

Cleaning up Noblesville

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Editor

A group of Noblesville residents worked to keep Noblesville beautiful Saturday morning.

The Hamilton County Probation Department, working in conjunction with Keep Noblesville Beautiful, worked to clean up a stretch of State Road 37, north of Noblesville.

"We try to keep it clean to let people know this is a clean city," Ann Lemna, chair of Keep Noblesville Beautiful, said.

Saturday 12 volunteers worked on State Road 37, which has been adopted by Keep Noblesville Beautiful. Lemna said the goal was to "make it more visually appealing."

This was the second of four times the group takes to the side of the road to pick up trash. Lemna said that when they go out in April each year it is their busiest day.

"We have all the litter from the winter," she said.

Volunteers find Styrofoam cups, which is among the most common item found on the side of the road, along with CDs and even a few gutters. The group has been out on State Road 37 for three years.

"We have seen a substantial decrease in the amount of trash," she said.

They were averaging 50 large trash bags every time they went out to clean, and now they only have 20 bags of trash to haul away.

"We are really happy with that result," Lemna said.

She said that it was important for them to adopt a highway because State Road 37 is a major thoroughfare for Noblesville.

"It needed to be done," she said. "A lot of cars pass through here every day."

The group will return to the shoulder in August and October. Specific dates and times have not been set.



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Ann Lemna picks up trash on State Road 37.