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County Presents Award to Dataw Island Adopt-A-Highway Group

[The Solid Waste and Recycle Section of the County's Public Works Department](#) held its annual Adopt-A-Highway meetings and award ceremony on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. Local volunteers were able to attend sessions provided at the [Bluffton](#) and [St. Helena](#) branch libraries. Volunteers were updated on program events and safety considerations, and provided with cleanup supplies to help clear local roadways of litter.

The Dataw Island Adopt-A-Highway group received the 2015 Adopt-A-Highway County Group of the Year Award, presented in partnership with [Palmetto Pride](#) and the [South Carolina Department of Transportation](#). Dataw Island Adopt-A-Highway group leaders Bill Carpenter, Melanie Gentile and Neville Patterson accepted the award. Beaufort County Councilman Bill McBride, who represents [District 3](#), thanked the group and its members for a job well done.

Dataw Island Adopt-A-Highway group covers a six-mile stretch of Highway 21 on St. Helena Island. They have eleven group leaders and forty volunteers that pick up litter monthly. In 2015, the group picked up 510 bags of litter, which is equivalent to 7,650 pounds of trash.

The County reminds residents that litter damages the beauty and environmental health of our area. The solution to litter lies with all of us. Residents should not throw trash out of their vehicle. Transported loads should be covered tightly to prevent trash from being blown out of vehicles. All waste should be properly disposed of utilizing appropriate waste collection services. Anyone interested in adopting a two-mile section of road in Beaufort County and forming a new Adopt-A-Highway volunteer group, should contact Caroline Jordan by phone at 843-255-2734 or by email cjordan@bcgov.net.



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