

# ***Keep Screven Beautiful Adopt-a-County Road Program***

## ***What is Adopt-A-County Road?***

Adopt-A-County Road is a litter control program sponsored by Keep Screven Beautiful (KSB) to provide volunteer community support for anti-litter and beautification programs with the potential for a cost of savings to Screven County. Although not required, participating groups may also wish to initiate special beautification projects (e.g. planting flowers, working with land owners to clean-up unsightly private property, etc.)

This program will reduce litter along the streets, enhance the environment and beautify Screven County.

## ***Definitions***

Adopted section - a particular section of county road or right-of-way designated by Keep Screven Beautiful (KSB) to be adopted by the volunteer individual or group participating in the Adopt-a-Road program.

Adopter - the individual or group approved by KSB to be a participant in the Adopt-a-County Road program.

Adopter representative - a group sponsor or member designated to represent the volunteer group and serve as its liaison with KSB. The adopter representative is the person who signs the agreement. All groups must have a sponsor in which KSB can contact. Sponsors cannot be students; they must be a faculty person or resident of Screven County. If your sponsor changes, you must contact KSB with the new contact person.

Agreement - the written agreement between the volunteer individual or group adopting a section of the county or right-of-way and KSB.

## ***Who Can Adopt?***

Any individual or civic-minded organization can adopt a section of county road.

## ***What Are the Organization's Responsibilities?***

Every group shall prohibit participants from possessing, consuming, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while participating in the program.

KSB may refuse to grant a request to participate in the program if false statements have been submitted or if habitual abuse of the rules has taken place.

Adopt a section of street right-of-way for a minimum of two (2) years.

Due to issues placing signs on dirt roads, you must adopt the entire length of a dirt road.

All participants in the Adopt-a-County Road program must sign a waiver and release form prior to working on the streets. Group sign-off is to be completed each time the street is cleaned.

Each group shall provide one (1) adult supervisor for every eight (8) participants between thirteen and seventeen (13-17) years of age and one (1) adult supervisor for every four (4) participants between six and twelve (6-12) years of age. No one under the age of six (6) will be allowed to participate in the program.

Organizations and citizen groups accept responsibility for a minimum of a one mile section of a county road.

Collect litter and debris along the adopted section a minimum of four times a year. Periodic inspection between "litter patrols" is also recommended to identify special code, law enforcement, or other problems that the adopting organization may wish to bring to the attention of the city.

Place litter in trash bags provided by KSB and place filled trash bags in a nearby dumpster. If the group encounters large items, tires, batteries or other hazardous materials, they may call KSB and make special arrangements for the County to pick up those items.

Check out and wear safety vests each time trash is collected and return vests when finished. Vests will be provided by KSB, and should be returned during normal business hours of 8:00 to 11:00 am Monday through Thursday.

KSB will provide signs that identify the adopter. The sign set will consist of two signs at both ends of each adopted road section indicating which group has adopted each section. The erection of a sign is not a requirement for participation in the program.

If a group adopts a section of road and does not take responsibility for it causing them to be inactive and the county removes their signs, then they will be responsible for paying the expenses for erecting another set of signs at the current cost.

### ***What Are KSB's Responsibilities?***

KSB will furnish and erect two road signs indicating the section of road under adoption and the name of the organization.

If the adopting group encounters large items, tires, batteries or other hazardous materials, they may call KSB and make special arrangements for the County to pick up those items.

KSB will supply trash bags, gloves and vests.

### ***Termination of the Agreement***

This agreement may be modified or terminated at the sole discretion of KSB. KSB reserves the right to terminate the program agreement and remove the signs when, in the sole judgment of KSB, it is found that:

- Continuing the agreement would be counterproductive to the program's purpose, or have undesirable results such as increased litter or vandalism or would jeopardize the safety of the participants, traveling public or department employees;
- The adopter is not meeting or has not met the terms and conditions of the agreement or any of the requirements set forth;
- Actions of the adopter may be contrary to any legislative restrictions or any restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for political activities.

### ***How Does an Organization Adopt?***

Any interested group should contact the Executive Director at the Keep Screven Beautiful office:

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