

# Adopt-A-Spot



Adopt-A-Spot Program volunteers help keep Jefferson-Belmont counties clean and beautiful. Jefferson County has had great success and Belmont County is working to implement this program.

Volunteers clean an adopted spot twice a year for one year. This is a great way to show PRIDE in your community. The program offers 4-H, Girl/Boy Scouts groups, organizations, individual, families, communities and businesses the opportunity to

commit to keeping a clean environment by adopting a roadway, street, park, neighborhood or any public area that has a problem with litter.

The Adopt-A-Spot Program is all about having PRIDE. Volunteers do make a difference and they are the P in pride. {**Promote – Retain – Involvement – Development – Enhance**}.

**KEY POINTS** of Adopt-A-Spot program are:

- Any individual (18 years or older), community group, youth organization (supervised by adults), civic organization, business, church or other group may Adopt-A-Spot throughout Jefferson or Belmont counties.
- The adopting individuals or organization commit to cleaning up the adopted site at least twice a year.
- Road adoptions require a commitment to clean a 1-mile stretch.
- Participants are required to report the result of their clean up to the JB Green Team, Jefferson or Belmont county office so the information can be used in various reports and analyses.
- Groups are encouraged to schedule cleanups in April to coincide with the Annual Great America Cleanup and one in the fall.

Each of us needs to be conscientious about not creating litter. Unfortunately, when some of us are not careful, then we all need to pick up the dropped “ball”. That’s what the Adopt-A-Spot Program is all about...picking up the litter dropped by other people and having **PRIDE** in your community.

It doesn’t sound like fun, but amazingly enough, it is. And keeping your “spot” clean is one of the most rewarding volunteer activities in which you can participate. When you look back over the area you cleaned in the previous hour or two, you will feel a deep sense of satisfaction and **PRIDE**.

Not only will you feel good, but research by Keep America Beautiful, Inc. shows those regularly cleaning areas helps reduce the amount of litter that is dropped on the site. According to KAB, litter tends to accumulate where people feel no sense of ownership, when they think other people will pick up after them, and when litter has already accumulated.

## **By Adopting Your Spot:**

You add a sense of ownership to a site people looked at previously as belonging to no one.

You keep litter from accumulating, which should reduce the amount of litter accumulating.

You and your group member are not people who are paid to pick litter (you are regular people) just like the litterers and that sense of community **PRIDE** will make people think twice about littering.

Feeling good is just part of it. You will be making a significant contribution to your community.

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

### **Q. What is Adopt a Spot?**

A. It could be an area near your home, a strip of median in front of your place of business, a corner of the entrance to your neighborhood, or a tree path front your local school.

**Q. Does the JB Green Team provide me with an area?**

A. No, you could choose an area you would like to Adopt and then call the Jefferson County office @ 1-740-283-8614 or call Belmont County office @ 1-740-296-5376.

**Q. Does it cost anything?**

A. There is no fee to Adopt-A-Spot, however the cost of all planting material, and maintenance of the location are the applicant's responsibility.

**REGISTRATION:**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_(Please print)

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: Ohio Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of site: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I [We] hereby agree to maintain this Adopt-A-Roadway for one [1] year with two [2] cleanups a year from:

\_\_\_\_\_ Start Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:

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