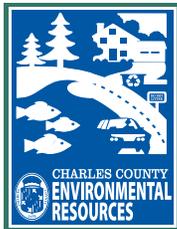


Charles County Department of Public Works

ADOPT-A-ROAD Program Application

A Charles County Commissioner
Environmental Program

Date	
Contact Person	
Name/Organization	
Mailing Address <i>Include City, State, and Zip Code</i>	
Daytime Phone	
Evening Phone	
Email Address	
Road Choice <i>Please list two</i>	1st Choice
	2nd Choice



**Please clip and mail the
completed form to:**

Charles County
Department of Public Works
Adopt-A-Road Program
1001 Radio Station Road
La Plata, Maryland 20646

You may also fax your completed form to: 301-932-3579.

Learn more about environmental resources at:
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Mission Statement — The mission of Charles County Government is to provide our citizens the highest quality service possible in a timely, efficient, and courteous manner. To achieve this goal, our government must be operated in an open and accessible atmosphere, be based on comprehensive long- and short-term planning, and have an appropriate managerial organization tempered by fiscal responsibility. We support and encourage efforts to grow a diverse workplace.

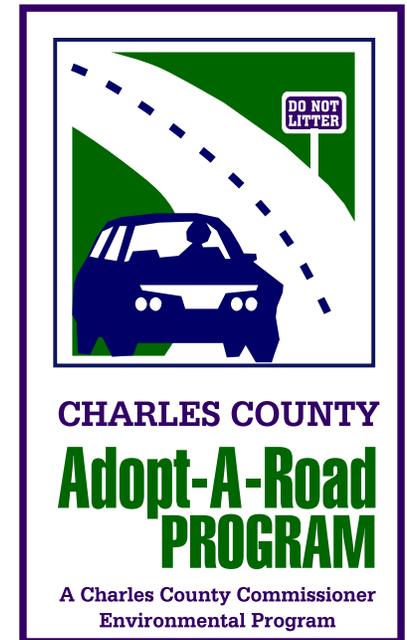
Vision Statement — Charles County is a place where all people thrive and businesses grow and prosper; where the preservation of our heritage and environment is paramount; where government services to its citizens are provided at the highest level of excellence; and where the quality of life is the best in the nation.

Americans With Disabilities—The Charles County Government welcomes the participation of individuals with disabilities. We comply fully with the Americans With Disabilities Act in making reasonable accommodations to encourage involvement. If you require special assistance and would like to participate in our programs, please contact the Charles County Government directly.



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WANTED: Charles County Citizens to ADOPT-A-ROAD!



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**Adopt-A-Road
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What exactly is the Adopt-A-Road Program?

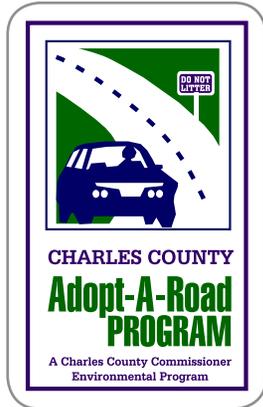
The **Adopt-A-Road Program** is a litter awareness campaign designed to aid in the removal of litter and debris from County maintained roadways.

Who can participate in the Adopt-A-Road Program?

This anti-litter program establishes partnerships between individual residents, volunteer groups, and businesses with the Charles County Department of Public Works in their never-ending quest for a cleaner, healthier environment.

As an Adopt-A-Road volunteer, what am I expected to do?

Volunteers of the Charles County Adopt-A-Road Program merely agree to clean “their” adopted road no less than three times in a calendar year!



Don't Be a Litterbug!

The Adopt-A-Road program is a great environment activity for:

- Individuals
- Families and Friends
- Youth and High School Groups
- Community Scout Troops
- Local Businesses and Associations



Does the Adopt-A-Road Program cost anything?

There is NO cost to volunteer for this program and NO cost for recognition signs! Cleanup supplies are provided. This includes trash bags, gloves, and safety vests. Filled trash bags will even be removed from sides of the road upon notification to the Department of Public Works.

Who benefits from the Adopt-A-Road Program?

Everybody benefits from this volunteer effort...the County receives much needed assistance in litter removal and, in addition to contributing to your community's beautification, you or your organization will have one or two official signs erected on your adopted road recognizing your environmental efforts.

What roads are adoptable?

Charles County roads maintained by the Department of Public Works that are not currently adopted are available for adoption.

Roads that are assessed a route number such as U.S. Route 301, Route 5, Route 6, are roads that are maintained by the State Highway Administration.

All road adoptions must be approved by the Litter Control Superintendent.

How do I apply to Adopt-A-Road?

IT'S EASY! You can request to adopt a county road by completing the application on the opposite side of this brochure; or call the Department of Public Works at **301-932-3599** or **301-870-2778**.

Recycling Facts

Recycling helps create the products we use every day – from soda containers to writing paper, carpet, and automobiles. Recycling mines valuable materials out of garbage to make new products. That's what makes it one of the oldest environmental practices and one of the most beneficial.

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, recycling...

- ★ Conserves natural resources to sustain the environment.
- ★ Reduces the need for landfilling and incineration.
- ★ Saves energy and prevents pollution caused by the extraction and processing of virgin materials.

What Gets Recycled?

American communities recycled and composted nearly 30% of municipal solid waste, diverting millions of tons of material to recovery. What got recycled: paper, aluminum, steel, plastics, glass, scrap tires, cell phones, and electronics.

The Recycling Loop

Recycling begins when individuals collect and set aside materials to be recovered through curbside pickup, drop-off locations at schools and offices, and other collection programs. Haulers pick up and transport recyclables to a processing facility where they are separated to create the highest value raw materials. These are sold to manufacturers for making new products. The cycle begins again when consumers purchase products and packaging made with recycled content.

