

What Is Adopt-A-Road?

Adopt-A-Road is a litter program sponsored by the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners to attract the public involvement in picking up litter on County Roads. The object of the program is to create public awareness of the litter problem along Georgia's roads and highways by making the adopted section of the area through volunteer efforts.

Keeping our roadways clear of litter has proven to be very time consuming and extremely expensive operation for the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners and its Citizens.

Responsibilities

Through such adoption, an organization would have the responsibility of controlling the litter problem within that section of highway. The organization will be asked to plan and complete one (1) cleanup at the adopted site, and report back to the Lowndes County Engineering Department after each cleanup, via the Status Report Form.

Safety Precautions

All organizations will conduct safety meetings with the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners to discuss the dangers of working along the side of the roadway. Lowndes County will provide safety vests to all volunteers if needed during cleanups.

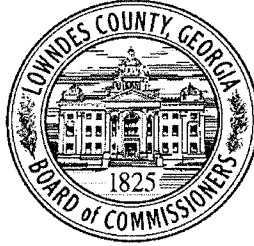
Other Concerns

The Adopt-A-Road program is strictly voluntary to volunteers. In addition, if the business or organization would like its adopted site recognized further, Lowndes County can coordinate media coverage if desired.

Lowndes County Adopt-A-Road Program:

Lowndes County Board of Commissioners
327 North Ashley Street
Valdosta, Georgia 31601
(229) 671-2424

Administrator: Mike Fletcher, County Engineer



Lowndes County Adopt-A-Road Program

Rules and Regulations

- **Adopt-A-Road Requirements:**
 1. All adopting organizations must sign an annual Adopt-A-Road program agreement.
 2. Lowndes County will have final approval on all routes adopted and approve time of litter pick-up. (For example: No interstate highways, states routes, or holiday pick-ups).
 3. Adopting organizations must adopt a minimum of one (1) mile.
 - a. Adopting organizations must pick up litter at least once per year.
 - b. Adopting organizations must advise the Lowndes County Engineer three (3) days prior to litter pickup.
 - c. Option to renew agreement annually.

- **Lowndes County Adopt-A-Road Program will provide a contact person to:**
 1. Answer any questions on roadway safety prior to pick-up.
 2. Coordinate distribution of safety vests, trash bags and trash grabbers, **NO VOLUNTEER WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT A SAFETY VEST, NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 3. Coordinate removal of full litter bags.
 4. Coordinate installation of all signs.
 5. Assist as deemed necessary.

- **Adoption Signs:**
 1. Lowndes County Public Works will provide and install two (2) Adopt-A-Road signs for that Organization.

- **Adopting Organizations:**
 1. Participants must be at least 18 years of age or have the written consent of a parent to Adopt-A-Road as a Civic and Non-Profit Organization.
 2. All organizations must be approved by the Lowndes County Engineer for the Adopt-A-Road Program.
 3. Must complete Adopt-A-Road status report and forward to the Lowndes County Engineer after each pick-up.
 4. If adopting organization fails to perform satisfactorily, it will be removed from the Adopt-A-Road Program.



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Safety:

- The Lowndes County Engineering Department office will advise and or assist with Safety as deemed necessary.
- The Lowndes County Engineering Department office will advise adopting Organizations to:
 1. Car pool to litter pick-up areas if possible to keep vehicles to a minimum.
 2. Keep work groups to a manageable size.
 3. Closely supervise youth groups.
 4. Not remove any hazardous material.
 5. Stay clear of construction areas.
 6. Always stay clear of traffic.
 7. Hold safety meetings with group prior to litter pick-up.
 8. Not pick up litter during inclement weather, hours of darkness or peak traffic times.
 9. Be aware of possible contact with poisonous plants, stinging insects, fire ants and snakes.
 10. Not allow participants to partake of, possess, or distribute alcoholic beverages while involved in litter pick-up.
 11. Make participants aware that they are working in a potentially dangerous environment and caution them to act accordingly.
- **Adopting organizations understand and agree that participation is at one's own risk and that neither Lowndes County Board of Commissioners nor any other governments shall be liable.**



LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM

STATUS REPORT

Organization's Name

Date of Litter Pick-Up

Road Name

Number of Bags Filled

Number of Miles Covered

Number of Participants

Hours Spent Cleaning

Please make copies of this form and upon completion each Adopt-A-Road litter pick-up effort, please return a completed form to the address below.

Lowndes County Board of Commissioners
ATTENTION: County Engineer
327 North Ashely Street
Valdosta, Georgia 31601
mfletcher@lowndescounty.com
229-671-2424



**Lowndes County Board of Commissioners
Adopt-A-Road Program Agreement**

WHEREAS, The Lowndes County Board of Commissioners and _____
Recognize the need and desirability of litter-free roads; and

WHEREAS, The Adopt-A-Road Program has been established for Civic Organizations,
Businesses and non-profit organizations to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter free
roads and streets; and

WHEREAS, _____ is aware of the potentially hazardous work which
is to be performed; and

WHEREAS, _____ agrees to abide by the Lowndes County Board of
Commissioners Adopt-A-Road Program rules and regulations attached, and

WHEREAS, _____ understands that the Lowndes County Board of
Commissioners agrees to cooperate in the development and implementation of the Lowndes
County Board of Commissioners Adopt-A-Road Program, but cannot and does not assume any
liability with respect thereto.

THEREFORE, The Lowndes County Board of Commissioners Adopt-A-Road Program
recognizes _____

As the adopting organization for _____ from _____
to _____.

FURTHERMORE, _____ accepts the responsibility of picking up
litter on the section of County road and promoting a litter-free environment in the community.

Organization authorized representative: _____ Date _____
Signature _____ Address _____
_____ Telephone _____

County Representative _____ Date _____

Return To: Lowndes County Board of Commissioners ATTN: County Engineer/Adopt-A-Road
327 North Ashley Street, Valdosta, Ga. 31601 (229)671-2424 mfletcher@lowndescounty.com



Lowndes County Public Works Adopt-A-Road Disposal Log:

NAME OF ROAD AND LOCATION,

NUMBER OF BAGS COLLECTED;

DATE COLLECTED;

TONNAGE DISPOSED OF;

ATTACH LANDFILL TICKETS BELOW.

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