Delaware Department of Transportation

Adopt-A-Highway • Conditions for Participation

Thank you for your interest in the Delaware Department of Transportation's (DelDOT) Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) Program. All individuals, companies, businesses, civic groups, and other organizations participating in the program must adhere to the below condition.

- Adopt one state-owned two-mile segment of road for a minimum period of two years.
- When available, groups may adopt more than one road or more than one segment of road.
- Litter pick up must be done on along both sides of the assigned segment of road at least three times per year.
- Groups may request a road or segment of road, if not available a road may be assigned by the AAH Coordinator.
- Roadways will be approved by the DelDOT District Engineer or an appointed representative. The Interstate System and some high-volume roadways are not eligible for adoption. However, businesses may wish to participate in a separate sponsorship program to clean high-visibility roads (for a fee) by contacting the Adopt-A-Highway Maintenance Corporation at 1-800-200-0003.
- Individuals, businesses, community organizations, schools and all other organizations in the community are encouraged to participate.
- Participants must have approved applications on file prior to conducting first clean-up.
- In exchange for participation in the AAH Program, each group will receive two Adopt-A-Highway signs posted at the start and end of sponsored road or segment of road at no cost to the organization.
- Businesses that wish to sponsor a group may do so. The business name (maximum of 28 characters including spacing and punctuation) would then go on the sign in block letters. Logos, e-mail addresses and websites are not permitted.
- DelDOT will determine the best placement for the AAH signs and will make all attempts to post the sign as close to the beginning and ending point of the two-mile adopted stretch of roadway. Signs will be designed and installed in accordance with the Delaware Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). At times, DelDOT may co-post a sign with an existing regulatory or warning sign. It should be noted that the regulatory or warning signs receives priority in placement. In addition, signs may be posted on a utility pole. DelDOT does this to decrease the number of metal signposts on the roadway, ultimately making the roadsides safer for motorists who may run off the road. Signs will not be posted at key decision points where a road user's attention is more appropriately focused on other traffic control devices or traffic conditions, including exit and entrance ramps, intersections, rail grade crossings and areas of limited sight distance. It should be noted that if construction activities occur on the adopted

roadway, the AAH signs may be covered temporarily during construction to allow road users to focus on changed roadway conditions. Covering of signs during construction activities will be at DelDOT's discretion.

- Where possible, signs may be co-posted with other existing signs.
- No personal items should be attached to the AAH sign or metal post (i.e., teddy bears, balloons, seasonal items, etc.). DelDOT reserves the right to remove items from the sign/post.
- Sharing of roads by two different participating groups is discouraged but will be permitted at DelDOT's discretion. Each group is still responsible for conducting three clean ups per year (and for submitting three activity reports each, per year). The groups do not need to coordinate cleanups, and each group will conduct their cleanup independently. DelDOT has the right to refuse or terminate the sharing of roads.
- Group members younger than 15 years old must be supervised by adults 18 years or older. Individuals under 12 years old are not permitted to participate. There will be at least one adult per eight underage members (12 to 18 years of age.) Large groups should stay together as they clean the path.
- Adults are required to complete, sign, and submit the "Adult Release" prior to the first cleanup. If applicable, the "Children's Release" should be completed, signed, and submitted for any child between 12 – 17 years old who plans to participate in the cleanup. These forms must be on file prior to participants conducting cleanups. In addition, the volunteer will need to update these forms anytime group members change.
- Each group agrees to complete and submit at least three clean-up activity reports per year to the AAH Coordinator.
- Groups must contact AAH Coordinator at least one week prior to litter pick-up.
- AAH Coordinator will supply group with safety vest, rubber gloves, trash bags and "Road Clean-up in Process" signs upon request.
- Groups are required to submit Activity Reports online at DelDOT.gov, e-mail to dotpublic@delaware.gov or mail to Department of Transportation - Adopt-A-Highway Program - PO Box 778 Dover, DE 19903.PO Box 778 Dover, DE 19903
- If participants do not dispose of filled trash bags themselves, they must notify AAH Coordinator as soon as possible that trash bags need to be removed from the side of the road by DelDOT.
- Participants are encouraged to recycle appropriate materials.
- DelDOT will monitor and administer the program in each respected county.
- Please contact AAH Coordinator with any specific questions or concerns regarding bike path conditions in your area.
- Cleanups during bad weather or when visibility is reduced or restricted is prohibited. The adopting group will be responsible for rescheduling.
- Participants are encouraged to recycle appropriate materials.
- Groups are responsible for notifying the AAH Coordinator of any changes in the status of their application.
- If you believe someone is illegally dumping large amounts of litter on a regular basis, please contact the Department of Natural Resources, Illegal Dumping Section at 1-800-662-8802.

- DelDOT reserves the right to terminate participation if we are unable to contact you and/or we do not receive at least three activity reports per year from group.
- DelDOT reserves the right to revise these conditions as needed and deny any applications from unqualified volunteers.