

BUILDING PRIDE IN COMMUNITIES

Throughout the country and across the State, thousands of community organizations are showing their commitment to keeping America beautiful by "adopting" stretches of highway and pledging to keep them litter free. They're proud of their communities and have a hand in shaping the image they present to visitors.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

In New York State, the Adopt-A-Highway program is administered by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Management of the program is handled on the local level by the department's regional offices. Programs vary by region, according to the needs of local communities.



To obtain additional information or to sign up, please contact the Adopt-A-Highway coordinator in your region:

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY COORDINATORS

Capital District (518) 388-0404
Albany, Essex, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga,
Schenectady, Warren & Washington counties

Central NY (315) 448-7312
Cayuga, Cortland, Onondaga, Oswego, Seneca
& Tompkins counties

Genesee Valley (585) 272-3400
Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans,
Wayne & Wyoming counties

Hudson Valley (845) 575-6142
Columbia, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland,
Ulster & Westchester counties

Long Island (631) 952-6702
Nassau & Suffolk counties

Mohawk Valley (315) 793-2470
Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery
& Oneida counties

North Country (315) 785-2313
Clinton, Franklin, Jefferson, Lewis
& St. Lawrence counties

Southern Tier (607) 721-8140
Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schoharie
& Sullivan counties

Southern Tier - Central (607) 324-8527
Allegany, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga
& Yates counties

Western NY (716) 847-3291
Cattaraugus, Chautauque, Erie & Niagara counties

New York State
Department of Transportation

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY...

Adopt-A-Highway



WHO CAN ADOPT?

We welcome business and organizations including - civic, fraternal, service, youth, seniors, scouts, educational, religious and neighborhood organizations - to "adopt" a segment of highway. As a safety precaution, NYSDOT requires that volunteers be at least 12 years of age. Volunteers between 12 and 18 years old must be supervised, with at least one supervisor for every six young adults.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

In addition to the pride and satisfaction that volunteers will receive from performing public service, NYSDOT will post roadside signs crediting your organization for its beautification efforts. Your organization may also keep any proceeds earned from returning recyclables.

HOW DO VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE?

We ask organizations to adopt a stretch of state highway for a specified period of time. Adopters are requested to clear litter several times a year from their designated stretch. NYSDOT provides trash bags that volunteers leave along the roadside so that NYSDOT crews can properly dispose of the trash. Some adopters go even further, with steps such as mowing the roadside and planting flowers or other approved vegetation.

To ensure safety, NYSDOT will conduct an initial safety briefing for your volunteers and provide reflective safety gear, including hard hats and vests.

