



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. What are the benefits for me to adopt a road?

By adopting a road you are doing your part as a Montgomery County Citizen in assisting us in cleaning up the community. In recognition for your cleaning efforts we will install two signs on your adopted road (one at the beginning and one at the end of your segment).

## 2. How do I find out what roads are available?

Request the Available Road List which lists roads available and the total mileage. To view the list [CLICK HERE](#)

## 3. How many roads am I allowed to adopt at one time?

Only one road segment per individual/group is allowed to be adopted. If a second road is requested, that road will go on a 6 month waiting period. If the segment hasn't been adopted within those 6 months, then an exception will be made and the road may be adopted.

## 4. Does adopting a road cost me money?

No cost at all!

## 5. Do I get a tax break because I have adopted a road?

By adopting a road you are doing your part as a Montgomery County resident in assisting us in cleaning up the community. There may be some tax implications associated with volunteer expenses - consult your tax advisor.

## 6. Can I get Community Service hours by helping clean the road?

By participating in cleaning the road you may qualify for MCPS Student Learning Service credit.

## 7. How do I get a sign?

When you fill out the program application there will be an area where you can request signage. Phone numbers, slogans, email and website addresses are not allowed unless they are the actual name of the business or organization.

## 8. How often am I required to clean the road?

At a minimum, we request you clean your road segment six times per year (the equivalent to every other month). After each cleaning participants are required to report to the Community Outreach Office, the date of cleaning, how many bags picked up and type of bags used. The information will be logged into a database that will help the region monitor its progress in cleaning up the Potomac River Watershed. It can also serve as a reference if complaints arise concerning your participation in the program.

## 9. Does the County provide supplies for me to clean the road?

Safety vests, gloves and trash bags are some of the items that are available upon request and can be picked up from our office or mailed to you in small quantities.

## 10. Is there recommended equipment beyond what the County provides?

Long sleeve shirt, pants, strong sole shoes, gloves, first aid, and or any other item that you feel is essential.



## **11. How do I know if I am eligible for adopting a road segment?**

\* The Adopt A Road Program is open to individuals, nonprofit or civic organizations, businesses, and governmental entities. Organizations, businesses, and governmental entities that wish to participate in the Program must be located within Montgomery County or conduct substantial activities within Montgomery County.

\* Individuals, organizations, and businesses that do not comply with Montgomery County's nondiscrimination laws are ineligible.

\* Team coordinators must be at least 21 years old. Individuals 16 years or younger should be supervised by an adult.

\* The County reserves the right to contact any of the people named on the application to verify participation and to contact the individuals in the absence of the team coordinator.

An officer, manager, director, or principal of any business or governmental entity wanting to participate in the program must sign the application form and provide his or her name, address and email address. An individual who wants to participate in the Program must sign the application form and provide his or her name, phone number, email and mailing address.

\* Participation in the program confers no rights or privileges upon any person or entity. Montgomery County, in its sole discretion, may refuse to allow any person, organization, business, or entity to participate in the Program. Use of the sign in commercial, social or political literature of any kind is prohibited.

Violation of this prohibition will be considered cause for termination.

\* All participants in the Program hereby release Montgomery County and its agents and employees from any liability for damages or injuries resulting from their participation in the Program. The individual, organization, business, or entity that adopts a road agrees to indemnify and hold Montgomery County harmless for any injuries, damages, or claims arising from the Program.

\* The individual, organization, business, or entity that joins the Adopt A Road program agrees to notify all his or her team participants of the foregoing terms.

## **12. What happens if I fail to meet the requirements for adopting a road segment?**

Your application will be denied. Montgomery County also reserves the right to reassign an adopted road should it receive three or more complaints within a six month period about the road's condition regarding litter or for other reasons at its sole discretion.

## **13. Who would I contact if I experience any problems while maintaining the roads?**

Call the Community Outreach Office (see bottom of page for phone number and email).

## **14. Once I've cleaned the road, how do I arrange for the trash to be picked up?**

Small amounts of litter (1-3 bags) should be disposed through your normal trash collection. For larger amounts (4 or more bags) or large items can be hauled away by MCDOT's Highway Maintenance by calling 311.

## **15. What do I do if I find large items such as appliances or tires?**

Call 311. If you are outside Montgomery County call 240-777-0311.

## **16. What do I do if I find animal carcasses on the road?**

Animal carcasses seen along a County road should be reported by calling 311. They will pick up any animal larger than a possum. For carcasses lying within 15 feet of a State road, call the MSHA at **301-948-2477** for the western portion of the County, and **301-572-5166** for the eastern portion of the County.

## **17. How long is my commitment for?**

You can continue taking care of a road for as long as you like.

## **18. What if I am unable to continue cleaning the roads?**

Should you become unable to continue in the program, please notify Community Outreach.

