

Level Two

Adopt a Street or Median

Sustainability requires all levels of participation to make the city a better, more resilient place to live in all of its aspects. One way to help encourage sustainable practices towards the overall neighborhood is by participating in a city community program! You can be a part of the Apache Junction Adopt-A-Project Program to help take part in a beautiful, clean future. This program will allow you to improve your city from the street level.



Investment: This project may require up to 4 hours of maintenance per each visit and can cost around 50 dollars for supplies.

1. Ask Neighborhood Members to Help

- a. First thing to do is to bring together people from around the neighborhood like family, friends, and neighbors and ask them to help you with this project. Pick one leader of the group to oversee all actions.
- b. Other community groups can get involved too, like coworkers, church organizations, and scout groups.

2. Business Perspective

- a. Not only can neighborhood members become a part of this project, but your small business can also help sponsor one of these projects to contribute to the community! By adopting a median or street, it will help bring better business and promote your sustainable efforts with your company!

3. Determine the Area

- a. The interested party needs to determine to choose a street or median that they are interested in adopting and make sure it is suitable to their abilities! The street or median has to be no longer than one mile long. For recommended areas, contact Public Works department and they will help determine the best street section.
 - i. Apache Junction **Public Works Department (480-474-8516 or 480-474-8500)**

4. Contact Apache Junction Public Works

- a. Public Works is responsible for the construction and maintenance of all public property in the city of Apache Junction. Once the street location is determined, you must submit paperwork for approval of the location.
- b. Submit a "[Request Form](#)" and give all available information about street or median location and what actions will be taken place.
- c. Once complete, submit online for Heather Patel and Public Works to review.

5. Review Safety Regulation and Requirements

- a. Public Works will contact you to determine the approval of location and also discuss the safety and maintenance requirement. Safety is number one working near or on public property. The city will provide reflective safety vests and gloves but all participants must sign a waiver before each event.
 - i. Adopt-A-Street Safety Requirements- <https://www.ajcity.net/DocumentCenter/View/828>
- b. The group leader will oversee that each participant signs a waiver for each pickup event.

6. Schedule a Day to Beautify

- a. Once the location is approved, schedule a day to beautify your median or street. Please notify Public Works at least two days in advance. Discuss with Public Works and inform them of the actions you will be taking at the event. Like:
 - i. Clean up litter around median
 - ii. Plant low water and heat tolerant vegetation
- b. Maintenance of location is required at least **4 times** a year, and each pick-up event will need to be scheduled with group leader and Public Works.



7. Receive Gear Provided by the City

- a. Before each event, contact Public Works to pick up required safety gear for use when working on the street or median. Participants must wear gear at all times while maintaining area. The gear will include:
 - i. Reflective safety vests, gloves and trash bags

8. Beautify!

- a. At designated location, begin to beautify and improve the street or median. Plant beautiful trees or flowers to bring the desert alive. Or clean up unwanted trash and debris to help the community.