



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

Bureau of Highway Maintenance
February 26, 2018

REQUESTED ACTION

The Department of Transportation requests placing this item on the Consent Calendar.

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Transportation to accept 14,100 trash bags, with a reported value of \$1,493.66 from New Hampshire the Beautiful Inc. for use in the Sponsor-a-Highway Program.

EXPLANATION

NH RSA Title XX Transportation, Chapter 230 State Highways, Section 230:83 Sponsor-a-Highway Program requires the Commissioner of Transportation to "...establish a sponsor-a-highway program by directly involving citizens, groups, associations, and the business community in the beautification of the state's highways."

New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. supports this program by donating blue bags for the Department of Transportation to provide to the volunteer groups that remove trash from almost 1,356 miles of State Roadway. During calendar year 2017, 398 volunteer groups picked up 13,183 bags of trash as part of this program.

The Department appreciates the support of New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. and all the volunteer groups that make the Sponsor a Highway program a success and help keep our roadsides clean.

Sincerely,

Victoria F. Sheehan
Commissioner

Attachment

**State of New Hampshire
Department of Transportation
Sponsor-A-Highway Program**

2017 Annual Summary

NHDOT District	Roadside Miles	(KM)	Number of Volunteer Groups	Number of Pick-Ups	Number of Bags	Tons of Litter	Volume of Litter (cubic feet)
1	315.57	508	80	107	1,823	4.6	6,016
2	112	180	36	66	930	2.3	3,069
3	136	219	39	57	847	2.1	2,795
4	250	403	65	111	2,346	5.9	7,742
5	140	225	75	57	1,087	2.7	3,587
6	115	185	42	307	1,615	4.0	5,330
Adopt-A-Highway Maintenance Corp	208.8	336	38	N/A	3,752	9.4	12,382
Adopt-A-Highway Litter Removal Svcs.	78.4	126	23	N/A	783	2.0	2,584
Totals:	1,356	2,183	398	705	13,183	33	43,504
<i>Previous Year</i>	<i>1,225</i>	<i>1,972</i>	<i>372</i>	<i>746</i>	<i>13,355</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>44,072</i>

2017

Average Number of Bags per Mile: 9.7

Average Number of Miles per Group: 3.2

Average Number of Bags per Group: 25.7

(excludes maintenance provider sections - MP)

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Since Beginning 1994

Total Bags

404,193

Tons

1010

New Hampshire Sponsor-A-Highway Program
administered through
New Hampshire Department of Transportation
Bureau of Highway Maintenance

2017 Fact Sheet

The New Hampshire Sponsor-A-Highway program, in cooperation with New Hampshire the Beautiful, coordinates volunteers to remove litter from portions of the State's highway system. The New Hampshire legislature established the program through RSA 230:83 and administrative rules were adopted on April 1, 1994. Volunteer groups are asked to sponsor both sides of a 2-mile section of highway and agree to a 2-year commitment. Volunteers are asked to remove litter four times between April and November.

Some highlights for 2017 are listed below:

- 13,183 bags of litter removed (equivalent to approximately 33 tons or 43,500 cubic feet).
- 398 volunteer groups are active with Sponsor-a-Highway.
- 1,356 miles of highway are sponsored.
- New Hampshire the Beautiful donated approximately 29,850 bags to the program.
- Since 2007, New Hampshire the Beautiful has donated approximately 378,150 bags.
- Since 1994, approximately 404,193 bags of litter have been removed from the State's highways with this program (equivalent to 3,097 garbage trucks)