

## **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY/TRAIL VOLUNTEER WAIVER AND RELEASE**

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing it and participating in DuPage County's Adopt-a-Highway Program (hereinafter "Program"), you are expressly assuming the risk and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss, including death, which you, or your child, might sustain as a result of participating in any and all of the activities connected with and associated with this Program.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am aware that participation in this Program involves an inherent risk of physical injury to me as well as damage to, or destruction of, my personal property. In exchange for the opportunity to participate in this Program and contribute to maintaining a litter-free county highway and/or trail system, I hereby assume all risk of injury, regardless of severity, to myself and to my property that I may suffer as a result of my participation in this Program.

I do not have any health conditions that would place me at great risk by participating in this Program. I have read the "DuPage County Division of Transportation Adopt-a-Highway/Trail Program Rules and Regulations" (attached hereto and incorporated herein) and understand these rules are in effect for the Adopt-a-Highway Program. I have initialed by each rule demonstrating my understanding thereof.

I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have, as a result of participation in this Program, against the County of DuPage (hereinafter "the County") and the State of Illinois (hereinafter "State"), including any of their officials, agents, employees, successors, or designees. I hereby fully release and forever discharge the County and State, including any of their officials, agents, employees, successors, or designees from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss I may have, or which may arise out of, or in any way are connected or associated with my participation in this Program.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, including the above-stated rules, the assumption of risk, and the waiver and release of all claims. I am 18 years or older and legally competent to execute this release. (If not 18 years of age, skip to "For Volunteers Between the Ages of 10 and 17".) I have fully considered this matter and freely, without reservation or duress, enter into this release.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and Agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

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### **For Volunteers Between the Ages of 10 and 17**

A parent or guardian of a minor between the ages of 10 and 17 must sign this Waiver and Release on behalf of his or her minor child to allow his or her child to participate in this program. Children under the age of 10 are not allowed to participate in this program.

I am the parent or guardian of said minor named below. I have read the above Waiver and Release and agree to all terms therein, including the rules "DuPage County Division of Transportation Adopt-a-Highway/Trail Program Rules and Regulations" (attached hereto and incorporated herein). I understand these rules are in effect for the Adopt-a-Highway Program. I have initialed by each rule demonstrating my understanding thereof.

Name of Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and Agreed to this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

**DUPAGE COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION  
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RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Please read each rule and initial on the line in front of it indicating you have read and understand the rule. If you are under the age of 18, both you, as well as your parent/guardian, must initial on a line in front of the rule to indicate you understand the rule.

- 1.\_\_\_\_\_The definition of a highway shall include all highway and trail rights-of-way as currently shown on the DuPage County Division of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as 'DPC DOT') DuPage County Highway/Trail System Map.
- 2.\_\_\_\_\_An organization shall adopt-a-highway or trail, or section thereof, as identified by the County of DuPage and shall be responsible for litter pickup.
- 3.\_\_\_\_\_The group shall adopt a minimum one (1) mile section of the highway or trail pursuant to the County of DuPage's procedures for a term of two (2) years with the right to renew the selected highway or section. The County of DuPage shall have the right after thirty (30) days notice to terminate the agreement with a group and to remove any signs indicating a group's participation if the group is not fulfilling its obligations under the Adopt-A-Highway/Trail program.
- 4.\_\_\_\_\_Adoption agreements shall be for a calendar year and shall be re-applied for prior to January 1st of the adoption year with four (4) proposed work dates and four (4) alternate rain work dates between April 1st and November 30th annually with one (1) week advance notice to DPC DOT of the scheduled date(s).
- 5.\_\_\_\_\_The adopting group shall designate one person to be the safety coordinator to work with the County Engineer or his duly authorized assign. The safety coordinator shall be responsible for training all volunteers of the group. The training shall include a viewing of the Kane County Division of Transportation "Adopt a Highway" safety video at:  
<http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/Movies/AdoptAHighway.aspx>. DPC DOT does not have "parking" stickers as noted in Kane's video, but the remainder of the video is applicable to DPC DOT's program.
- 6.\_\_\_\_\_DPC DOT will furnish sign(s) with the adopting group's name along the highway or trail that the adopting group has agreed to maintain. The signs shall conform to the requirements of the Illinois Department of Transportation and no slogans or logos will be allowed on the signs. DPC DOT will also furnish advance warning signage for posting by the group prior to commencement of work. The group safety coordinator will insure that the warning signage is properly placed prior to, maintained during, and removed at the end of the work event.
- 7.\_\_\_\_\_No private signs or other items may be posted by the group at any time in the adopted section.
- 8.\_\_\_\_\_Volunteers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the designated work date(s) unless otherwise approved by the County Engineer or his duly authorized assign. Minimum age of any permitted volunteers is ten (10) years with one (1) adult supervisor for every five (5) youth under age of 18 at any work site.
- 9.\_\_\_\_\_No drugs or alcohol shall be carried or consumed by any group members while engaged in highway or trail work activities.
- 10.\_\_\_\_\_Participating volunteers, or their organization, must provide first-aid supplies and adequate drinking water during work events; the County of DuPage will not provide first-aid supplies or water during work events.
- 11.\_\_\_\_\_All vehicles will be parked in permitted areas only, off of the highway or trail right-of-way. No parking will be allowed along shoulders, curves, on bridge decks, near or under overpasses, in median areas or on trails right-of-way, except for designated parking areas. The group safety coordinator shall approve parking locations prior to commencement of work.
- 12.\_\_\_\_\_When collecting litter, Volunteers shall not place any bags of litter in a manner that is obstructive to path/walk users or sight obstructive of motorists, bicyclists or pedestrians.
- 13.\_\_\_\_\_At the end of their shift, if Volunteers have found any large or non-collectable debris (animals, etc.), they should report the location to the DuPage County Division of Transportation Adopt-a-Highway's duly authorized assign at 630-407-6900 (M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) or send an e-mail to: [adopahwy@dupageco.org](mailto:adopahwy@dupageco.org) for collection by DPC DOT Highway Maintenance Department.

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14.\_\_\_\_Volunteers shall not trespass or enter onto private property without permission of the property owner. Caution shall be used by all volunteers in and around traffic areas.

15.\_\_\_\_All volunteers shall wear safety vests and work gloves as provided by DPC DOT (maximum 25 workers per work date). Appropriate clothing and footwear shall be worn by all volunteers, including hard souled shoes or work boots at all times during work times.

16.\_\_\_\_The safety coordinator is responsible for the maintenance of the safety vest and warning signage during the adoption. Should the adoption be cancelled for any reason by the group or DPC DOT, the safety coordinator shall return all safety vests and warning signage to DPC DOT.

17.\_\_\_\_Garbage pick-up is not permitted along any hazardous areas, including, but not limited to, highway medians (<12' in width), highway/trail bridges, highway underpasses, highway tunnels, storm culverts or other structures that pose a danger or hazard to the volunteers.

18.\_\_\_\_Behavior that is determined to be inappropriate by the County Engineer, or his duly authorized assign, during work event(s) may result in termination of this agreement.