



BLANCO COUNTY ADOPT-A COUNTY ROAD PROGRAM

APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Blanco County will work with the adopting individual or group to determine the specific section of county road to be adopted. The County may consider such factors as width of right of way, congestion and sight distance of roadways in determining what sections of road shall be eligible for adoption.

Please read Page 2 for the Adopt-a-County Road Program guidelines.

(Name of Organization)

(Date of Application)

(Street address)

(City, Zip Code)

(Mailing address)

(City, Zip Code)

(Organization Email address)

(Est. No. of people participating in each Cleanup)

(Name of authorized representative)

(Authorized representative's Email address)

(Mailing address)

(City, Zip Code)

(Day phone number)

(Cell phone number)

(Name of alternate representative)

(Alternate representative's Email address)

(Mailing address)

(City, Zip Code)

(Day phone number)

(Cell phone number)

County Road section you are interested in adopting:

Please print this document and mail, fax, or email to:

Blanco County Adopt a Road PO Box 471, Johnson City, TX 78636

The following guidelines apply to the Blanco County Adopt-a-County Road Program

- Participation in the Program is open to an individual, family, community organization, governmental entity, youth organization, private business, civic and non-profit organization, religious group, fraternity, sorority and school.
- Program participants must agree to hold the County harmless and agree not to hold the County responsible for any injuries that they may suffer or damages they may cause or suffer as a result of participation in the Program.
- An individual or group can adopt a section of roadway to memorialize individuals who have died. The recognition sign may include the phrase "in memory of", the name of the person in whose memory the section is adopted, and the name of the adopting entity.
- Only Blanco County roads are eligible for adoption.
- Applications shall be sent to Blanco County Adopt-A-Road, PO Box 471, Johnson City, TX 78636. Once received, the application will be forwarded to the County Commissioner in the precinct where the adopted road is located.

The group will:

- Obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such other terms and conditions as may be required by the County for special conditions of a particular adopted section.
- Adopt a section of County road that is a minimum of two (2) miles (unless the total length of the road is shorter than two (2) miles) for a minimum of two (2) years.
- Pick up litter a minimum of four (4) times per year or more as needed at approximately quarterly intervals unless the County Commissioner determines that less times per year is adequate.
- Appoint an authorized representative and an alternate representative of the participating group.
- Furnish adequate supervision by one (1) or more adults for minor volunteers of a participating group who are 15 years of age or older, with at least one (1) adult for every three (3) children who are 7 to 14 years of age. Children under the age of 7 may not participate in the Program.
- Conduct a group safety meeting prior to each pickup day.
- Obtain required supplies and materials from the County during regular business hours.
- Set up traffic control signs during the cleanup and remove after cleanup.
- Wear County furnished safety vests during trash pickup.
- Place litter in trash bags. Place trash bags in an approved area and Blanco County will make arrangements to discard at an approved disposal site.
- Return unused materials and supplies to the County within two (2) business days following each cleanup.
- Not possess or consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on the adopted section.
- Maintain a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while picking up litter on the adopted section of road.
- Assignment of responsibilities to any other group is not allowed without consent of the County Commissioner of the precinct.
- Have the option of renewing an agreement subject to the approval of the County Commissioner of the precinct.
- Advise the County Commissioner of the precinct each time that litter has been picked up on the adopted road.

The County will:

- Work with the participating individual or group to determine the specific section of County road to be adopted.
- Erect at least one (1) permanent sign on the adopted section of County road with the participant's name displayed.
- Provide safety information, trash bags, traffic control signs and safety vests.
- Remove litter bags from the adopted section and will remove any large, heavy or hazardous items.

Once approved, if in the County Commissioner's sole judgment, the individual or group is not meeting the terms and conditions of the agreement, the County may terminate the agreement and remove the sign(s) upon 30 days' notice.

