



## Adopt A Road Application

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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name	Phone#	e-mail address	
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Street name	from	to	
Start date:	End Date:		
Name to appear on the sign:			

### OTHER INFORMATION

Trash removal dates are: May 7th, June 4th, August 6th and October 1st

All participants are required to wear orange vests or bright clothing while cleaning the roadside. The orange vests and trash bags may be picked up at the Department of Public Works Office Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Friday from 7:30 am to 11:30 a.m.

Issuance of a permit and or participation in the Adopt-A-Road Program does not indicate the at the City of Walker supports or endorses any organization or position.

The City of Walker wants to work together with your group to Adopt A Road. This is similar to the Michigan Department of Transportations Adopt-A-Highway Program. The purpose of Adopt-A Road is to involve Walker citizens in keeping their local roads clean, safe and attractive. Your group can adopt as little as 1 mile and as much as 4 miles.

### WHO CAN DO IT?

Any group of 10 or more people can Adopt- A-Road. We encourage service organizations, schools, scout troops, senior groups and businesses to get involved in the program. Group participation must be at least 16 years of age or older unless otherwise approved. All that we require from groups that want to participate in Adopt-A-Road is a time commitment to pick up roadside trash a minimum of four times per year. It's especially important to make sure the roads are clean during the spring and summer seasons. Dates and times for roadside clean up will be determined by the City of Walker. They will also provide you with the trash bags needed for your group and pickup service for filled bags. All participants' are required to wear orange or a hunter's orange vest while cleaning up the roadside. The City of Walker Department of Public Works will supply the vests for the first outing, but the adopting group will be asked to replace their vests at their own expense if they are lost or stolen. The vests will need to be returned as soon as possible for other groups to use them.

### ROAD ASSIGNMENTS

Groups that request a specific roadside area will be assigned to that area on a first come, first service basis. Every attempt will be made to assign you to your road of choice.

### RECOGNITION

All groups that Adopt-A-Road will have a sign displayed on their portion of the road recognizing their involvement in the program. Each group will also receive a certificate to display in their lobby or business. The City of Walker Department of Public Works will supply the signs recognizing your group's involvement in the program. Only the initial set of signs will be provided at the City of Walker's expense. Any signs, which are stolen, damaged, defaced or destroyed, may be replaced at the adopting group's expense.

### SAFETY

All participants in this program must conduct a safety meeting once a year prior to their first pickup. The City of Walker Department of Public Works will provide a permit, rules and guidelines to insure that your group have a safe and worthwhile experience.

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Authorized name (please print)	Authorized signature	Date

### OFFICE USE ONLY

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Approved by	Date

## SAFETY RULES AND THINGS TO AVOID

- Crew members should be in good health with good vision and hearing
- Crew members must be 16 years old unless otherwise approved.
- One person should be the designated crew leader to ensure everyone follows the safety rules
- Carpool to the site to reduce the number of vehicles on the roadside
- All vehicles should be parked well off to the right of the shoulder. Do not park on paved shoulders
- Parking is not allowed along curves, on bridges, near or under overpasses, or in highway medians
- All occupants in vehicles should exit and enter the vehicle on the side opposite of the traffic.
- Keep vehicles on the same side of the highway as crewmembers.
  
- Work only one side of the road at a time.
  
- Knives, machetes, axes, etc. should not be carried by crewmembers.
  
- Don't overfill or compact trash bags because of the danger of injuries from broken or jagged objects. Fill bags with what goes in easily, and then start with a new bag.
- Keep crews together for better visibility to motorists.
- Do not use crossovers in the median to get to the other side; instead, use the nearest exit ramp.

## PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHER CREW MEMBERS

- Face oncoming traffic as you work whenever possible. Be prepared to move out of the vehicles way in an emergency.
  
- Stop working in bad weather, especially when there is poor visibility and wet or icy roads.
  
- Work during daylight hours.
  
- Avoid overexertion. Drink lots of water, especially on hot, humid days.
  
- Post a person to look out for traffic dangers.
  
- Have a refresher session on safety awareness each time a crew goes out.
  
- Never walk out on the highway.

- Avoid the use of headsets.
- All workers should wear orange vests while working on the roadside. Other clothing should be light-colored for increased visibility.
- Wear heavy gloves.
- Watch your footing. Wear substantial leather shoes or boots with good ankle support. Avoid loose stones and steep slopes.
- Wear a hat and long-sleeved top to avoid sunburn. Sunscreen lotion is recommended on sunny days.

### AVOID

- Contact with poison ivy, poison oak and or noxious weeds.
- Areas which are being moved, or there are other construction or maintenance activities being conducted.

### AND PLEASE DO NOT

- Don't pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles.
- Don't try to remove unknown or suspected drug substances. Notify the Department of public works or the Police of these substances.
- Don't pick up items on bridges, in tunnels or overpasses. These areas are especially dangerous to workers on foot.
- Don't enter the roadway or the shoulder area to pick up trash.