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## **“ADOPT-A-COUNTY-ROAD POLICY”**

Adopted: 2-26-98

The Board of County Road Commissioners hereby adopt the following policy in order to contribute to the process of keeping Hillsdale County roadsides attractive, clean, and safe.

### **Eligibility:**

Any recognized group of six (6) or more people is eligible to apply for a permit to pickup roadside litter, provided all members of the group are willing to comply with the conditions of this policy and the Road Commission approved permit.

### **Permit Instructions:**

- 1) Free permits for litter pickup will be issued by the Hillsdale County Road Commission. A performance bond and proof of insurance are **not** required for this permit.
- 2) Permits will be issued to the group for a two (2) year period. Permits are not transferrable to another group.
- 3) A group contact person must be identified by name, address and phone.
- 4) The Hillsdale County Road Commission will assign sections of roadside to adopting groups. Requests for specific roadside areas will be assigned on a first come/first served basis.
- 5) It is preferred that participants adopt a minimum two-mile section of roadside (both sides).
- 6) Permitted groups must agree to pickup litter a minimum of two (2) times per year during the designated dates: the last 2 weeks of April and first 2 weeks of October. Any alternate pickup dates must be coordinated with the Road Commission office with a minimum of one-week advance notice.
- 7) Groups failing to follow the guidelines or missing two (2) consecutive litter pickups will have their permit revoked.

### **Participants:**

- 1) All roadside litter pickup participants must be at least 10 years of age. Crew members between the ages of 10-16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult (age 21 or over) on a ratio of at least 1 adult for every 6 youth.
- 2) All roadside litter pickup participants are required to wear a bright orange safety vest while performing roadside litter pickup work. The Road Commission will provide the bright orange safety vests for the first roadside litter pickup session. Thereafter, the adopting group will be asked to replace any bright orange safety vests at its own expense. Safety vests shall be returned to the Road Commission if the group ceases participation in the program.
- 3) Participants will need to provide their own transportation to and from the adoption site. Car pooling is encouraged to minimize the number of vehicles on the roadside. Parking on the traveled portion of the road is prohibited. Participants must comply with the Michigan Motor Vehicle Code and comply with any posted parking restrictions.

**Litter Pickup:**

- 1) All litter must be placed in bags provided by the Road Commission. Objects too large or heavy for the litter bags shall be placed next to the bags.
- 2) Do not pick up dead animals.
- 3) Full bags and over-sized objects are to be placed just beyond the shoulder along the adoption site.
- 4) After the litter pickup, participants must phone the Road Commission to advise the date of your litter pickup, the number of participants and the number of litter bags filled for Road Commission pickup.

**Safety:**

Participants must attend a safety meeting a minimum of once per year, prior to any litter pickup, conducted by the adopting group with Road Commission supplied literature and video. All participants must sign a form acknowledging the training. The signed attendance forms shall be returned and kept on file at the Road Commission office.

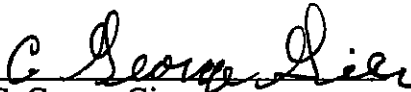
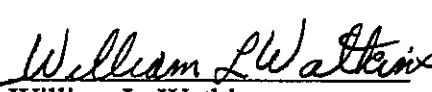
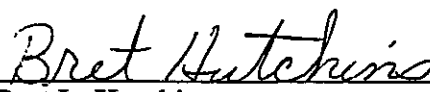
The adopting group, including all participants, shall save harmless the Hillsdale County Road Commission, the Board of County Road Commissioners, all agents and employees thereof, against any and all claims for damage or injury arising from the litter pickup operations.

**Recognition:**

In lieu of furnishing and installing signs, the Road Commission will place an advertisement in the Hillsdale Daily News and TipOff Shopping Guide each fall after the last pickup, listing each group's name that picked up litter during the year.

Said policy adopted on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998, at a regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners.

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