



VILLAGE OF FORSYTH, ILLINOIS

## **Sidewalk Maintenance Program**

### **Village Responsibility**

The Public Works Department administers the Sidewalk Maintenance Program for the Village of Forsyth. The maintenance program includes repair for damage due to Village tree roots, weathering and regular use. Public Works Department engages in active inspection of its concrete sidewalks as well as in response to public concerns.

### **Public Responsibility**

Damage to sidewalks due to activities attributed to private property owners are the responsibility of private property owners. Common activities which can damage sidewalks include: private landscaping and drainage from private property. The Public Works Department conducts site investigations in response to public concerns and determines if sidewalk damage is attributable to private property owners. Private property owners may be cited for repairs pending the outcome of these investigations.

### **Maintenance Criteria**

The criteria which warrants sidewalk repair are as follows:

- Vertical separation greater than ½"
- Horizontal separation greater than ½"
- Vegetative overgrowth encroaching onto the concrete sidewalk area
- Obstructions located within the sidewalk area
- Other defects deemed necessary for repair

