



KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION BOARD POLICY

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Adopt-a-Road Program

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The Kent County Road Commission is concerned about the environment and desires to maintain the natural beauty of its roadways. With help from members of our community, the roadways of Kent County can be kept free of litter and debris. The Road Commission has implemented an Adopt-A-Road Program with the following characteristics:

Roads - Most primary and paved secondary roads are in the program. Some primary roads are excluded because of the dense populace.

Participation - Any group with seven or more persons can participate. Group participants must have a minimum of one adult for every three persons under the age of 16.

Sign up / Permit - Permit applications are taken annually from January 1st until March 1st. Applications requesting duplicate roads will be awarded on a first come basis. The permit helps track which roads have been adopted. It also enables the Road Commission to keep a database for informational mailings. Permits expire after six years. Groups may reapply for a new road or wait one year and reapply for the same section. (This gives different groups the opportunity to apply for popular sections of roads.)

Cost - There is no initial cost to participate in the program. The Road Commission supplies the initial set of signs that recognize a group's participation in the program. Any signs damaged, defaced or destroyed may be replaced at the group's expense. The Road and Park Commission also supplies the initial set of required orange vests. Thereafter, the adopting group shall replace the vests at its own expense.

Clean-up Frequency – Clean-up dates are scheduled three times a year. The Road Commission will assign the dates each spring. Any group failing to participate in clean up for two periods during the year will have their permit revoked. All participants are encouraged to take pride in their adopted stretch of road. However, trash accumulated due to clean-ups done more frequently than those scheduled by the Road and Park Commission must be disposed of by the group and at its own expense.

Trash Bags – Trash bags are available from March to September at any of the three Road Commission locations – Central Complex @ 1500 Scribner Avenue NW (near downtown Grand Rapids), North Complex @ 11777 White Creek Avenue (Cedar Springs) or South Complex @ 4949 South Complex Drive SE (near the airport).

More information – More information about the Kent County Road Commission Adopt-A-Road Program is available from the Permit Department.