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Make a difference – Adopt a highway

Are you interested in making a difference in your community and helping the environment at the same time? The Kansas Department of Transportation is looking for groups of volunteers to participate in its Adopt-A-Highway program in northwest Kansas.

Adopt-A-Highway was introduced in Kansas in spring 1990. The program's goal is to clean along roadways throughout the state to increase safety for motorists and pedestrians, and improve the beauty of Kansas. This helps raise awareness about the negative effects of pollution and the positive aspects of a clean community.

Any non-profit group that does not discriminate upon the basis of race, religion or gender can join and there is no cost to participate. Volunteers must be at least 11 years old and have adequate adult supervision. Groups typically have clean-ups three times a year and are recognized for their efforts with signs marking their sections of highway. Since the program's inception, thousands of groups have participated and several original groups are still active today.

Many Adopt-A Highway volunteers will be taking part in KDOT's annual Clean Up Kansas Campaign, which takes place throughout April. Groups are encouraged, but not required to participate in this statewide event.

For more information on volunteering for the Adopt-A-Highway program, contact a KDOT office in your area: Atwood 785-626-3258, Hays 785-625-9718, Norton 785-877-3315, Oakley 785-672-3113 or Phillipsburg 785-543-2163.

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