



Somerville's Voluntary Sidewalk Improvement Program for Residential Property Owners

Dear Neighbor:

I am pleased to announce the Borough Council has initiated a program which allows residential property owners to repair, replace, or install sidewalks at bulk quantity rates. It's called the Voluntary Sidewalk Improvement Program, and it is purely voluntary.

The Voluntary Sidewalk Improvement Program is for residential property owners and enables you to replace all or part of an existing public sidewalk or driveway apron. Or, you may install a new public sidewalk where none currently exists. If you have bluestone sidewalks, you can have them reset or replaced under this program.

The Borough will advertise and award the construction contract, and inspect the work to assure quality.

To participate, fill out the attached application and return it to Borough Hall. Our Engineering Office will inspect your property and give you a cost estimate for the work to be done. If you want to go ahead with the job, you will be asked to sign a contract outlining the terms and conditions of payment.

The Sidewalk Improvement Program is an excellent opportunity to make sidewalk repairs or installation which you may have been putting off. It is another way we're making Somerville a better place for all of us.

Mayor Brian G. Gallagher

Please read carefully and sign the acknowledgement on reverse side of paper:

1. Administrative costs and costs of improvements will be billed to the applicant for payment as follows:
 - a. one (1) lump sum payment (required for repairs under \$500.00)
 - b. one (1) payment per year for 3 years (interest will accrue on the outstanding balance)

Note: Some portions of the work you will be assessed for may need to be rebuilt at a later date by the Borough as part of a road project. There is no compensation to the owner by the Borough as a result of this replacement.
2. The Borough's representative will examine the property and work designated in the application and will inspect the final construction.
3. This document is an application only. If your application is selected, a written agreement stating the quantities and unit cost of materials and total estimated cost will be sent to you. You must return the signed agreement or cancel your application in writing within 10 days.

Please print or type the information requested:

Residential Property Owner Name (Print)

Signature of Owner (Acknowledgement)

Date

Street Address (Subject Somerville Property)

Tax Block _____ Lot _____

Email address

Phone /or Cell no.

Return your application to:

Engineering Office, Somerville Borough Hall, 25 West End Avenue, Somerville, NJ 08876
If you have any questions, please call the assistant to the Engineer at 908-704-2490. You can also email a .pdf of this completed form to: bnally@somervillenj.org.

Improvements Requested:

Only perimeter sidewalks (those that run parallel to the street) are eligible for this program.

I am interested in:

Sidewalks: Estimated length _____ feet (Please show on attached sketch form)
_____ Replacing all of my sidewalk _____ Installing a new sidewalk (previously not existing)
_____ Replacing a few slabs _____ Resetting or replacing bluestone sidewalk

Driveway apron*: One car _____ Two cars _____
_____ Replacing a driveway apron sidewalk and curb
_____ Replacing sidewalk section of apron (2-3 slabs)
_____ Both of above sections

* If you need to expand your driveway or widen the opening please indicate that on the below sketch area provided. A separate Zoning permit may be required for any driveway widening.

Effect of Future Borough road work:

In its yearly roadway maintenance program, the Borough may have cause to remove all or a portion of this sidewalk/apron assessment work at a later date due street grade changes or other engineering considerations as may be required. The owner/resident will not be compensated for what may be considered as a loss from the useful life of private improvements made within the public right-of-way under this program.

Street Trees

Every effort will be made to save the street tree(s) in front of your home. If the tree(s) must be removed in the process of constructing the sidewalk, the homeowner may obtain replacements at a cost through our "Tree Replacement Program" or inquire as to the next Engineering Roadway Improvement Project through which trees may be planted at no cost.

Sketch:

Sidewalk

Curb

Roadway Pavement

