

Howard County  
Department of Public Works

ADOPT-A-ROAD  
PROGRAM

Help us keep Howard County beautiful!

Only 4 Days a Year Can Make a BIG difference

Howard County Department of Public Works  
Adopt-A-Road Program  
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Columbia, MD 21046

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<http://www.co.ho.md.us>

Keep Howard County beautiful!  
Show you care about the place you live!

WHAT AM I EXPECTED TO DO?

You can request a specific road or section of road for adoption, or we can suggest one for you. However, for safety reasons, some roads may be ineligible for adoption (narrow shoulders, no shoulders or roads with limited sight distances).

Groups are requested to adopt a 1-3 mile section of a county road for a minimum of 2 years.

Litter should be picked up from your adopted road as needed. We request a minimum of 4 times a year with a major clean up in the spring of each year.

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WHAT MATERIALS DO I NEED?

Howard County will provide you with portable safety warning signs, safety vests, and plastic bags for use during clean up activities.

We strongly recommend that clean up attire should consist of light-colored clothing, pants, shirts with long sleeves, bright colored hats, heavy gloves and sturdy soled footwear.

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HOW DO I SIGN UP?

We have a complete volunteer packet, including the program guidelines and other necessary forms explaining the program before you get started! In a few weeks, a sign will be posted, acknowledging the contribution of you or your organization's efforts! Contact the Department of Public Works Adopt-A-Road Program Coordinator at 410-313-7450 today for more details.

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Comments from our volunteers:

James Lee, Group Leader  
Columbia Patuxent Rotary Club  
Snowden River Parkway

“The Adopt-A-Road Program is a project that has immediate gratification for our efforts. After only 3 hours on a Saturday morning, Snowden River Parkway was transformed from dirty to clean. We enjoy doing things that help other people, and we were gratified at the end of the day.”

Ellen Makar, Group Leader  
Residents from Simpson Woods  
Pindell School Road

“It all started with my 3 year old daughter. One day she asked, ‘Mommy, why is there so much trash on this road?’ I couldn’t come up with an answer, so I got involved. It’s a good community building activity, as well as a contribution to the environment. Our volunteers include seniors, teenagers and parents that care about our community.”

Boyd Rutherford, Group Leader  
Howard County Republican Party  
Murray Hill Road

“Participating in the Adopt-A-Road Program is one way that we can help keep Howard County a wonderful place to live and raise our children.”

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## Howard County needs your help.

Litter among our roadways is becoming a BIG problem. Hundreds of Howard County citizens are making a difference by “ADOPTING” a county road, helping to maintain a clean environment and strengthen pride in our community.

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## WHY ADOPT A ROAD?

Howard County Department of Public Works is committed to provide the citizens of Howard county with a clean and environmentally safe community. Street sweeping is performed on most county roads four times a year. The Bureau of Highways road crews consistently travel throughout the County cleaning up debris on county roads. But they need help. Volunteers are needed to monitor and pick up litter and other debris thrown onto our roadways by careless or irresponsible citizens. By volunteering to pick up litter at least 4 times a year on a selected road, you can make a tremendous impact on the appearance of your neighborhood, community and Howard County.

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## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

The Adopt-A-Road Program is open to any individual, family or civic, business or church group located or residing within Howard County.

Participants must be a minimum of 12 years old. Groups with members less than 16 years old must be supervised by an adult (18 years or older). At least 1 adult is required for every 5 participants less than 16 years old.

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### APPLICATION

GROUP NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
FAX or OTHER PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF ROAD TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

BEGINNING AT \_\_\_\_\_  
ENDING AT \_\_\_\_\_

NAME TO APPEAR ON SIGN (1-2 rows up to 12  
letters maximum)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN TO: Adopt-A-Road Program  
Coordinator, Department of Public Works, 3430  
Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043  
FAX: 410-313-7260.  
WEB SITE: <http://www.co.ho.md.us>

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Road checked & approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Road adoptable? \_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_ no

COMMENTS:

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