

ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

The purpose of the Adopt-A-Road program is to promote citizen involvement and participation in improving our environment and preserving the natural beauty of Boone County roadways.

LITTER CONTROL

Adopt-A-Road volunteers help maintain attractive roadsides by picking up litter along Boone County roadways. Listed below are the requirements for participation in the adopt-a-road program:

- Adopt at least one mile of roadway
- Collect litter at least one time during each year
- Sign a three-year agreement which may be canceled by the participant or the County

To support the adopt-a-road program, the County will:

- Put up signs with the group's name at each end of the adopted roadway. Participants may also choose to adopt in the memory of a loved one, and have their name on the sign instead.
- Provide a supply of adopt-a-road bags and safety vests. Up to 2 dozen bags per year and 6 safety vests per 3-year adoption agreement will be available for pick up at the Department of Public Works (5551 Highway 63 South). Additional bags and vests may be purchased at private expense from retail outlets.
- If requested, Public Works will provide a scheduled pick-up at least once a year for a major clean-up event (typically scheduled in early April in conjunction with the Clean-Up Columbia event). Adopt-a-road volunteers will be responsible for trash disposal at other times during the year.

Volunteers who wish to participate in the program are to submit an application to the Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works shall recommend roadways to be adopted under this program to the County Commission for their approval. The Department shall provide periodic reports to the County Commission on the condition of all adopted roadways. Adopt-A-Road agreements will typically be renewable on March 1st of every 3rd year. Volunteers who no longer wish to participate should notify the County Right-of-Way agent at the Department of Public Works.

MOWING/BEAUTIFICATION OF COUNTY RIGHT OF WAYS

Various beautification efforts such as landscaping with shrubs and native plants can also enhance the beauty of our roadsides; however these activities are not a part of the County Adopt-a-Road program. Residents are advised that any plantings on County Right-of-Way may be destroyed during the course of routine road maintenance. It will be the priority of the Department to maintain proper site distance and drainage on County roadways.

Mail Completed Form to: Boone County Public Works, 5551 Hwy. 63 South, Columbia, MO 65201

REMOVAL OF ADOPT-A-ROAD SIGNS

If the adopted section of roadway is not maintained according to this policy, the Department of Public Works will attempt to contact the volunteer to determine if they intend to continue litter pick up on the road. If the volunteer cannot be contacted or is no longer available to participate, the Adopt-a-Road signs will be removed by the Department of Public Works.

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Signature, Presiding Commissioner Date