



## ADOPT - A - ROAD PROGRAM

The Middlesex County Adopt - A - Road Program was started by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on October 21, 1993. This program serves to provide citizens with an opportunity to assist the County in achieving

the mutual goals of safe, attractive and litter-free County roadways.

The most common items littered are paper, plastic, glass and metal. Oftentimes these items are improperly disposed of on roads by careless motorists and pedestrians. The Adopt-A-Road Program establishes and promotes stewardship of public lands by the citizens of the County and fosters cooperation between the public and the government to resolve the problem of roadside debris.

Under this Program, groups pledge to adopt one mile stretches of County roadway. Each group will be responsible for cleaning the road at least twice in the given grant year. Groups may request a certain roadway, subject to approval by the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

Each group must designate a leader who will ensure that all group members use safety equipment, follow applicable safety procedures and follow appropriate recycling and disposal techniques.

To participate in this Program, groups must submit an application form to the Division of Solid Waste Management. Each qualified group will be provided with the supplies needed to conduct a safe and effective event. Upon completion of the program, each participating group will receive a \$200 grant and a sign with the group's name will be erected on their stretch of road.

Participants will be chosen on a first come first served basis, with special consideration given to groups that have participated in the program in past years. For 2003, our program distributed 14 grants.

## GUIDELINES FOR QUALIFIED GROUPS TO EARN MONEY BY ADOPTING-A-ROAD

1. Grant award will be \$200 per group per year
2. Groups need a minimum of eight volunteers per cleanup
3. Groups will pledge to adopt a one mile stretch of County roadway
4. Groups will agree to do a minimum of 2 cleanups per year (at least two months apart), with each cleanup lasting at least 3 hours. The group can opt to do as many cleanups as they desire subject to availability of supplies.
5. Cleanups **must** occur between March 1st and December 1st
6. No grant funds will be paid to the group until both cleanups are completed.
7. Groups will be provided with bags, gloves, safety gear and disposal instructions
8. Groups must have at least one adult per 5 children (under 17)
9. Groups must agree to hold the County harmless for any injuries or damages that may result from participation in the program
10. Groups must be non-profit/volunteer and not associated with any political party
11. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until all funds are committed, and groups will be notified in writing as to whether they are accepted for participation in this program
12. Groups will be required to separate for recycling those materials specified by the County.

*A full Program description, guidelines and application package is available by calling (732) 745-4170.*

For more information about the Clean Communities Program contact:

Middlesex County Division Of Solid Waste Management  
100 Bayard St., Second Floor  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
(732) 745-4170

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