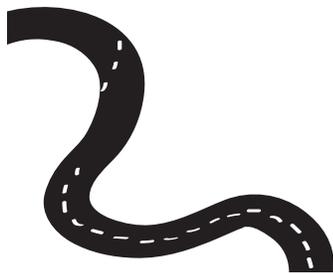


## Available Streets

You can select a street that you would like to adopt that is not listed here. We will evaluate your request and inform you accordingly.

\*\*\*Please note that if you select a State highway on City streets, the State will administer those sections for adoption through their office in Paris, Illinois at (217) 466-7294. If you prefer, you can choose a park or part of Constitution Trail for adoption through our Parks and Recreation Department at (309) 434-2260.

Streets for adoption shall be segmented into about one half to two mile lengths depending upon the size of the Group and the request of the Group.



- IWU Campus Emerson St (Main to Fell) and Franklin Ave (Beecher St to Sugar Creek) (.6mi)
- Ft. Jesse Rd (Hershey Rd to Airport Rd) (1mi)
- Ft. Jesse Rd (Airport Rd to Towanda Barnes) (1mi)
- Airport Rd (Ft. Jesse to General Electric Rd) (1mi)
- Airport Rd (General Electric Rd to Empire Street) (1mi)
- Oakland Ave (Hershey Rd to Streid Dr) (1mi)
- Streid Dr (Oakland Ave to Ireland Grove Rd) (1mi)
- Washington Street (Regency to Hershey Road) (.75mi)
- Wylie Drive (Market St to Enterprise Dr) (.5mi)
- Hamilton Rd (Morrissett Dr to Hershey Rd) (1.5mi)
- Dr. Martin Luther King Dr (Market St to White Oak Rd) (.9mi)
- General Electric Rd (Auto Rowe Dr to Airport Rd) (1.5mi)
- Hershey Rd (Ft. Jesse Rd to G.E. Rd) (1mi)
- Hershey Rd (Oakland Ave to Hamilton Rd) (1.5mi)
- Hamilton Rd (Bunn St to Main St) (.6mi)
- Hamilton Rd (Morris Ave to Veterans Pkwy) (.5mi)
- Fox Creek Rd (Veterans Pkwy to I-74) (.6mi)
- Caroline St (Market to Washington) and Brown St (Market to Washington) (.6mi)
- Washington St (Morris Ave to Bloomington Heights Rd) (1.3mi) Brock Drive (.5mi)
- Truckers Ln (Market St. North to end) (.75mi)
- College Ave (Veterans Pkwy to Airport Rd) (1.5mi)
- Eldorado Rd (Oakland to Lincoln) (.5mi)
- I.A.A. Dr (Vernon to Empire) (1.1mi)

## Instructions

- Pick a Group Coordinator
- Complete the [Application](#)
- Sign [Waiver & Release Form \(Adult\)](#) or [Waiver & Release Form \(Minor\)](#)
- Review Safety Rules with All Participants
- Pick up Safety Vests and Trash Bags from the Engineering Department
- Submit a Tentative Schedule of Volunteer/Trash Pick-up Dates to the Engineering Department

## Guidelines

- Plan on adopting a street for a minimum of 2 years.
- A group must pick up litter a minimum of 4 times a year.
- Adopt-A-Street runs from April 1 to November 1 and not on holidays such as Memorial Day, Labor Day, July 3-5.
- A group must notify the Engineering Department each time they pick up litter, and with 48 hours' notice. They must notify them in order to keep track of their service and to have the City send someone to pick up used trash bags, which should be placed near group's sign or at pre-arranged pickup points.
- A group may dispose of trash bags themselves if they have access to an approved waste drop-off site.
- Valuables found must be submitted to the Engineering Department so they may return it to the owner or proper authorities.
- Safety vests and supplies must be returned to the Engineering Department at the end of the adoption period.

## Terms and Conditions

The Group and its members are to be considered as volunteers and not as officers, employees or agents of the City. Any injuries, claims, liabilities, suits or costs thereof, whatsoever, arising from Group or Group members' activities relating to this application shall be the sole responsibility of the Group or its individual members.

The Group agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City, its agents, servants and employees from any injury, cost, suit, liability or award arising from the issuance or exercise of this application, or because of any adverse effect upon any person or property attributed to the works of the Group.

Participants in the Group agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the City for special conditions that may exist on a particular adopted section.

