

WHAT IS ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY?

A HIGHWAY SYSTEM SECOND TO NONE.

Maryland has a rich and varied landscape that stretches from her scenic western mountains to the sands of her Eastern Shore beaches. From one end to the other, Maryland has some of the most beautiful highways and byways one can see in America, roads that are among the best anywhere.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Every year, tens of thousands of visitors travel our highways enjoying our scenery, our people and our places of interest. Unfortunately they are often treated to the sight of trash and waste along the roadside. Uncaring and selfish individuals mar the beauty of our State with their careless actions. These thoughtless people cost the State \$5,000,000 every year to pick up after them. This is highway robbery, because that money could have been better spent on highway projects of a more lasting nature.

STOP WASTE AND TRASH

Let's do it now! SWAT those litterbugs. We owe it to ourselves to make a difference. How can you help to make this change, to take control of this persistent problem? You can adopt-a-highway, that's how.

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The purpose of the Adopt-A-Highway Program is to control and reduce litter on the State's highways at a reduced cost to the State. For this purpose, private citizens are given the opportunity to support the State's anti-litter programs by adopting a section of highway along which the volunteers will pick up trash and debris in a program to keep the roadways clean. Your group can adopt a stretch of highway in your community to help make a difference. You will receive safety training and gear, as well as tips on how to pick up and recycle trash along the road you adopt. And the State Highway Administration will provide your organization with a sign along the stretch of adopted road.

HOW CAN A HIGHWAY BE ADOPTED?

The way to start is to call SHA's local office to request an SHA Adopt-A-Highway Program Participation packet and to see which roads in your area are up for adoption. (For safety reasons, certain highways are not eligible for adoption.) After proper training, your group will agree to pick up trash at least four times a year.

The SHA Adopt-A-Highway Program Participation packet contains the following documents: What is Adopt-A-Highway? (overview of program); Conditions for Participation; Safety Equipment and Procedures; Group Agreement; Participant's Agreement; Participation Suggestions; and Safety Tips. Please ensure that your packet is complete; each document in the packet contains information necessary to your safe participation in the Program.