

Participating Counties

Athens	Gallia
Hocking	Meigs
Monroe	Morgan
Noble	Vinton
Washington	

Thank You

We appreciate people who take time and get involved in our program to make Ohio a cleaner place to live and travel. It is very important that groups volunteer to ensure that Ohio's roadways are not only clean and pleasant places to drive for Ohio residents but for our out-of-state residents as well. If your group is interested or has questions concerning the Adopt-A-Highway program please contact ODOT District 10 Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, Jennifer Hasley, at 740-373-0212 Ext. 509.



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Adopt A Highway



Adopt-A-Highway

The Texas Department of Transportation started the first Adopt-A-Highway program in 1985. Ohioans traveling through Texas saw the blue and white signs and the litter free roads. They wrote letters to the Governor about starting an Adopt-A-Highway program in Ohio. In the fall of 1989, three districts tried out a pilot program. The following spring, Adopt-A-Highway became official and was implemented statewide. Ohio is a beautiful state but has one of the busiest highway systems in the nation. Every year Ohio becomes more populated and the volume of traffic also increases, these combined increases lead to increasing litter scattered along Ohio's highways.

Together We Can Make A Difference

Over the last 3 years, the Ohio Department of Transportation has spent an average of \$3 million dollars a year specifically on litter removal. There are over 1,800 groups currently involved in the Adopt-A-Highway program. Each year these groups assist ODOT by picking up more than 200,000 bags of litter from our roadways.

The Adopt-A-Highway program enables ODOT to save taxpayer dollars and allows residents to help keep their communities litter free. Each group that adopts a section of roadway saves ODOT approximately \$800 in litter pick up costs. This program also allows ODOT work crews more time for road maintenance and construction projects.

How It Works

- Each group adopts a two mile section along a state route for two years, and performs a minimum four pickups per year.
- Participants should be volunteers and not paid to pick up litter.
- Groups agree to follow ODOT safety standards and procedures.
- The Ohio Department of Transportation will provide trash bags, disposable safety vests, and send a representative to your group's facility to provide a safety training session prior to your first litter pick up.
- The only cost to each group is their time.

Adopt-A-Highway Objectives

- Save taxpayers money through public awareness and education about the harmful effects of litter to the environment and motorist safety.
- Help ease the effort of ODOT work crews, enabling them to devote more time to road maintenance and special projects.
- Create a partnership that promotes community involvement and civic pride.
- Work together to achieve the goal of litter free highways.

What Your Group Gets In Return

- Your group can draw positive media coverage by participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program.
- ODOT places green signs that are inscribed with your group's name at each end of your two mile adopted section. The sign is usually installed 6-8 weeks after your application is received.