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WHY ADOPT A ROAD?

With the amount of trash being littered on the roadside every day, your involvement is becoming increasingly important.



Demonstrates community pride

Makes a positive statement for a clean and attractive community



Keeps our roadways and waterways free of litter and debris



Reduces stormwater runoff and prevents water pollution while promoting watershed awareness



Offsets the County budget and allows the County to become more proactive than reactive



MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Besides presenting a poor appearance, litter and trash can cause traffic hazards and affect drainage. Adopt-A-Road allows citizens to demonstrate community pride, make a positive statement for a clean, attractive community and help the county reduce costs.

Hernando County's Adopt-A-Road program began August 8, 1989. When Hernando County joined the nationwide program, it was only the second county in the State of Florida to do so.



Your business or community group can help keep roads litter-free by "adopting" one of the approved sections of road. Each group

adopts a 1 mile section of roadway for a period of 2 years, and signs an agreement to clean up the litter at least 4 times a year. The County's Adopt-A-Road program does not include any state or federal highways, it is for county-maintained roads only.

Ideally, we would like to see littering stop, but you can help keep our road sides clean and attractive by participating in Adopt-A-Road.

The County Department of Public Works furnishes the safety training, two white on blue adopt-a-road signs (stating the volunteer groups name), "litter crew on road" signs, safety vests, and trash bags. Only those sections of road considered safe for volunteer litter removal are approved for adoption.

YOU CAN HELP PROTECT OUR WATERSHEDS AND PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF

In Florida, stormwater runoff occurs after a rainfall. Stormwater runoff can collect many different types of pollution before it reaches a body of water, including debris, dirt and other chemicals.



The storm water collects these materials and flows directly into a body of water like a stream or lake.

Debris such as plastic bags, bottles and cigarette butts can wash into a water body and interfere with aquatic life. It also isn't very pretty. Other hazardous wastes can be carried into a water body. These include insecticides (chemicals used to control or kill insects), herbicides (chemicals used to kill unwanted plants), paint, motor oil and heavy metals. All of these items can cause illness not only to aquatic life, but also humans.

