



Street Sweeping

Preserving our shared environment

Street sweeping prolongs pavement life, increases safety, increases community aesthetics, and provides numerous environmental benefits.

- **Protects the local watershed**– street sweeping safely removes many contaminants and unwanted materials from flowing into the storm drains and polluting our rivers, streams lakes and causing backups and flooding.
- **Protects drinking water resources** (particularly surface water resources) – for communities relying on surface water for the potable water supply, keeping contaminants out is of paramount importance.
- **Removes algae-causing materials** – regularly sweeping/cleaning streets helps to remove yard waste items (grass clippings, weeds, leaves, etc.) that contain nitrogen or phosphorus and contribute to the buildup of algae in waterbodies.
- **Reduces freshwater salinization** –routine street sweeping/cleaning helps to reduce excess road salt accumulated throughout the winter months. Any road salt removal helps reduce the risks to freshwater resources from increased salinization.

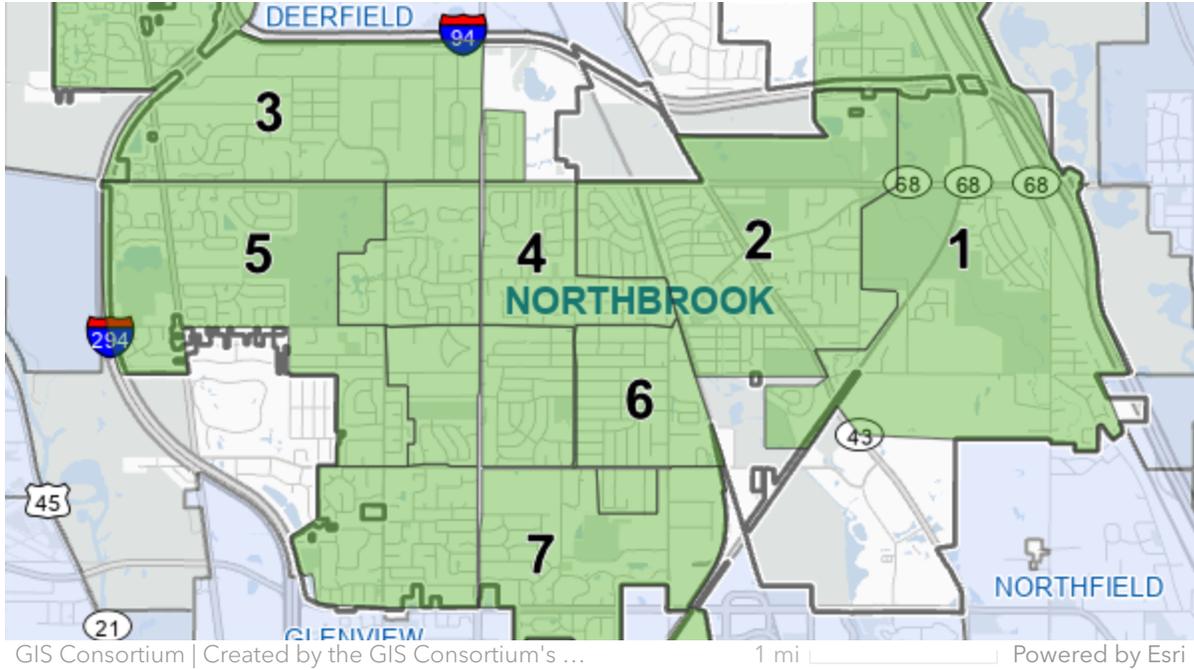


- **Protects wetlands** – street sweeping/cleaning removes contaminants and other debris from entering nearby wetlands, which in turn allows these natural filters to maintain greater water storage and filtration capacity.
- **Preserved wildlife:** street sweeping helps eliminate the number of plastics and litter that end up on the sides of roads and ends up harming local wildlife.
- **Controls dust** – dust is a common air pollutant with can cause both environmental and health problems. Regular street sweeping/cleaning helps reduce the accumulation of dust and control its distribution into the atmosphere.
- **Protects pavement:** routine sweeping helps to remove wearing debris and extend the life paved roads and paths.
- Improves safety for pedestrians and bicyclists – for those who commute by foot or bike, or those who just enjoy a leisurely walk or ride, the removal of accumulated debris along a street makes it safer to travel. It also helps keeps pedestrians and cyclists from having to swing in and out of the primary travel lanes to avoid the debris.

