

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: April 3, 2023

SUBJECT: County Options for Litter Management

PRESENTER: Amy Schmitte, Environmental Programs Coordinator

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

As directed by the Board during the March 6, 2023 meeting, staff has developed the following options for the Board's consideration:

1. Continue Existing: Litter Sweep event in Spring and Fall with no fee at Solid Waste for litter from roadways and waterways. Continue cleanup of roadways surrounding the Transfer Station.
2. Invite local organizations and non-profits to partner with the County on this effort, with special recognition to the groups that pick up the most litter during the year or during the two litter sweeps scheduled for the Spring and Fall.
 - Annual recognition at a Board of Commissioners meeting, and an invitation to participants to the annual volunteer banquet.
 - Organizations would need tell Solid Waste staff of the dates and locations of litter pickups and Solid Waste would track weights of waste collected.
3. Adopt-a-Highway
 - There is no cost associated with Adopt-a-Highway. Volunteer groups commit to four years to a two mile stretch of roadway. Litter cleanups should take place a minimum of four times per year.
 - County could adopt a stretch of Highway and organize four litter pickups each year with County Staff and public assistance.
4. Sponsor-a-Highway
 - NC DOT has two providers that can be contracted to perform cleanup work, Adopt-A-Highway Litter Removal Service of America, Inc. and Adopt A Highway Maintenance Corp. Organizations have been contacted and quotes can be pursued upon request.

The above options are consistent with what the State has authorized County's to undertake, but there may be other permissible options not mentioned above.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to discuss the options, and direct Staff accordingly.

Suggested Motion:

No motion suggested.