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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  
March 29, 2019

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 28,050 trash bags, with a reported value of \$3,006.96, 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 1,404 miles of State Roadway. During calendar year 2018, 350 volunteer groups picked up 11,503 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

Attachments

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

**2018 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 2018 are listed below:

- 11,503 bags of litter removed (equivalent to approximately 29 tons or 37,960 cubic feet).
- 350 volunteer groups are active with Sponsor-a-Highway.
- 1,404 miles of highway are sponsored.
- New Hampshire the Beautiful donated approximately 14,100 bags to the program.
- Since 2007, New Hampshire the Beautiful has donated approximately 392,250 bags.
- Since 1994, approximately 415,696 bags of litter have been removed from the State's highways with this program (equivalent to 3,185 garbage trucks)

**State of New Hampshire**  
**Department of Transportation**  
**Sponsor-A-Highway Program**  
**2018 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	289	465	53	116	1,820	4.6	6,006
2	152	245	33	69	776	1.9	2,561
3	162.4	261	73	72	1,040	2.6	3,432
4	251	404	71	108	2,397	6.0	7,910
5	116	187	27	46	924	2.3	3,049
6	150	242	37	308	1,455	3.6	4,802
Adopt-A-Highway Maintenance Corp	207.5	334	34	N/A	2,408	6.0	7,946
Adopt-A-Highway Litter Removal Svcs.	76.4	123	22	N/A	683	1.7	2,254
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>11,503</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>37,960</b>
<i>Previous Year</i>	<i>1,356</i>	<i>2,183</i>	<i>398</i>	<i>705</i>	<i>13,183</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>43,504</i>

**2018**

Average Number of Bags per Mile: 8.2  
Average Number of Miles per Group: 3.8 (excludes maintenance provider sections - MP)  
Average Number of Bags per Group: 28.6 (excludes maintenance provider sections - MP)

**Since Beginning 1994**

Total Bags 415,696 Tons 1039