ADOPT-A-SHELTER

"Making Detroit Beautiful. Making it last."

The Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT) is sponsoring an Adopt-A-Shelter Program to improve cleanliness and safety within our neighborhoods. DDOT needs your help with removing litter at and around sheltered DDOT transit bus stops.

The Adopt-A-Shelter Program establishes a partnership between volunteers and DDOT. Volunteers may choose to "adopt" one or more bus shelters within their community or designated school district. The Adopt-A-Shelter program is community focused and has many benefits:

- You contribute to the appearance of your neighborhood
- A nice, clean, safe and secure shelter for all riders
- Community pride and public recognition is received for your efforts

On a monthly basis, your responsibilities as a shelter adoptee will include:

- Clean shelter windows
- Sweep shelter area; inside and outside
- Notifying DDOT for rubbish/trash pickup
- Advise DDOT of damage, graffiti, or other problems

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

Get involved in your community.

Adopt-A-Shelter is a program that helps individuals, businesses, community organizations and schools make a real difference in their neighborhoods.

There are approximately 200 bus shelters in the Metro Detroit area. An adoptee, whether it's an individual or a group, 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!

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

When you or your group adopt a shelter, DDOT makes sure the community knows about it. First we'll display a sign with your name on the shelter, showing that you or your group is a DDOT Adopt-A-Shelter Partner working to keep Detroit beautiful! DDOT will also recognize new Partners in our department newsletter, at monthly DDOT Advisory Commission meetings, and in a press release to local media.

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?

Call the Adopt-A-Shelter Coordinator at (313) 833-7761. We’ll send you an application and answer any questions you may have. Once a representative from your organization signs the application, we will provide you with trash bags and safety training information so that you can immediately begin to clean and make improvements to your adopted shelter. Take an active part in enhancing the community by adopting a DDOT Transit Shelter!

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

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, fraternaties/sororities and others.

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

There is no cost involved, just your time and commitment. Caring for our communities, start with each of us.

What recognition do Adopt-A-Shelter Partners receive?

A sign with the partners’ name(s) will be posted on the shelter, showing that you or your group is a DDOT Adopt-A-Shelter Partner working together to keep Detroit beautiful! DDOT will also recognize new Partners in our department newsletter, at monthly DDOT Advisory Commission meetings, and in a press release to 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 313-833-7761 to obtain an Adopt-A-Shelter Partner Agreement package. 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 will help to demonstrate your pride in your community!