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1. Program Outline

- 1 An individual, family, community organization, youth organization, business, civic and non-profit organization, religious group, fraternity, sorority, or school may adopt a two-mile stretch of a county road.
- 2 The two-mile stretch of a county road is adopted for a minimum of two (2) years.
- 3 The adopting entity agrees to pick up litter three (3) times per year.
- 4 Adopt-a-County Road signs will be posted at each end of the adopted section with the adopting entity's name.
- 5 Adopt-a-County Road Program will provide volunteers with safety vests, orange trash bags and traffic control signs.
- 6 Application is made to the Precinct 1 County Commissioner.

2. Guidelines

- 1 Participation in the Program is open to individuals, families, community organizations, governmental entities, youth organizations, private businesses, civic and non-profit organizations, religious groups, fraternities, sororities and schools.
- 2 The County Commissioner may consider such factors as width of right of way, traffic level and sight distance of roadways in determining what sections of county roads are eligible for adoption.
- 3 Program participants must agree to hold the county harmless and agree not to hold the county responsible for any injuries that they may suffer or damages they may cause or suffer as a result of participation in the Program.
- 4 Individuals and groups can adopt section of roadway to memorialize individuals or family members who have died. The recognition sign may include the phrase "in memory of", the name of the person in whose memory the section is adopted, and the name of the adopting entity.
5. Only county roads are eligible for adoption. Roads in unincorporated communities and subdivisions and incorporated cities are not eligible for adoption.

3. The Participant will:

1. Obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such other terms and conditions as may be required by the county for special conditions of a particular adopted section.
2. Adopt a section of county road that is a minimum of two (2) miles (unless the total length of the

road is shorter than two (2) miles) for a minimum of two (2) years.

3. Pick up litter a minimum of three (3) times per year. It is desired that one of these pickups occur during the annual "Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off" event each April.
4. Appoint an authorized representative of the participating group to serve as spokesperson.
5. Furnish adequate supervision by one or more adults for minor volunteers of a participating group who are 15 years of age or older, with at least one adult for every three children who are seven to 14 years of age. Children under the age of seven may not participate in the program.
6. Conduct a group safety meeting prior to each pick-up day.
7. Obtain required supplies and materials from the county during regular business hours.
8. Set up traffic control signs and remove after clean up.
9. Wear county furnished safety vests during trash pick-up.
10. Place litter in county supplied ORANGE trash bags. Remove trash bags and coordinate with the Henderson County Road and Bridge Department to discard to an approved disposal site.
11. Return unused materials and supplies to the County within one week of clean-up.
12. Not possess or consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on the adopted section.
13. Maintain a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while picking up litter on the adopted section of road.
14. Assignment of responsibilities to any other group is not allowed without consent of the County Commissioner of the precinct.
15. Have the option of renewing an agreement subject to the approval of the County Commissioner of the precinct.
16. Advise the County Commissioner of each time that litter has been picked up on the adopted road.

4. The County Precinct will:

1. Work with the participating group to determine the specific section of county road to be adopted.
2. Erect a sign at each end of the adopted section with the participant's name displayed.
3. Provide safety information, Orange trash bags, traffic control signs and safety vests.
4. If in the sole judgment of the County Commissioner of Precinct 1, it is determined that the group is not meeting the terms and conditions of the agreement, the county may terminate the agreement and remove signs upon 30 days' notice.

5. How to apply:

1. Request an application form from the Precinct 1 County Commissioner or go to <http://www.henderson-county.com/> to print the form. Submit the completed form to your Precinct 1 County Commissioner.



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Application

Henderson County Precinct 1 will work with the adopting group to determine the specific section of County road to be adopted. The County may consider such factors as width of right of way, congestion and sight distance of roadways in determining what sections of road shall be eligible for adoption.

Please read Page 2 for the Adopt-a-County Road Program Guidelines.

(Name of Organization)

(Date of Application)

(Street Address)

(City, Zip Code)

(Mailing address)

(City, Zip Code)

(Organization E mail address)

(Est. No. of people participating in each Clean-up)

(Name of Authorized Representative)

(Authorized Representative's E mail Address)

(Mailing address)

(City, Zip Code)

(Day phone number)

(Cell phone number)

(Name of alternate representative)

(Alternate representative's E mail address)

(Mailing address)

(City, Zip Code)

(Day phone number)

(Cell phone number)

County Road section you are interested in adopting:

Please print this document and mail email or fax to:
Henderson County Precinct 1 Commissioner:
6002 Spring Creek Park Rd.
Malakoff, Texas 75148
Fax: (903) 676-4064



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Adopt A Road Program Agreement

Agreement between Henderson County and _____
(Participating group)

Road location: _____

Agreement Start Date: _____ Agreement End Date: _____

Length of adopted section: _____ miles Clean-up cycle for adopted section _____ times per year

County Commissioner Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Road & Bridge Dept. Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Henderson County Precinct 1, hereinafter called the "County" and _____ hereinafter called the "Group" recognize the need and desirability of litter-free County roads and are entering into this Agreement to permit the Group to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter-free County roads.

