



MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: **Naperville City Council**

By: City Manager's office

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	Source:	Subject:	Action:
1.	Department of Public Works	Adopt a Drain Program Update	FYI

**CITY OF NAPERVILLE
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: October 15, 2020

TO: Doug Krieger, City Manager

FROM: Dick Dublinski, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Adopt A Drain Program Update

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the Adopt A Drain program and share information about the new Adopt A Drain Refer A Friend Program.

BACKGROUND:

Since October 2018, 507 residents have adopted 736 drains throughout Naperville. These residents have committed to inspect the drain and the area around it, remove leaves and other debris from both the drain grate and the surrounding area and to dispose of any leaves and debris in the appropriate waste receptacle before predicted storms, as well as an additional four times a year. With the help of residents, we have seen noticeably less street flooding and ponding water throughout the City after heavy rain and fast-melting snow events.

DISCUSSION:

Leaves, grass clippings, trash, and other debris can block storm drains and prevent water from draining, making fall a great time to encourage current volunteers to regularly inspect and clean their drains, as well as encourage new residents to join the program.

In an effort to recruit even more participants, the City has created a Refer A Friend program in which current participants can sign up for a unique referral code to share with other Naperville residents. The City will select two winners each month; one participant who referred someone to the program and one participant who submitted a photo after cleaning their drain(s). Rewards include brightly colored Adopt A Drain #DrainDefender t-shirts that keep participants visible when cleaning their drains, as well as free yard waste stickers.

For more information about the program, including an interactive map of available drains and more information about how to adopt a drain or refer a friend, visit www.naperville.il.us/adoptadrain.

RECOMMENDATION:

Please include this information in the October 15 Manager's Memorandum.