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HUDSON COUNTY'S ADOPT-A-LOT PROGRAM

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The Hudson County Improvement Authority started the Hudson County Adopt-A-Lot program in 1992. This program serves to provide citizens with an opportunity to assist the County in achieving the mutual goals of a safe, attractive and litter-free County.

The most common items littered are paper, plastic, glass and metal. Oftentimes careless pedestrians and motorists improperly dispose of these items on roads. The adopt-a-lot program establishes and promotes stewardship of public lands by citizens of the County and fosters cooperation between the public and the government to resolve the problem of roadside debris.

Under this program, groups pledge to adopt a vacant or abandoned lot in their community. Groups may request a particular lot, subject to approval by the HCIA. Following clean up of the adopted area, groups are required to maintain the lot as an attractive community setting, such as a mini-park or urban garden. Grant funds should be used to purchase materials such as plantings or trees.

Each group must designate a leader who will ensure that all group members use safety equipment, follow applicable safety procedures and follow appropriate recycling and disposal techniques.

To participate in this program, groups must submit an application form and a clean up report to the HCIA. Each qualified group will receive up to \$500 per year for participation in this program. Participants will be chosen on a first come, first served basis, with special consideration to having a minimum of one group from each municipality.

MINI-GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Guidelines for Qualified Groups to Earn Money by Adopting-A-Lot

1. Grants will be awarded to non-profit/volunteer groups in amounts up to \$500 per group.
2. Groups need a minimum of ten (10) volunteers per cleanup. Groups must provide adult supervision for all participants under the age of 18 such that a ratio of no less than one (1) adult supervisor for each six (6) participants under the age of 18 is assured.
3. Groups will agree to cleanup the adopted lot and maintain the area for a one-year period. Cleanup programs should be scheduled for a six-hour period.
4. Groups must agree to provide all transportation necessary to implement the program.
5. No grant funds will be paid to the group until the follow up report is completed.
6. Groups may be provided with bags, tools and equipment. All tools and equipment must be returned to the HCIA within 48 hours of the completion of the program.
7. Groups must agree to hold the County and the HCIA harmless for any injuries or damages that may result from participation in the program. Groups will provide the HCIA with proof of liability insurance relative to program activity.
8. Groups will be required to separate for recycling those materials specified by the HCIA or the municipality.
9. Grants will be awarded on a first come, first served basis until all funds are committed. Groups will be notified in writing as to whether they are accepted in this program.