By signature below, the Group and its members, both jointly and severally, acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agree, both jointly and severally, to the following terms and conditions:

- Participants in the Group agree to abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such other terms and conditions as may be required by the County for special conditions of a particular adopted section.
- When participants are fifteen (15) years of age or younger, the Group will furnish adequate supervision by one (1) or more adults , with at least one (1) adult for every three (3) children who are seven (7) to fourteen (14) years of age. Children under the age of seven (7) may not participate in the program.
- The Group will conduct a group safety meeting prior to each pick-up day. Participants must attend a safety meeting conducted by the Group before participating in a clean-up.
- The Group will pick up litter a minimum of _____ times per year. It is desired that one (1) of these pickups occur during the State annual Trash-Off event each April.
- The Group will not assign its responsibilities to any other group without the written authorization of the County Commissioner of the precinct.
- The Group will appoint an authorized representative and an alternate to serve as spokesperson for the Group.
- The Group will obtain required supplies and materials from the County during regular business hours.
- The Group will assure that traffic control signs are set up and open during clean up and removed after clean up.
- Individuals will wear County furnished safety vests during trash clean up.
- The Group will be responsible to place litter in Orange trash bags, remove and coordinate with the Henderson County Road and Bridge Department to discard to an approved disposal site.

- The Group is to return unused materials and supplies to the County within one (1) week following each clean up.
- The Group will neither possess nor consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on the adopted section.
- The Group will maintain a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while on the adopted section of road.
- The Group will have the option of renewing an agreement subject to the approval of the County Commissioner of Precinct 1.
- The Group will advise the County Commissioner of the precinct each time that litter has been picked up on the adopted road.

The Group acknowledges that the County is generally prohibited by law from expending any funds, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of influencing the outcome of any election or the passage or defeat of any legislation.

The Group agrees if any actions by the Group relative to the performance of this agreement are determined to be contrary to any legislative restrictions or any restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for political activities, the County, at its sole discretion will take any and all necessary actions, including, but not limited to, the removal of signs displaying the Group's name or acronym.

The Group acknowledges that the County will remove a sign which is damaged due to vandalism, and will not replace the sign within the terms of the agreement unless the Group remits to the county an amount equal to the cost of the replacement sign.

If the County undertakes a construction project on an adopted section, the Group may suspend its agreement or choose a new section to adopt for the duration of the construction project.

The County agrees to accomplish the following:

- Erect a sign at each end of the adopted section with the Group's name or acronym displayed.
- Provide traffic control signs, safety vest and orange trash bags.
- Remove litter from the adopted section only under unusual circumstances, i.e. to remove large, heavy or hazardous items.

If in the sole judgment of the County Commissioner of the Precinct it is determined that the Group is not meeting the terms and conditions of the agreement, the county may terminate the agreement and remove the signs upon 30 days' notice.

This agreement may be modified in any manner at the sole discretion of the County. The County reserves the right to terminate or revise the Program at any time and for any reason at the sole discretion of the County.

The County and the Group both recognize and agree that in no event, shall the County have the right to control the Group in performing the details of picking up litter from the section of county road adopted by the Group, and, in picking up litter, the Group shall act as an independent contractor.

Program participants must agree to hold the County harmless and agree not to hold the County responsible for any injuries that they may suffer or damages they may cause or suffer as a result of participation in the Program.

Primary Spokesperson for the Group:

Name: _____

Group: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Primary Authorized Signature for the Group

Date

Alternate Spokesperson for the Group:

Name: _____

Group: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Alternate Authorized Signature for the Group

Date

County Commissioner Signature

Date

The County will provide each Group a sign at each end of the adopted section. The Group may have their name or acronym on the sign: up to one (1) line of no more than Fifteen (15) characters per line. Once the agreement has been signed, the County will erect the Group's signs. Please fill out the spaces below for the Group's name to appear on the sign and send the completed agreement to your County Commissioner.
