

Frederick County Adopt-A-Road Program Overview

How would you like to spend a few pleasant hours picking up trash and recyclables along a county roadside? Sound like fun? It is to hundreds of volunteers who are showing their environmental concern and community pride by “adopting” stretches of Frederick County roadsides as part of the Frederick County Division of Public Works’ Adopt-A-Road Program.

Frederick County provides eye-catching street signs that designate the adopted section of road and prominently features the name of the adopting organization. The sign, in addition to recognizing the adopter for their volunteer commitment, calls attention to this beneficial program and lets people know that someone really cares about keeping the area clean.

1. Safety of volunteers is the most important priority in Frederick County’s Adopt-A-Road Program. The Division of Public Works will train volunteers about roadside clean-up safety and provide each group with safety vests, work gloves, and bright orange warning signs to be posted during clean-up activity. In addition, the County will provide trash bags.
2. In addition to collecting litter and recyclables at least four times a year, volunteers can have a positive impact on the problem of drunk driving by counting and reporting the number of used alcoholic beverage containers collected on their adopted section of road. As appropriate, this information is reported to the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office’s Patrol Commander. These reports help the Sheriff’s Office to target drunk driving patrols.

If you are interested in learning more about Adopt-A-Road, call the Frederick County Department of Highways and Transportation, Office of Highway Operations at 301-600-1564 or email OHighOpsEmail@frederickcountymd.gov.