McHenry County
Adopt-A-Highway
Program

The McHenry County Adopt-A-Highway Program is a volunteer effort to eliminate litter along sections of County roads. Volunteer groups adopt a one-half to two mile section of highway for a two year period. Trash collections are conducted four times a year.

For available roads, please visit:
McHenry County Division of Transportation Available Roads

Reminder:

- Members of the group must be at least 10 years old.
- An adult supervisor, at least 21 years old, is required for every five members under the age of 18.
- Each group member will sign an agreement with McHenry County. Adoption terms are for two years and are renewable. New group members may join the program at any time.
- Each group will collect litter on both sides of their adopted section at least four times a year.
- A safety training video is provided for each group. All group members must watch the video prior to participating in the program. Each group will designate an Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, an adult who will be responsible for scheduling, safety training and equipment.
- An Adopt-A-Highway sign identifying the group will be placed along the section of highway.
- A sign with your group name will be posted by the Division of Transportation on each end of the adopted section of highway in recognition of your efforts. A “Clean Up Crew Working” sign will alert motorists to your presence during litter pickups.
- Bags are to be left on the roadside and will be picked up by Division of Transportation staff.
- Call to notify the Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator at least one week prior to completing a clean-up and immediately after a litter pickup so that the filled trash bags can be picked up the next day.

For cleaner roadways we can all be proud of, your organization is invited to participate in the McHenry County Division of Transportation’s Adopt-A-Highway Program. This program provides an opportunity for your organization to assist the McHenry County Division of Transportation in its efforts to keep our County highways clean.

For more information or if you wish to join the program please email AdoptAHighway@co.mchenry.il.us or call 815-334-4970