

Conditions for Participation in Adopt-A-Highway

The Department allows volunteer groups to participate in beautification of the state by picking up litter along selected segments of the State Highway System as part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program. All volunteers and volunteer groups are subject to the following conditions:

1. Any organization, business, individual, family, city, county, state, or federal agency is welcome to apply for participation in the Georgia Adopt-A-Highway Program. Each volunteer group must have at least six members, with three backup members.
2. Children ages 12 to 15 are welcome to participate in litter pickup but must be supervised by one adult for every three children. Minors' waivers must include the name of the minor and the adult approving participation and signed by the child's parent or legal guardian. Children under 12 are not allowed to participate.
3. The Department will provide a sign acknowledging the segment of road has been adopted. GDOT will place the signs at the beginning of your adoption project area on both sides of the road. The schedule of sign placement and the size, content and location are at the discretion of GDOT. The participating group may apply for its name to be included on the signs if the group has signed the non-discrimination pledge portion of the Adopt-a-Highway application. Logos, insignias, slogans, phone or fax numbers, Internet addresses, ham radio IDs, or directions are not allowed.
4. Acknowledgement signs which are damaged by any means or for any reason, beyond normal wear and tear, will not be replaced more than once per twelve month period. Signs will not be replaced for groups who have not picked up litter within the previous 120 days.
5. Groups can only adopt routes considered safe and appropriate for such activities. Controlled access roads and roads with speed limits greater than 55 mph are unsafe for volunteer litter pickup and are not eligible for adoption.
6. Due to the normal conditions in the right of way, all volunteers are required to wear plain colored pants and shirts and a Department approved safety vest. Bare legs and open shoes are not allowed. Baseball caps are acceptable for sun protection. However, no words, slogans or designs are allowed on any clothing or headwear. The Department reserves the right to remove any individual(s) or group(s) whose participation in litter pickup causes a disturbance or unsafe condition on the road.
7. Every individual participant in litter pickup must fully complete the required waiver. The completed waiver must be submitted to the District Adopt -A-Highway coordinator no less than the second business day before beginning any litter pick-up. All release forms **must** be on file in GDOT offices **before** volunteers are given permission to do litter pickups on state-controlled roadways.
8. The Adopt-A-Highway Status Report must be completed and returned to the District Adopt-A-Highway coordinator no more than 7 days after completion of the litter pickup. The Department may remove a group from participation in the Program if pickups are not performed quarterly, the Status Report is not timely submitted, or if there are discrepancies between the Application, Waivers, or Status Reports.

9. Volunteer groups are expected to pick up their adopted sites at least once a quarter, for a minimum of four times per year.
10. Volunteers will wear GDOT-provided safety vests at all times during litter pickups which must be purchased from the Department. The Department will provide vests at cost. Groups must pay for all vests when they are picked up from the Department. Once purchased the group may re-use the vests for subsequent litter pickups provided they are in good condition.



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Adopt-A-Road

The Keep Bartow Beautiful **Adopt-a-Road Program** is modeled after the Georgia Department of Transportation's **Adopt-a-Highway** Program. Volunteers can adopt a stretch of Bartow County roadway, and help remove litter from that roadside. (See links to forms below.) Volunteers are only able to adopt a state route through the **Adopt-a-Highway** website. Either way, Adopting a roadway benefits everyone as it:

- saves taxpayer dollars
- provides recognition for participating companies and organizations
- raises public awareness of the costs of littering
- improves the environment
- promotes civic responsibility and pride
- provides assistance to the cleaning of city and county roadways

Adopt-a-Road sponsors help their community reduce litter removal costs. In Bartow County alone, three litter crews work regularly to pick up the roads, at a cost of over \$100,000 annually. The state of Georgia spends an additional \$11,000,000 annually to remove roadside trash along state highways and interstates. [Adopt a Road Participants List 2016](#)

Any civic-minded group, business, industry or individual is welcome to apply for participation in the Adopt-a-Road program. Click following link for a list of [Adopt A Road Program Participants](#)

- adopt at least a one-mile stretch of county/city roadway
- remove litter from that roadway at least four times a year
- file quarterly reports of that removal with Keep Bartow Beautiful

Each adopter will receive:

- a packet of information on the Adopt-a-Road program
- two signs, placed on the adopted area, with the adopter's name
- safety training
- safety vests, gloves, and trash bags

[Adopt A Road Annual Project Summary 2016](#)

To receive an information packet with application forms, call 770-387-5167 or click here to print [1-Adopt a Road Letter](#) , [1A- Planning your event](#) , [2-Adopt A Road rules](#) , [3-Adopt A Road Agreement](#) , [4-Safety Requirements](#) , [5-Adopt A Road Release Form](#) , [6-Adopt A Road Quarterly Report Form](#) ,

Please leave your name, phone number and mailing address. Or you may mail info to Keep Bartow Beautiful, P.O. Box 786, Cartersville, GA 30120.

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Adopt-A-Road

Is your group ready to improve the environment?

The Adopt-A-Road program gives concerned individuals the opportunity to help their local community environment by collecting litter and beautifying streets in their neighborhood. This countywide program allows the "You're the Solution to Litter Pollution" motto to spark awareness amongst citizens of all ages.

Adopt-A-Road (AAR) is a litter reduction and prevention program. Highly motivated, environmentally conscious individuals work tirelessly to ensure that DeKalb County is clean and well trimmed thereby upholding its reputation as one the nation's "Best Nature Friendly Places to Live".

Volunteer groups are given the opportunity to organize their own cleanups within their communities. Keep DeKalb Beautiful supplies trash bags, gloves, pick-up sticks and vests to assist them with cleanups. In return for usage of supplies, KDB requires Adopt A Road groups and volunteer cleanups to submit a Clean Up Report (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHjOrhRwjns8hNv6Z6SII8EMmJzxuIXwrKUj6pUYOG4IvA/viewform>) form after each event!

Why Adopt?

- It's an easy way for groups to help the community
- It makes a visible impact on your local environment
- It helps build community and group pride
- It reduces litter cleanup costs and saves taxpayers money

To get started click here for Adoption

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdx4Nd2NEAnTXDOXGqaszcszXE1YFVVOiC0UKm8Y4JyvX7Q/viewform>) forms.

Interested in conducting a cleanup for your community, but not ready to adopt? Please click here for our Cleanup Request Form (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHjOrhRwjns8hNv6Z6SII8EMmJzxuIXwrKUj6pUYOG4IvA/viewform>). You can fill out and return the form to our office and receive our borrowed supplies for your cleanup.

All cleanup volunteer groups are required to submit a Cleanup Report Form (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfHjOrhRwjns8hNv6Z6SIIB8EMmJzxuIlXwrKUj6pUYOG4IvA/viewform>) after their event.

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