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ADOPT-A-ROADWAY PROGRAM CLEANING UP JOHNSON COUNTY

Johnson County, Iowa –Johnson County’s Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program is seeking groups and individuals interested in volunteering to clean up county roadsides by participating in the Adopt-A-Roadway program.

Adopt-A-Roadway activities may take the form of litter pick-up, wildflower and native prairie plantings, preservation of existing native plant communities, landscaping or erosion control projects, the improvement of wildlife habitats and the control of invasive weeds or brush within the right-of-way. These activities are generally labor intensive and expensive to complete using paid staff, and are often considered a lower priority than pavement maintenance or public safety needs. Adopt-A-Roadway volunteers assist the county in providing the most effective management of roadside areas and resources.

Volunteers can adopt a specific section of a county road and are asked to make a two-year commitment to at least a one-mile stretch of road. Volunteers receive materials needed for litter cleanups, including signs, vests, bags and training information. Interested groups or individuals may contact Chris Henze, Johnson County Roadside Vegetation Manager, at chenze@co.johnson.ia.us, 319-356-6046, or 4810 Melrose Avenue West, Iowa City.

The objective of the Adopt-A-Roadway program is to increase public awareness of the environmental and maintenance needs along Johnson County’s roadways by using adopted sections of roadsides as an example of the opportunities available for the public to improve the condition and appearance of the county.

Visit the Secondary Roads web page at www.johnson-county.com/roads and click on Roadside Vegetation Management for more information.

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