

### B-CLEAR DATA SET SPOTLIGHT: STREET DIVISION – PUBLIC WORKS

“B-Clear” is short for *Bloomington Clear*, a web-based, one-stop site for data about the City of Bloomington, its services, and its neighborhoods. The site is open to the public and includes over 200 data sets about everything from park trails to police calls to paving schedules.

This month, I’m spotlighting *Street Division Stats for Public Works*. How many traffic signals are maintained by Bloomington city workers? How many lanes of road were paved (or resurfaced) and how many tons of asphalt were used last year? It’s all here!

The Street Division of the Public Works Department provides maintenance and repair for the City of Bloomington’s 234 lane miles of streets. It is tasked with street paving and resurfacing; maintenance repairs to the City’s alley network; installation of sidewalks, curbs and accessible ramps; repair and maintenance of lane markings; street signs and traffic control devices; snow removal operations; street sweeping and leaf collection.

#### FIND OUT MORE:

<https://data.bloomington.in.gov/dataset/street>



### THEY'RE HERE!

#### 2021 COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to every one who participated in the third biennial *Bloomington Community* Survey in March and April! Results were presented to City Council on July 21<sup>st</sup>. As in 2019 and 2017, the randomized, scientifically valid survey conducted in March and April of this year gave residents the opportunity to provide feedback on general perceptions of the quality of life in Bloomington; to evaluate City programs and services; and to identify projects or issues facing the City.

#### FIND OUT MORE AND SEE THE REPORT:

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### LOWER CASCADES: UPDATE + NEW STREAMBANK STABILIZATION AND TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the months-long series of meetings on the proposed road closure in Lower Cascades. You had a tremendous impact on the decision-making process and on the ultimate outcome. BRAVO for taking time to be informed, active members of the community! The road is now open to pedestrians and cyclists, but remains closed to motor vehicles while the City repairs damage from June flooding and installs traffic-calming measures in advance of reopening.



Work has also begun on the Lower Cascades Streambank Stabilization and Trail Phase 5 Project, which will create a ¼ mile of new 8-foot wide paved trail from the southern end of the Sycamore Shelter parking lot to a new trail roundabout just south of the Waterfall Shelter. From there, an accessible boardwalk (700+ feet!) will be built to a viewing platform at the waterfall, and a new pedestrian bridge will connect the roundabout to the southern parts of the park.

The project will also stabilize 400+ feet of streambank by removing parts of the damaged and eroded wall, pulling back the streambank into tiers, and lining them with large limestone blocks. Pulling back the streambank will allow the creek to slow down during high-water events, reducing erosion and the amount of sediment carried by the water. Additionally, the project will install new infrastructure for improved lighting through this portion of the park.

## 1000 HOUSEHOLDS WHO MULCH: REGISTRATION OPEN THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1



For years, many of us have taken part in the fall ritual of raking leaves to the curb and waiting for the arrival of the noisy, diesel-powered vacuum trucks that come and take them away. What isn't widely known, is that this program costs a lot (\$750,000+) and leaves a pretty hefty carbon footprint. So what can we do about that?

**1,000 Households Who Mulch** is an expansion of the 2020 pilot project that challenged Bloomington residents to mulch and compost as much as possible and only put the excess leaves out for collection by the yard waste crew. This year, we are looking for 1,000 households to try mulching and composting as much as possible. Not sure if you want to try it? Here are a few of the incentives:

- Everyone who signs up will receive free yard waste bags (if you want them).
- If you are part of the pilot and you set out yard waste bags, you will not be charged a fee.
- The first 300 households to sign up and specify that they will use yard waste bags will also receive a free yard waste bag holder.
- Everyone who signs up will get 1/2-off a 4-month subscription to EarthKeepers kitchen waste compost drop-off service (which amounts to \$6/month).

Not sure how to mulch or compost? We'll supply you with literature, a bevy of hands-on demonstrations, and even a yard consult if you want it!

### FIND OUT MORE AND GET REGISTERED:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/innovate/2021-leaves>

## APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: CITIZENS' REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION

Every decade, two years after the US Census, Indiana Code requires City Council to redraw its districts. The **Citizens Redistricting Advisory Commission (CRAC)** is an *independent, politically balanced body* whose purpose is to recommend the new boundaries that divide the city into six council districts.

Data used to draw maps will be made publicly available, public comment will be gathered and voters will be able to submit their own maps to the Commission online. To reach as large an audience as possible, public meetings will be scheduled at various times and days and take place in at least 3 of the 6 current council districts.

Once its work is complete, the Commission will issue its recommended maps to the Common Council with descriptions of council districts and a report that explains how the recommended districts comply with BMC 2.12.120(e).

### Who is eligible to serve?

Registered voters who live in the City of Bloomington will make up the 9-member commission. Members should have voted as a resident in at least one of the last two general elections. (MyBloomington can be used to verify residency.) The Commission will be evenly divided by political affiliation; three democrats, three republicans and three independents. Please note: one member of each political designation should be a full-time student at Indiana University-Bloomington.

### FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY TO SERVE:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/council/redistricting>

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