



The Imagine St. Joseph 2040 plan calls on us to Create a Better Place by reducing litter and maintaining our neighborhoods. Residents say community appearance is one of the top issues facing St. Joseph. To help address the problem, we're asking local businesses to Adopt-a-Block.

Project brief

Modeled after a successful Adopt-a-Block program in Minneapolis, MN., the Government Relations Committee of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce recommended recruiting businesses to volunteer to clean-up the areas around their facilities or select an at-risk residential block. The concept approved by the Chamber Board of Directors was launched in January 2023. The Community Alliance provides oversight for the program.



Option 1: If your business is located in an industrial area and chooses to maintain the area around the facility, simply organize employee volunteers to walk the perimeter and pick-up debris. Keep this activity up on an ongoing, regular basis. The City of St. Joseph will provide clean-up tools such as dumpsters, grabbers and trash bags.



Option 2: Working with the City of St. Joseph we'll identify at-risk blocks in need of assistance in the form of "canvassing the neighborhood." The scope of work may include general clean-up, and brush overgrowth. Landscaping projects and construction projects goes through a grant application process. You would adopt the block, for an agreed upon period of time. To stay in good standing, schedule 3 clean-up events a year. Ideally Spring, Summer, and Fall. The City will provide clean-up tools such as dumpsters, grabbers and trash bags.

Annually the program will be evaluated to determine its success and to make adjustments. Volunteer businesses and the City of St. Joseph Property Maintenance Division will be recognized periodically for the improvements made the community. Participating businesses will be listed on the Imagine St. Joseph 2040 Website and Facebook. We'll ask participating businesses to e-mail photos and content of clean-up events for promotion. For more information, please visit imaginestjoseph2040.com or e-mail brand@saintjoseph.com .



Program Guidelines

1. Please, complete the registration form at <https://imaginestjoseph2040.com/> and attend an organizational meeting.
2. Select your adoption area.
3. Create your clean-up calendar, April 1 - September 30, 2025, please be visible in the adopted area as often as possible.
4. Notify all residents of the planned clean-up(s) and encourage participation.
5. If needed, order trash bags, grabbers, and dumpsters from the City of St. Joseph, Community Services Coordinator.
6. During scheduled canvassing, identify at-risk properties, areas of concern, and report to the Community Services Coordinator.
7. Refer questions about City services and programs to the Community Services Coordinator.
8. If you do not have permission to go onto private property, please keep your organization's volunteers on public spaces.
9. Send photos and content of your clean-up activity and volunteers to brand@saintjoseph.com &/or kschutte@stjosephmo.gov for program promotion.



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