

RULES AND REGULATIONS  
COUNTY OF DU PAGE ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PROGRAM  
JANUARY 1, 2023

1. The definition of a highway shall include all highways and trails currently shown on the DuPage County Highway Map of the DuPage County Division of Transportation. DuPage County Division of Transportation shall hereinafter be referred to as "DuDOT".

2. An organization (such as not-for-profit groups, church groups, fraternal organizations, public service and/or veterans groups) may adopt a section of a highway or trail and shall be responsible for litter pickup and removal of debris along the same. There is no limit of participants that can be in a participating group so long as each participant signs the appropriate waiver.

3. Volunteers must be at least ten (10) years of age and the group must provide one adult supervisor who is 18 or older for every five (5) participants under the age of 18 at any work site.

4. The group shall adopt at minimum a one (1) mile segment of a highway pursuant to DuDOT's procedures for a term of one (1) calendar year. The segment length may vary slightly to accommodate various circumstances subject to approval by DuDOT. Groups are expected to sign up for each year no later than March 31st. Returning groups shall have the option to renew their prior year's area in subsequent years through the end of February. If a group does not choose to renew their agreement by the end of February, the area becomes available for other groups to adopt.

5. DuDOT reserves the right to terminate the agreement with a group and to remove any signs indication a group's participation at any time if the group is not fulfilling its obligations under this program or for inappropriate behavior.

6. The adopting group shall designate a Group Safety Coordinator to work with the County Engineer of the DuPage County Division of Transportation or his designee and to undergo safety training for each participating group. The Group Safety Coordinator shall be responsible for training all volunteers of the group and all volunteers must be trained by the Group Safety Coordinator.

7. Maintenance activities will be conducted four (4) times a year as permitted with two (2) weeks advance notice to DuDOT of any changes to the scheduled dates. These dates must be scheduled between April 1st and October 31st.

8. No drugs or alcohol shall be carried or consumed by any group members while engaged in work activities nor shall any group members be under the influence of any such substance consumed prior to.

9. Volunteers shall place the collected debris and litter in trash bags as provided by DuDOT and leave the filled trash bags at a location near the work site for pickup by DuDOT; volunteers agree to notify DuDOT as to where the bags have been left. Groups are welcome to dispose of the trash safely should they so choose to do so.

10. Special arrangements may be made with DuDOT for any other pick-up or disposal as part of this program as the need arises including but not limited to large or hazardous items that volunteers cannot easily or safely dispose of themselves.

11. No vehicles are to be parked in the county right-of-way including but not limited to shoulders, curves, bridge decks, near or under overpasses or in medians.

12. All volunteers shall wear safety vests and gloves as provided by DuDOT. Appropriate clothing and footwear shall be worn by all volunteers including hard-soled shoes or work boots.

13. Traffic safety signs provided by DuDOT shall be displayed at both ends of the site before the groups begins work and retrieved at the end of each work event.

14. DuDOT will furnish signs with the adopting group's name along with the highway or section the group has agreed to maintain. DuDOT may abbreviate the group name when preparing such signs. The sign shall conform to the requirements of the Illinois Department of Transportation. No slogans, logos, or other expository text shall be allowed on the sign nor may any group's chosen name be any slogan, message or similar phrase. Participating groups may not decorate or otherwise alter the sign. All signs furnished are and shall remain property of DuDOT. The County Engineer or his designee shall be the final arbiter concerning program-related signage.

15. Group organizers are responsible for picking up all County-provided safety supplies at the administrative office of the Division of Transportation during normal business hours on Monday through Friday and shall return all safety supplies upon completion or cancellation of the agreement.

16. Litter pick-up is not allowed along any hazardous areas including highway medians fewer than twelve (12) feet in width, roadway bridges, highway underpasses, roadway tunnels, or other structures which pose a danger.