Authorized Signature for Group

Date



Blanco County Adopt-a-County Road Program Agreement

Agreement between Blanco County and _____ (participating individual

or group) Road location: _____

Agreement Start Date: _____ Agreement End Date: _____

Length of adopted section: _____ miles Cleanup cycle for adopted section _____ times per year

County Commissioner Contact: _____ Phone: _____

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Blanco County, hereinafter called the "County" and _____ hereinafter called the "Group" recognize the need and desirability of litter-free County roads and are entering into this Agreement to permit the Group to contribute toward the effort of maintaining litter-free County roads.

By signature below, the Group and its members, both jointly and severally, acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agree, both jointly and severally, to the following terms and conditions:

- Participants in the Group agree to abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such other terms and conditions as may be required by the County for special conditions of a particular adopted section.
- When participants are 15 years of age or younger, the Group will furnish adequate supervision by one (1) or more adults , with at least one (1) adult for every three (3) children who are 7 to 14 years of age. Children under the age of seven (7) may not participate in the Program.
- The Group will conduct a group safety meeting prior to each pickup day. Participants must attend a safety meeting conducted by the Group and watch the safety video before participating in a cleanup.
- The Group will pick up litter a minimum of _____ times per year at staggered intervals and at such additional times as required by the County Commissioner. It is desired that one (1) of these pickups occur during the first week in April and one (1) of these pickups during the first week of September.
- The Group will not assign its responsibilities to any other group without the written authorization of the County Commissioner of the precinct.
- The Group will appoint an authorized representative and an alternate to serve as spokesperson for the Group.
- The Group will obtain required supplies and materials from the County during regular business hours.
- The Group will assure that traffic control signs are set up before cleanup, during cleanup and removed after cleanup.
- Individuals will wear County furnished safety vests during trash cleanup.
- The Group will be responsible to place litter in trash bags, place trash bags in an approved area, and Blanco County will make arrangements to discard at an approved disposal site.
- The Group will return unused materials and supplies to the County within two (2) business days following each cleanup.
- The Group will neither possess nor consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while on the adopted section.
- The Group will maintain a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while on the adopted section of road.
- The Group will have the option of renewing an agreement subject to the approval of the County Commissioner of the precinct.
- The Group will advise the County Commissioner of the precinct each time that litter has been picked up on the adopted road.

The Group acknowledges that the County is generally prohibited by law from expending any funds, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of influencing the outcome of any election or the passage or defeat of any legislation.

The Group agrees if any actions by the Group relative to the performance of this agreement are determined to be contrary to any legislative restrictions or any restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for political activities, the County, at its sole discretion will take any and all necessary actions, including, but not limited to, the removal of signs displaying the Group's name or acronym.

The Group acknowledges that the County will remove a sign which is damaged due to vandalism, and will not replace the sign within the terms of the agreement unless the Group remits to the County an amount equal to the cost of the replacement sign.

If the County undertakes a construction project on an adopted section, the Group may suspend its agreement or choose a new section to adopt for the duration of the construction project.

The County agrees to accomplish the following:

- Erect at least one (1) sign on the adopted section with the Group's name or acronym displayed.
- Provide safety information literature, safety video, trash bags, traffic control signs, and safety vests.
- Remove filled litter bags from the adopted section and will remove any large, heavy or hazardous items.

If in the sole judgment of the County Commissioner of the precinct it is determined that the Individual or Group is not meeting the terms and conditions of the agreement, the County may terminate the agreement and remove the sign(s) upon 30 days' notice.

This agreement may be modified in any manner at the sole discretion of the County. The County reserves the right to terminate or revise the Program at any time and for any reason at the sole discretion of the County. The County and the Group both recognize and agree that in no event shall the County have the right to control the Group in performing the details of picking up litter from the section of County road adopted by the Group, and, in picking up litter, the Group shall act as an independent contractor.

