

## **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY PERMIT APPLICATION**

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The Marathon County Highway Department (the "Department") and the volunteer group named below and the participating agents thereof (the "Group") recognize the need and the desirability of litter-free highways. The Group is therefore applying for a permit to join the Adopt-a-Highway program.

Please complete this application to the best of your ability and submit it to the Department.

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Group Name:													
Number of Participants:													
Group Name as It Should Appear on Signs: (max. 20 characters per line)													
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Contact Person:													
Day Phone:													
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Fax:													
Mailing Address:													
HIGHWAY SECTION YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ADOPTING													
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice: County Highway	from					_ to							
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice: County Highway													

## THE GROUP AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

- The Group is to be considered volunteers, and not officers, employees, nor agents of the Department. The Department will not be held responsible for any injuries, claims, liabilities, suits, or costs thereof whatsoever arising from the activities of the Group.
- The Group acknowledges the potentially hazardous nature of the work involved in this project and the absolute necessity of following safety rules and regulations. The potential hazardous nature of this project includes, but is not limited to, passing vehicles and contact with dangerous or hazardous articles left along the roadside.
- The Group agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Department from any injury, cost, suit, liability, or award of any type whatsoever resulting or arising from the issuance or exercise of this permit.
- The Group agrees to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the Department for special conditions that may exist on a particular adopted section.
- The Group accepts the responsibility of picking up litter at least two times on the section of highway listed hereinabove during the period beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> and ending November 1<sup>st</sup>.

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- The Group shall provide at least one adult supervisor for every four workers under the age of 18. No persons who are not at least 11 years old or in at least the 6<sup>th</sup> grade shall be permitted to be present during work.
- The Group shall make arrangements for off-road parking or shuttle bus-type transportation to and from the worksite. All vehicles shall be parked at least 3 feet from the pavement parallel to when parking on the highway.
- Each participant shall have reviewed all safety rules and brochures before participation. The Group leader(s) shall review the safety rules with all participants before proceeding to the highway segment.
- The Group shall not work beyond its section limits.
- The Group shall not pick up litter in medians or tunnels, on bridges or overpasses, nor around other structures that would pose a danger.
- The Group shall work only during daylight hours and in good weather.
- The Group shall properly display both traffic safety signs during litter pickup.
- The Group shall work on only one side of the road at a time. No one is permitted to walk across the highway.
- The Group shall wear safety vests at all times while working.
- When the Group encounters closed containers or items suspected to be hazardous, these items shall be flagged and otherwise left alone. Any item the Group does not want to pick up should be flagged.
- The Group shall place filled trash bags at intersections or by its Adopt-a-Highway sign.
- The Group shall order the required supplies and materials from the Department. Unused materials and supplies may be retained by the Group during the agreement period, but must be returned as instructed at the end of said period or if the Group drops out of the program.
- The Group shall not collect litter during the five days prior to or following Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.
- Within 24 hours of a collection, the Group shall call in a cleanup report to the Department at 715–261–1814.

The authorized party signing below on behalf of the Group declares that he/she has read and understands all of the terms and conditions set forth herein, and further declares that all of the terms and conditions set forth herein will be either read by or explained to any and all persons participating on behalf of the Group.

Group's Authorized Signature	Title	Date	

## THE DEPARTMENT AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

- The Department shall provide the Group with traffic safety signs, safety vests, trash bags, marker flags, safety brochures, and any other materials which it deems prudent and useful in protecting the Group from harm, insofar as the Group could not be reasonably expected to provide the materials for itself.
- The Department shall remove the filled trash bags as soon as possible after the Group has notified the Department that it has picked trash.
- The Department reserves the unilateral right to refuse or revise Group name acronyms when preparing signs.

The Department approves this permit for the Group to participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program for the section identified hereinabove. The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel this permit at any time.

Marathon County Highway Commissioner's Signature	Date