

## **CITY OF TEMPE ADOPT-A-PATH PROGRAM POLICIES, RULES AND PROCEEDURES**

### I. Policy/Eligibility

The purpose of the City's Adopt-A-Path Program is to enlist residents/community organizations to assist with removing litter, pulling weeds, reporting graffiti and damaged City property on its multi-use path system. Individuals, private corporations and non-profit organizations are eligible to volunteer. Appropriate signage acknowledging the cleanup effort and crediting the volunteer or organization for its work are furnished and installed by the City after the first cleanup effort has occurred.

2. Adoptable paths include (see map for more details):

- Crosscut Canal
- Kyrene Canal
- Western Canal
- Tempe Canal
- El Paso Gasline
- Knox Road
- Indian Bend Wash
- Highline Canal

### II. Rules and Conditions

1. The length of the adopted path should be a minimum of one mile and should not exceed two miles. Only paths designated by the City will serve as acceptable clean up areas. Safety of Adopt-A-Path volunteers is of utmost importance.
2. No children under the age of 12 may volunteer. An adult 21 years of age or older must supervise any volunteer between the ages of 12 and 17 at all times. The ratio must be one adult to every five minors.
3. The City reserves the right to edit the wording of the sign and has final approval of the sign. The City will furnish, install and maintain the signs after the first cleanup effort has occurred. If the sign has to be replaced due to vandalism or damaged in any other way, the volunteer group has the option to pay for the replacement sign. If the volunteer group decides not to pay for a new sign, the City will not replace the sign. Allow approximately one month for sign replacement.
4. The City will supply litter bags and provide safety vests, which are to be worn by all volunteers when working on the path. The volunteer cleanup coordinator and each volunteer/volunteer guardians are responsible for inspecting the vest for defects and choosing an appropriate size before wearing. Volunteers are encouraged to wear protective gloves, eye wear and proper clothing. These items will not be provided by the City.
5. Volunteers will appoint an Adopt-A-Path volunteer cleanup coordinator to oversee and coordinate cleanup efforts.

6. The Adopt-A-Path volunteer cleanup coordinator (and all volunteers/volunteer guardians) must read and comply with the safety requirements and sign all waivers and other documents requested by the City's Adopt-A-Path program coordinator and return them to the city. The volunteer cleanup coordinator must conduct a thorough safety meeting with all volunteers prior to each clean up as safety is a paramount concern for the City of Tempe.
7. A liability insurance certificate will not be required when the work is performed by volunteers. **ASSUMPTION OF THE RISK:** Volunteer and/or guardian recognizes and understands that the activities with Tempe shall include, but is not limited to, inherently hazardous activities such as working in a potentially dangerous environment, pulling weeds, picking up trash and debris along public paths, roads and streets, dealing with graffiti and damaged property, loading and unloading, and transportation to and from the volunteer work sites. Volunteer and/or guardian hereby expressly and specifically assumes the risk of injury or harm in these situations and releases and discharges Tempe from and waives any and all liability for any injury, illness, death, or property damage resulting from the activities of the Volunteer with Tempe. **INSURANCE:** All volunteers are expected and encouraged to arrive with their own health insurance plans in effect.
8. Home-made signs should be removed from all poles, utility cabinets etc. along with any graffiti where practical. Any graffiti that cannot be cleaned up by volunteers or damage to City property should be reported on the Activity Reporting form.
9. The person who signed the Volunteer Agreement Form is required to ensure that a cleanup effort occurs along the designated path area every three (3) months for a minimum of two years.
10. Volunteers must coordinate their pick up schedules with the City to prevent conflicts with path construction work. Notification two weeks prior to a scheduled cleanup effort is required to the city. Please contact the City of Tempe at 480-350-2834 to coordinate the cleanup date.
11. The Adopt-A-Path agreement shall be issued for two years and is renewable, at the City's discretion, if the volunteer organization has maintained its segment of the path to the satisfaction of the City. If the volunteer group fails to fulfill its commitment, the City may assign the path cleanup effort to a new volunteer group.
12. Cleanup efforts should be performed only in daylight hours and during good weather conditions.

### III. Procedures – How it Works

1. Interested parties should contact the City of Tempe at 480-350-2834.
2. A City representative will explain and discuss the City's Adopt-A-Path program with a responsible representative of the interested party emphasizing that the program involves significant physical work that must be done safely every (3) months for at least two years.
3. A Volunteer Agreement form must be completed by the applicant and approved by the City.

4. The volunteer cleanup coordinator submits Release and Waiver of Liability forms signed by all volunteers prior to each cleanup effort.
5. Adopt-A-Path volunteer cleanup coordinator must call the City of Tempe at 480-350-2834 to schedule date of cleanup and request safety vests and litter bags.
6. Safety vests and litter bags are available for pickup at the Traffic Operations building located at 945 West Rio Salado Parkway between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.
7. The volunteer cleanup coordinator must complete and return to the City the Adopt-A-Path Activity Form and safety vests within 2 days following the cleanup activity.