MINNEHAHA COUNTY ADOPT A HIGHWAY POLICY AND PROCEDURES

The Adopt-a-Highway Program provides an opportunity for organizations, businesses and/or individuals to volunteer to pick up litter in the right-of-way of Minnehaha County highways and be recognized for their efforts.

Highways are adopted with a minimum of a two-mile section for minimum of three years. Litter cleanup is required at least twice per year with the responsibility of removing litter from both sides of the roadway.

Once an Adopt-a-Highway permit to occupy the right-of-way is issued, the Minnehaha County Highway Department will install a sign with the name of the organization, business, or individuals to mark the adopted section of the highway. The Minnehaha County Highway Department reserves the right to approve lettering on the sign. Each post will contain a hinged orange warning sign reading “Litter Crew Ahead”. Both “Litter Crew Ahead” signs must be displayed when participants are providing cleanup and returned to a closed state when cleanup is complete.

All Adopt-a-Highway groups or individuals must inform the Minnehaha County Highway Department of their scheduled litter cleanup. Cleanup is preferably done in the spring before grass gets tall and in the fall after the grass has been mowed. Vehicles must be parked off the driving surface. Cleanup must be done during daylight hours and on one side of the road at a time. Limit litter pick up to the area between the outer roadway shoulders to the edge of the right of way. Litter is not to be collected on driving lanes or shoulders. The Minnehaha County Highway Department will furnish litter bags and remove the collected litter if requested.

By Federal Regulation, all individuals participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program are required to wear an ANSI Class II Safety Vest while in the public right-of-way. These safety vests are to be borrowed from the Minnehaha County Highway Department. Participants are asked to call in advance to reserve safety vests and return them within five days after the cleanup is completed.

Groups with minors need to have at least one adult supervisor per ten minors. In addition, each participant is required to complete the “Individual release and waiver of liability, assumption of the risk and idemnity agreement and consent to medical treatment” form prior to occupancy of the right-of-way. The form can be found on the Minnehaha County Website.

The Minnehaha County Highway Department has the right to void a permit for nonperformance or noncompliance with the most recent Minnehaha County Adopt-a-Highway Policy. Recognition signs will be removed when permits are canceled or voided.

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