



# **Keep Lumpkin County Beautiful/**

## **ADOPT-A-ROAD**

### **What is “Adopt-A-Road”?**

Adopt-A-Road is a litter prevention program sponsored by Keep Lumpkin County Beautiful (KLCB) and the County Board of Commissioners to attract public involvement in cleaning up litter along the County’s Roads.

Litter along county roads has reached an epidemic stage. Keeping our roads free from litter is a very time consuming and expensive operation for the county. This program has gained attention and it is becoming a major part of the Keep Lumpkin County Beautiful volunteer network.

### **Who Can Adopt?**

Any civic-minded organization, such as civic clubs, youth organizations, school groups, businesses, or individuals, etc., can adopt a stretch of county road (one-mile minimum) in their community. Must be a resident of Lumpkin County or own a business located in Lumpkin County in order to adopt a road.

### **What Are The Responsibilities Of An Adopting Group or Business?**

Through such adoption, an organization, group, or individuals would have responsibility of controlling the litter problem within their section of county road. In addition, the organization will:

- Develop a functional plan that will influence and encourage the public to improve the appearance of their adopted road;
- Plan a general clean-up at least four times a year;
- Assist the Keep Lumpkin County Beautiful program in securing media coverage and publicity for the program;

- Coordinate with the county's public works department to carry out the plan.

### **What Are the Responsibilities of the KLCB Program and the County?**

The KLCB & county staff will provide:

- Two signs indicating the section of road under adoption with a generic sign stating "This Road Adopted By Concerned Citizens"
- Media coverage to inform the public of the program participants; and
- Assistance by department personnel and project coordinator in carrying out the overall plan

### **Are There Safety Precautions for Volunteers?**

All organizations will conduct safety meetings with volunteers to discuss the dangers of working along the side of the roadway. County staff will provide safety vests and traffic control signs for use during the cleanups, if available.

### **What is the Objective of "Adopt-A-Road"?**

The objective of the program is to create public awareness of the litter problem along the county's roads by making the adopted section of the road an example of community involvement that improves the beauty of the area through volunteer efforts.

**How Does a Group or Organization Adopt-A-Road?** Any interested group should contact the Lumpkin County Public Works Department at 706-864-3122

## **KLCB “Adopt-A-Road” Program**

### **A. KLCB Adopt-A-Road Requirements**

1. All adopting organizations must sign an Adopt-A-Road program agreement
2. The Public Works Department will have final approval of all routes adopted and approve date and time of litter pickup. ( ex: no state Roads, holiday or after dark pickups)
3. Adopting organization must adopt a minimum of one mile.
4. Adopting organization must pick up litter at least once per quarter (four times a year).
5. Adopting organization must advise the Public Works Department at least three day prior to litter pickup
6. Adopting person or business must be located within Lumpkin County.

### **B. County Will Furnish:**

1. All Signs
  - 1.1 Adopt-A-Road Sign
  - 1.2 Concerned Citizen Signs
2. Orange Safety Vests will be provided, if available, on a loan basis
3. County Staff
  - 3.1 To furnish information on roadside safety prior to litter pickup
  - 3.2 To coordinate distribution of vests
  - 3.3 To coordinate erection of all signs

### **C. Adopting Organization:**

1. Civic, non-profit organizations or individuals
  - 1.1 Participants must be at least 12 years of age
  - 1.2 If under age of majority, must have written parental consent
2. Commercial organizations
  - 2.1 Cannot display any product I.D.
  - 2.2 Cannot display address or phone number
  - 2.3 Cannot display any product or service reference
3. All organizations must be approved by the Public Works Department for the Adopt-A-Road program.
4. Must complete Adopt-A-Road status reports and forward to Public Works Department after each pickup.
5. If adopting organization fails to perform satisfactorily, it will be removed from the Adopt-A-Road program.

## **D. Safety**

1. Public Works Department will advise and assist with safety, as it deems necessary.
2. Public Works Department advises adopting organization to:
  - 2.1 Carpool to pick up litter if possible to keep vehicles to a minimum
  - 2.2 Park vehicles clear of roadway
  - 2.3 Keep work groups to a manageable size
  - 2.4 Closely supervise youth groups
  - 2.5 Don't remove any hazardous materials
  - 2.6 Don't pick up items on bridges, tunnels or overpasses
  - 2.7 Stay clear of construction areas
  - 2.8 Hold safety meeting with group before litter pickup
  - 2.9 Don't pick up litter during bad weather, after dark or during peak traffic hours
  - 2.10 Beware of possible contact with poisonous plants, stinging insects, fire ants and snakes
  - 2.11 Consider the possibility of any participant's known allergies before litter pickup
  - 2.12 Don't allow participants to partake of, possess or distribute alcoholic beverages while involved in litter pickup for Adopt-A-Road
  - 2.13 Make participants aware that they are working in a potentially dangerous environment and caution them to act accordingly

## **Keep Lumpkin County Beautiful Adopt-A-Road Program**

Whereas, the Keep Lumpkin County Beautiful (KLCB) program, Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners and

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Recognize the need and desirability of litter-free Roads and roads; and  
Whereas, the “Adopt-A-Road” program has been established for Civic Organizations, non-profit organizations, and interested parties located within Lumpkin County to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter-free Roads and roads; and

Whereas, the \_\_\_\_\_ is aware of the potentially hazardous work which is to be performed; and

Whereas, the \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to abide by the Adopt-A-Road rules and regulations attached; and

Whereas, the \_\_\_\_\_ understands that the KLCB program & the Lumpkin County Public Works Department agrees to cooperate in the development and implementation of the Adopt-A-Road program, but cannot assume any liability with respect thereto.

Therefore, the Keep Lumpkin County Beautiful & the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners recognize

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As the adopting organization for

County Road Number	County Road Name	Location
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Furthermore, the \_\_\_\_\_ accepts the responsibility for picking up litter on this section of County Road, and promoting a litter-free environment on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of Organization or Group	Authorized Signature
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Phone number	Title
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Interested group should contact the Lumpkin County Public Works Department at  
706-864-3122

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**STATUS REPORT**

Following each Adopt-A-Road litter pickup effort, please return a completed status report to the address below:

**Lumpkin County Public  
Works Department  
1642 Red Oak Flats Rd.  
Dahlonega, GA 30533**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization or Group Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Pickup

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Road Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Location

\_\_\_\_\_  
number of bags filled

\_\_\_\_\_  
number of miles picked up

\_\_\_\_\_  
number of participants

\_\_\_\_\_  
hours spent picking up

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP LUMPKIN COUNTY  
BEAUTIFUL!**