Litter Pickup Schedule

Require a Minimum of Four (4) Pickups per Year or More If Needed

Year: _____	Year: _____	Year: _____
January _____	January _____	January _____
February _____	February _____	February _____
March _____	March _____	March _____
April _____	April _____	April _____
May _____	May _____	May _____
June _____	June _____	June _____
July _____	July _____	July _____
August _____	August _____	August _____
September _____	September _____	September _____
October _____	October _____	October _____
November _____	November _____	November _____
December _____	December _____	December _____

Additionally, it is desired that the Individual or Group participate in the "Don't Mess with Texas" Annual Trash-Off Event held every April. Program participants must agree to indemnify and hold Blanco County harmless for any injuries that they may suffer or damages they may cause or suffer as a result of participation in the Program.

Primary Representative for the Group:

Name: _____

Group: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Primary Authorized Signature for the Group

Date

Alternate Representative for the Group:

Name: _____

Group: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Alternate Authorized Signature for the Group

Date

County Commissioner Signature

Date

The County will provide each Group with at least one (1) sign on the adopted section of County road. The Group may have its name or acronym on the sign: up to three (3) lines of no more than fourteen (14) characters per line. Once the agreement has been signed, the County will erect the Group's sign(s). Please fill out the spaces below for the Group's name to appear on the sign and send the completed agreement to your County Commissioner.

**ADOPT A
COUNTY ROAD
NEXT 2 MILES**

Line 1 _____

Line 2 _____

Line 3 _____

Blanco County Adopt-a-County Road Program – Safety Tips

The Blanco County Adopt-a-County Road Program gives residents an opportunity to volunteer in their communities while enjoying teamwork, exercise and beautiful roadside scenery. Safety is a primary goal for everyone, and because volunteers are so important to this Program, the following are some tips to keep you and your group safe as you cleanup County roads.

Suggestions for Proper Attire:

- Volunteers must wear the safety vests provided by Blanco County at all times during the cleanup.
- Volunteers must wear gloves to protect hands from sharp objects. Leather work gloves are suggested. This will protect against the sun and any poisonous plants or insects you might encounter.
- Only wear closed-toe shoes. Leather shoes or boots with good soles are recommended.
- Wear light-colored clothing and long pants or jeans. Wear a hat and long sleeves to avoid sunburn.

Road Safety Issues:

- Assure that traffic control signs are set out before the cleanup and removed after cleanup.
- Carpool to the pickup site to reduce the number of vehicles in the right of way.
- Do not stop or park vehicles on roadways.
- Stay in the right of way. Only cross the roadway when necessary. Do not enter the roadway to pick up trash.
- Always work facing traffic. Never turn your back to oncoming cars. If you can see an out-of-control vehicle coming your way, it might be possible to avoid danger. Avoid using headsets which could interfere with hearing oncoming traffic.
- All children must be supervised. The suggested ratio is at least one (1) supervisor for every three (3) children under age 15. At least one (1) adult must be present for minors ages 15 to 18. Children under the age of seven (7) may not participate in the Program.
- Do not walk on guardrails, and do not lean over bridge railings.
- Watch your footing. Stay off of/away from steep slopes, trenches, slippery water slabs or any type of hazard.

Health Concerns:

- Do not pick up anything that could be hazardous to your health. This includes needles, syringes, jagged glass, animal carcasses, or heavy objects. If in doubt, flag the item on the fence line and alert your County contact to the problem.
- Adopters are required to have a first-aid kit on hand at all times. It is suggested that one (1) or two (2) of the volunteers should be familiar with CPR and general first aid techniques in case of emergency.
- Know the phone number and driving route to the nearest hospital. If possible, carry a cell phone.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent are good to keep on hand.
- Keep a list of any allergies volunteers have, in case of an emergency.
- Avoid overexertion. Drink plenty of water. Water should be available to volunteers at all times.

SAFETY VIDEO

Please use the link below to view the safety video. Clicking on the link will take you to a third-party website. You will be subject to the terms and conditions of that third-party website.

[Adopt-a-Highway Safety Video - YouTube](#)