

Adopt a Storm Drain Agreement & Release

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Sherburne Adopt a Storm Drain Volunteer!

The Sherburne Adopt a Storm Drain program is a collaborative effort developed by the Sherburne County Public Works Department, Sherburne County Planning and Zoning Department, Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District, and local municipality road authorities. The supporting road authorities are working with Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District to sponsor this program. Following the acceptance of the agreement and selection of the drain/drains, these will be the drain/drains you have elected to “adopt.”

This agreement between Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District (“SWCD”) and the individual (Applicant) governs Applicant’s and their volunteers’ participation in the Sherburne Adopt a Storm Drain Program. The Applicant and Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District agree as follows:

1. **Applicant Defined.** As used in this Agreement, “Applicant” means and include the person(s) or entity entering into this agreement, and its members, representatives, and any and all participants engaging in Adopt a Storm Drain activities. Applicant must be 18 years old.
2. **Agreement Term.** This Agreement will be effective on the date signed below. It will remain in effect until the Applicant notifies SWCD that they would like to withdraw from the program or after one year of not completing an Adopt a Storm Drain Maintenance Report. Applicant must not begin engaging in Adopt a Storm Drain activities until this Agreement is fully executed.
3. **Terms and Conditions Are Part of this Agreement.** The Sherburne Adopt a Storm Drain Safety Guidelines are made a part of this Agreement. Applicant and their volunteers agree to abide by these guidelines.

Applicant and their volunteers agree that they will obey and abide by all laws and regulations, including those relating to safety and any such additional terms Road authority may require.

Applicant and all other individuals participating agree that it:

WILL

- Monitor their chosen storm drains a minimum of twice per year, pickup and properly dispose of litter / debris and report activities using the Adopt a Storm Drain Maintenance Report through the Sherburne Adopt a Storm Drain website.
- Ensure that each participant and their volunteers review the Adopt a Storm Drain Safety Guidelines and this Agreement before participating in the Adopt a Storm Drain activity.
- Anyone between the ages of 12-17 must be accompanied by an adult and must have permission from their parent or guardian.
- Follow the Adopt a Storm Drain Guidelines
- Only monitor storm drains and pick up litter / debris during daylight hours and in good weather
- Wear required safety vests and exercise safety precautions in handling any potentially hazardous materials.
- Report illicit discharge and any other hazardous materials to the local road authority.

WILL NOT

- Engage in Adopt a Storm Drain activities until this Agreement is fully signed, and all Applicant’s participants have reviewed this agreement and the Sherburne Adopt a Storm Drain Safety Guidelines.
- Work beyond their chosen and assigned stormwater drains.
- Pickup litter / debris only around the opening and exterior of storm water drains. Opening of manholes, grates or other drain structures is not allowable. Maintenance needs for these areas are to be reported to the Sherburne Adopt a Storm Drain website.
- Permit any person under the age of 12 to be present at the work site, even if not engaged in litter / debris picking activities.

- Have any person present at the work site who is not participating in the Adopt a Storm Drain activity. They will not allow any animals to be present while participating in the program.
4. **Volunteer Capacity.** Applicant and their volunteers are acting in a volunteer capacity, and will not be deemed an officer, employee or agent of SWCD or the road authority for any reason. Applicant and their volunteers will not receive any compensation or benefits from SWCD or the road authority. Applicant and Applicant’s volunteers are responsible for their own insurance coverage for injuries arising from or related to their engaging in Adopt a Storm Drain activities.
 5. **Release of Liability for Personal Injury and Property Damage.** Applicant and their volunteers assumes full responsibility for any injuries to their person or property arising from or related to engaging in Adopt a Storm Drain activities. Neither SWCD or the road authority will not be responsible for any injuries or property damage arising from the Applicant or their volunteers engaging in activities.
 6. **Hazards Acknowledged.** Applicant and their volunteers recognize the risks and potential hazardous nature of activities related to the Adopt a Storm Drain program. Hazards include but are not limited to being exposed to weather, uneven terrain, plant life and wildlife, insects, nearby traffic, pollutants and medical waste and hazardous waste. Applicant and their volunteers agree to accept all risks of participation. Under no circumstances may an individual under the age of 12 be allowed to be a participant or volunteer under this program.
 7. **Road authority May Modify or End Agreement for Any Reason or For No Reason.** SWCD may, in its sole discretion, revise or terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause and without notice to the Applicant.
 8. **Severability.** If any term of this Agreement is deemed invalid or unenforcable, such term shall be excluded to the extent of such invalidity or unenforcability. The remaining terms of this Agreement shall not be affected.
 9. **Program Contact.** Applicant will contact the road authority to report any issues with storm drains. For questions about the program details, contact Franny Gerde at Sherburne County Soil and Water Conservation District at 763-220-3434 or fgerde@sherburneswcd.org.

The Authorized Representative is signing on behalf of all of the volunteers participating in the Adopt a Storm Drain Program in your organization.

The Participant and Authorized Representative is _____ .Print name

Adopter Name / Group Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

By signing this agreement, you represent that you are 18 years or older, have read the entire agreement and agree to be bound by the terms including the release of liability and acknowledgement of hazards. Further, you represent that all persons who are volunteering with you have read this document, the guidelines and also agree to be bound by the terms including release of liability and acknowledgement of hazards.

Authorized Representative Signature

Date