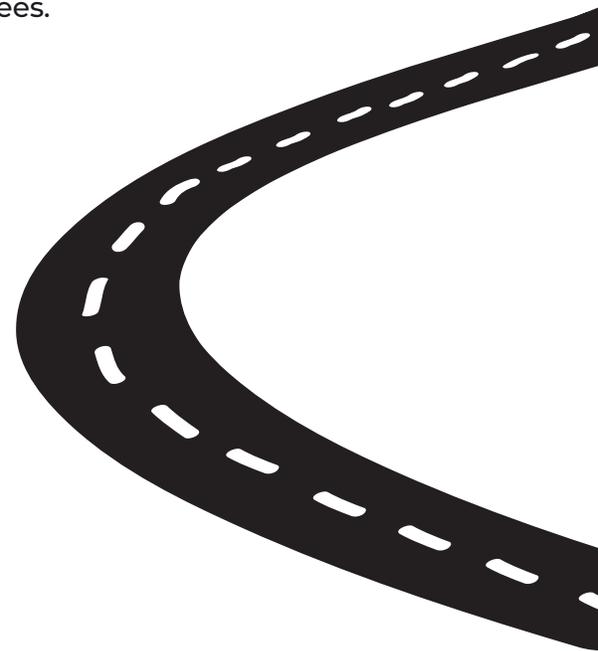
Partisan political groups (groups of people with common political opinions and purposes organized for gaining political influence, governmental control and for directing government policies) shall not be permitted to participate.

All Group members are prohibited from possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on an adopted section.

The Group agrees that the members of the Group are jointly and severally bound by the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement.

No member of the Group shall participate or even watch without a properly signed waiver and release.

The Group agrees to assume all liability for and hold the City and the City's agents or employees harmless from any and all claims of action resulting from the Group's volunteers' or agents' work in the Pro-gram, except for the negligent acts of the City and the City's agents or employees.



## Safety Rules

- Clean-up activity should only occur during daylight hours through the months of April through October. No cleanup should take place during bad weather.
- No volunteers shall be under the age of 11. One adult supervisor shall be provided for each 5 workers under the age of 18.
- For the protection of all workers, safety vests, gloves, long pants, and thick-soled shoes must be worn. Leave all headsets for electronic devices/radios at home. They will not be allowed during cleanup along public streets.
- A first aid kit and cell phone must be available to volunteers during the cleanup.
- An adequate supply of drinking water, hat, sunscreen, and insect repellent are recommended.
- Inappropriate behavior during the pickup may be cause for termination of the Group's application for Adopt-a-Street
- The Group shall make arrangements for off-road parking or shuttle bus type of travel to the worksite.
- All vehicles at the pickup site shall be parked at the nearest cross street, if possible, or at least 3 feet from the pavement when parking on the highway shoulder, width permitting.
- The Group shall not pick up litter on medians, bridges, in tunnels, in overpasses, or around other structures that would pose a danger.
- Volunteers must stay out of the lanes of traffic, work on the same side of the street, and cross to the other side at intersections with caution. Avoid mowing and construction areas. Stay off of parked vehicles and equipment.
- When the Group encounters closed containers or items suspected to be hazardous, these items shall be flagged and not be touched. Items of serious concern should be noted on the Group's cleanup report. Also inform the City Engineering Department at 309-434-2980.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What should be included in the clean-up report, and how should it be submitted?**

The clean-up report should specify date and number of hours worked, a general description of work and litter found, the number of people who attended and the names of those attendees. Submit via mail to the Engineering Department at:

City of Bloomington  
Engineering Department  
109 E. Olive Street  
PO Box 3157  
Bloomington, Illinois 61702-3157

### **When should I call to schedule a trash pick-up?**

You should call 48 hours in advance because the Engineering Department office is not open on the weekends. This way, if your trash pick-up is on Saturday or Sunday, we can notify trash collectors ahead of time.

### **What do I wear to pick up litter?**

For the protection of all workers, safety vests, gloves, long pants and thick-soled shoes must be worn

### **When will our Adopt-A-Street Sign be placed on our street?**

After 6 months of service or 3 clean-ups

### **Is there a maximum or minimum number of participants?**

No, but there are age limitations: No one under 11 can volunteer and ages 11-18 must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

### **What time of year can we clean-up?**

The clean-up season is from April 1st to November 1st and excludes holidays such as July 3-5, Memorial Day, and Labor Day.

### **What are the office hours of the Engineering Department?**

7:30 am to 4:30 pm on weekdays; closed on weekends