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## County Presents Award to Adopt-A-Highway Group

The <u>Solid Waste and Recycle Section</u> of Beaufort County's Public Works Department held its annual Adopt-A-Highway meeting and award ceremony on Tuesday, September 19. Local volunteers were updated on program events and were provided with supplies to help remove litter from local roadways.

The Randy Boehme Adopt-A-Highway Group received the 2016 Adopt-A-Highway Group of the Year Award, presented in partnership with <u>Palmetto Pride</u> and the <u>South Carolina Department of Transportation</u>. Randy Boehme accepted the award. Beaufort County Council Member <u>Michael Covert, District 7</u>, thanked this group and all volunteers for their service to Beaufort County. County Council Member <u>Alice Howard, District 4</u>, also attended the event.

The Randy Boehme Adopt-A-Highway Group sponsors a two-mile stretch of Highway 46 in unincorporated Bluffton. The group partnered with staff from Beaufort County's Public Works, the Town of Bluffton's Public Works, and the Bluffton Police Department to remove 88 bags of litter. The group's subsequent cleanup efforts removed 141 bags of litter.

The County reminds residents that litter damages the beauty and environmental health of our area. The solution of 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 forming a new Adopt-A-Highway volunteer group should contact Caroline Jordan by e-mail <a href="mailto:cjordan@bcgov.net">cjordan@bcgov.net</a> or by phone at 843-255-2734.