



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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ACTING COMMISSIONER

February 6, 2015

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
 and the Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Transportation to accept 20,100 trash bags, with a reported value of \$2,129.26, 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 more than 1,300 miles of State Roadway. During calendar year 2014, 501 volunteer groups picked up 14,288 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,

David J. Brillhart, P.E.
 Acting Commissioner

Attachment:

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

2014 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 2014 are listed below:

- 14,300 bags of litter removed (equivalent to approximately 36 tons or 47,000 cubic feet).
- 501 volunteer groups are active with Sponsor-a-Highway.
- 1,359 miles of highway are sponsored.
- New Hampshire the Beautiful donated approximately 25,800 bags to the program.
- Since 2007, New Hampshire the Beautiful has donated approximately 308,250 bags.
- Since 1994, approximately 366,500 bags of litter have been removed from the State's highways with this program (equivalent to 2,800 garbage trucks)