



# Baltimore County Adopt-A-Road Program



## Application

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

(Organization, Individual or Family Wishing to Adopt)

Name of Person to Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### Sign Specifications

DPW will install two signs designating each adopted section of roadway. These signs are intended to identify and recognize adopters, and to promote the Adopt-A-Road program, not to be an advertising or political forum. Therefore:

- Only the actual name of the adopter will be included on the signs. No business logos, slogans, telephone numbers, addresses, titles of elective office, or statements will be permitted. Exceptions will be made for *in memoriam* statements using the following language: "(Adopter name) in memory of (name of deceased)".
- DPW&T will have sole discretion regarding the size, color, design, text and placement of Adopt-A-Road signs.
- The signs shall not contain wording which, in the sole judgment of DPW&T is insulting or derogatory; is a term of bigotry or hostility; is racially or ethnically degrading; refers to sexual acts; is a profane, obscene or repulsive term; or appears to promote the use of illegal substances.

In the spaces below, **print** the name that you wish to appear on the Adopt-A Road sign if your application is accepted (up to twenty-five characters per line, including spaces):

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| One line:    |
| Second line: |

One-line Adopter Name Version



Two-Line Adopter Name Version



|                            |
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| For Office Use Only: _____ |
| _____                      |

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|------------|---------|-----------|------------|------------|
| To TE:     | Report: | Agr Sent: | Agr Rec'd: | Agr to SS: |
| Agr to SO: | Packet: | Cert:     | Training:  | Sign:      |

(See reverse)

## Criteria for Adoptable Roads

Only roads maintained by Baltimore County are eligible for adoption. The purpose of this program is to improve the appearance of Baltimore County roadsides. Therefore, please try to target roadsides where litter is a problem.

*To be eligible for adoption, sections of roadway:*

- Should not be primarily residential, where it is reasonable to expect homeowners in the area to remove roadside litter in the course of maintaining their property.
- Should have a flat walking area along both sides of the road, roads with steep slopes along the side of the road are not eligible for adoption.
- Must have sufficient sight distance that allows approaching drivers to clearly see the volunteers and enables the volunteers to see oncoming traffic. (Some roads with curves may be appropriate depending on sight distances.)
- Sections of roadway to be adopted will generally be from **one to three miles** in length, on both sides of the road, but may be of any length subject to approval by DPW.

*Exceptions to some of the above criteria may be granted in certain cases in which roadways have good sight distance and/or low traffic volume.*

*The following types of roads may **not** be adopted:*

- Interstate highways
- State roads (these roads have route numbers)
- Privately maintained roads
- Sections of roadway with bridges or underpasses unless they have walkways

## How to Request Roadside Sections

Please describe three section(s) of roadside which you would be interested in adopting for two years. Designate beginning and end points of road sections with names of cross streets and/or landmarks which appear in the ADC Street Map Book. List only road sections which you believe meet the criteria for adoptable roads as outline above.

Sections of roadway to be adopted will generally be from one to three miles in length, on both sides of the road, but may be of any length subject to approval by DPW&T. Combinations of nearby roads will be considered, especially in cases of road sections shorter than one mile in length.

Print road requested for adoption including the begin and end point below

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|----------------------------|
| First choice for adoption  |
| Road:                      |
| Begin point:               |
| End point:                 |
| Second choice for adoption |
| Road:                      |
| Begin point:               |
| End point:                 |
| Third choice for adoption  |
| Road:                      |
| Begin point:               |
| End point:                 |

| For office use only |             |      |          |                                    |               |
|---------------------|-------------|------|----------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Road length         | Reviewed By | Date | Approved | Approved with following conditions | Denied due to |
|                     |             |      |          |                                    |               |
|                     |             |      |          |                                    |               |
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\*\*\*Do all requested roadways meet the adoption criteria as described above?\*\*\*