“ By reducing the amount of road debris, street sweeping is helping to preserve our local rivers, waterways, beaches, and atmosphere. ”

Activity

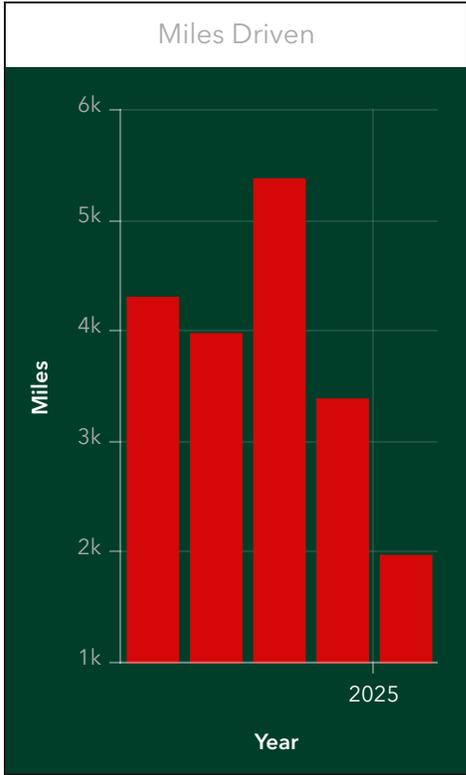
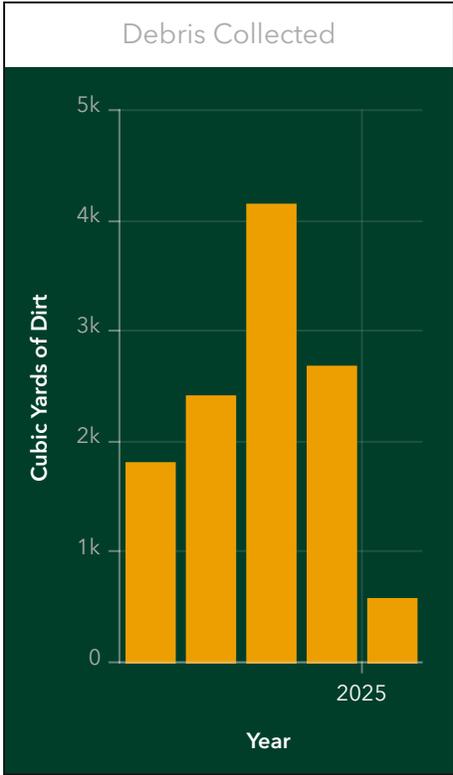
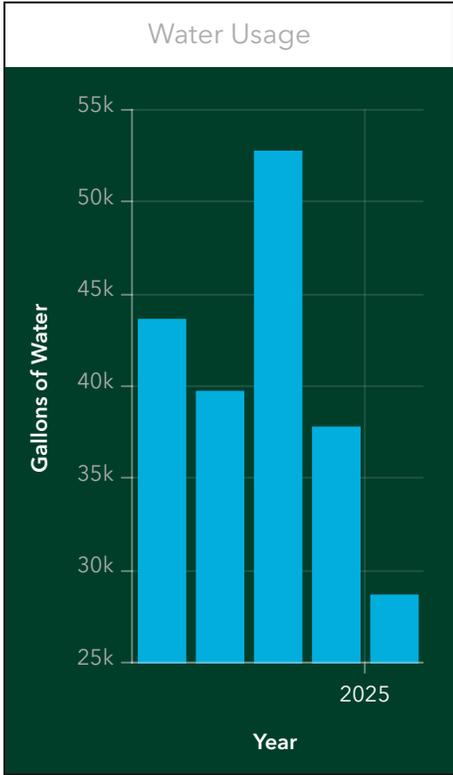
The map below shows street sweeping activity in the Village. Sections in green have recently been **completed**; sections in blue are currently **in progress**; and sections in gray have **yet to be started**.



Street Sweeping Activity Map

Progress

Comparative totals across sweeping program years.



For any specific questions or concerns, please call the Public Works Department at (847) 272-4711. Follow us on Facebook for program updates.