



TOWN OF COHASSET

“ADOPT-A-STREET PROGRAM”

Statement of Commitment

The Town of Cohasset “Adopt A Street Program” is a partnership between the Town of Cohasset and volunteers in an effort to keep our community clean, safe and attractive. By working together we can continue to provide a beautiful environment in which to live and raise a family. The program also educates and encourages people to stop littering and take pride in their community.

Who can participate?

Any group or local company willing to make the commitment can adopt a street, portion of a street, park or public area. Volunteers from civic organizations, social clubs, neighborhood associations, individual families, churches, school groups, private employers and employer groups are encouraged to participate.

As is currently the case, individuals or families may also adopt an area in their neighborhood and not be bound to the formal program provisions that follow.

What is expected of participants?

Adopting groups are expected to adopt a street, portion of a street, park or public area for at least a two year period. The group is expected to pick up litter in their adopted area at least once every two months, with particular emphasis on holiday weekends and summer months.

Adopting groups are also expected to follow safety rules given to them by the program coordinator (copy attached). They must provide adult supervision to groups of children under the age of 18, and program participants must be at least 11 years old. They should

wear appropriate clothing (including safety vests and gloves to be provided by the town), provide their own drinking water and first aid kits, and they should alert the program coordinator if they find a safety hazard in their area.

Adopting groups should appoint a liaison that will work with the program coordinator, first to confirm the area to be cleaned by the group. The liaison should notify the program coordinator when and where the group cleaned, who participated, and any concerns that requires the town's attention.

How is clean-up conducted?

It is up to the adopting group to organize themselves. During the regular business hours, the adopting group will obtain trash bags, reflective vests and gloves from the Department of Public Works. The volunteer liaison will then call the Department of Public Works to make arrangements to have the trash bags picked up if necessary.

The Town agrees to:

- Furnish supplies such as trash bags, reflective vests and gloves at the request of the adopting group;
- Provide trash bag pick-up if necessary;
- Furnish and install an Adopt-A-Street sign with the Adopting Group's name on the sign;
- Provide safety rules for participants to follow; and
- Furnish certificates of recognition to participants

The Adopting Group agrees to:

- Remove litter in their designated area at least every other month (weather permitting) for at least a two year period;
- Designate a liaison to work with the program coordinator to:
 - Review the safety rules with all participants;
 - Assure that all participants are responsible individuals and that participating minors under the age of 18 have adult supervision;
 - Make the town aware of any safety hazard in their assigned area
- Use caution and avoid contact with items that have the potential to be hazardous or cause injury;
- Generally maintain the assigned area in a manner that improves the beauty and overall appearance of the town;
- In exchange for the public good will generated through participation in the Adopt-A-Street Program, voluntarily waive any and all claims for injuries or damages suffered by participants arising out of participation in the program and covenant not to sue the Town of Cohasset, its officers, agents or employees.

Safety Rules for Adopt-A-Street Volunteers

1. No volunteers shall be under the age of 11.
2. One adult must accompany every eight workers under the age of 18.
3. Work must be done during day light hours.
4. For the protection of all workers, appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn. Loose fitting clothes that cover the legs are recommended. Gloves and hard soled shoes are required – no open toe shoes or barefoot allowed.
5. Safety vests must be worn when working.
6. An adequate supply of drinking water and a first aid kit must be provided by the volunteers during the litter pick up operation. A cellular phone is also recommended if possible.
7. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances while working is strictly prohibited.
8. Volunteers shall inform town staff if large objects need to be removed or picked up.
9. Participants shall avoid contact with items that have the potential to be hazardous or cause injury. Items such as syringes, needles, used condoms, animal bodies shall not be picked up and should be reported to the program coordinator.
10. Aluminum cans or other discarded materials may be kept by the volunteers.
11. Valuables such as briefcases, suitcases, or wallets found in the assigned area must be turned over to the program coordinator.
12. Each group should have immediate transportation available.

