



# Adopt-A-Shelter

*"Making Detroit beautiful; making it last."*

The Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) sponsors an ongoing CLEAN initiative program, entitled "Adopt-A-Shelter," to improve the cleanliness and safety within the neighborhoods of Detroit by removing litter around our transit bus stops.

Focusing on keeping Detroit clean, DDOT works closely with the communities by establishing partnerships with volunteers who are willing to adopt one or more bus shelters within neighborhoods or a designated school district. Volunteers (adoptors) are always welcome to take part in this great effort!

The customer-focused program clearly:

- Enhances the appearance of neighborhoods
- Provides a nice, clean, safe and secure shelter for our bus-riding customers
- Strengthens community pride and public recognition

By providing monthly clean-up efforts, the volunteers freely agree to the following responsibilities:

- Clean shelter windows
- Remove rubbish
- Sweep shelter grounds
- Report shelter damage, graffiti, or other problems

Whether you are a DDOT rider or a concerned member of the community, adopting a DDOT bus shelter is an opportunity to contribute to an improved environment for everyone. The adoptors' efforts are appreciated by so many people – seniors, students, and visitors.

There are approximately 200 bus shelters in the Metro Detroit area. Whether an individual or a group, the adoptors can assist DDOT by alerting us to special maintenance needs and reporting vandalism or suspicious activity. You can help us keep the community safe and clean! Adopt-A-Shelter is a program that helps businesses, individuals, community organizations and schools make a real difference in their neighborhoods.

**Together we make a commitment to the community and the people we both serve.**

When you or your group adopts a shelter, DDOT makes certain that the community knows about it. First, we'll display a sign with your name on the outside of the shelter, which shows that you or your group is a DDOT Adopt-A-Shelter Partner who works to keep Detroit beautiful! DDOT will also recognize new Partners in our Department newsletter, the monthly Advisory Commission meetings, and in a press release to the local media.

## **How do you Adopt-A-Shelter?**

Call the Adopt-A-Shelter coordinator at (313) 833-7898. We'll send you an application and answer any questions you may have. Once you or a representative from your organization signs the application, we will provide trash bags, cleaning supplies and safety training information so you can begin to clean and make improvements to the shelter immediately. Take an active part in enhancing the community by adopting a DDOT Transit Shelter!

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## Questions & Answers

### **What is Adopt-A-Shelter Program?**

The Adopt-A-Shelter program provides an opportunity for individuals, community organizations and businesses to partner with the Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) to help keep Detroit neighborhoods clean, safe and beautiful. Partners (volunteers) “adopt” a bus shelter closest to their location and agree to keep it clean throughout the year.

### **How do you adopt a shelter?**

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### **What are the responsibilities of an Adopt-A-Shelter Partner?**

It takes a commitment to work with DDOT to keep the bus shelters in your community clean and safe. This involves picking up litter, reporting vandalism or suspicious activity and shelter damage, picking up and reporting torn posters, and generally keeping the area around the stop/shelter free of debris and unsightly clutter.

### **Who can participate?**

Individuals, community organizations, private companies, public agencies, churches, schools, school groups, civic organizations/groups, scout groups, fraternities/sororities and others can take part in keeping Detroit clean.

### **Is there a cost involved to become an Adopt-A-Shelter Partner?**

There is no cost involved. DDOT will provide trash bags, cleaning supplies and safety training information. All that's needed is your time and commitment, as we care for our communities ~ starting with each of us.

### **What recognition do Adopt-A-Shelter Partners receive?**

A sign with the partners' name will be posted on the outside of the shelter, showing that you or your group is a DDOT Adopt-A-Shelter Partner working together to keep Detroit beautiful! DDOT will also give recognition to our new Partners and provide the information in our Department newsletter, at monthly Advisory Commission meetings, and in a press release to the local media.

We, at DDOT, are pleased that you are interested in partnering with us to help revitalize our City. To get started, please call our Adopt-A-Shelter Coordinator at 313-833-7898 to obtain an Adopt-A-Shelter Partner Agreement package.

Let's work together in keeping our great City clean, as you review and return the signed Agreement form to: DDOT, 1301 E. Warren, Detroit, MI 48207, Attn: Adopt-A-Shelter Program Coordinator.

Your efforts and commitment help demonstrate your pride in your community!