



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 22, 2023

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 15,000 trash bags, with a reported value of \$2,021, from Northeast Resource Recovery Association 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."

Northeast Resource Recovery Association supports this program by donating blue bags for the Department of Transportation, to provide to the volunteer groups that remove trash from almost 1,209 miles of State Roadway. During calendar year 2022, 462 volunteer groups picked up 11,067 bags of trash as part of this program.

The Department appreciates the support of Northeast Resource Recovery Association and all the volunteer groups that make the Sponsor a Highway program a success and help keep our roadsides clean.

Sincerely,

William Cass
Commissioner

Attachments

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

2022 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 2022 are listed below:

- 11,067 bags of litter removed (equivalent to approximately 28 tons or 36,521 cubic feet).
- 462 volunteer groups are active with Sponsor-a-Highway.
- 1,209 miles of highway are sponsored.
- New Hampshire the Beautiful donated approximately 33,750 bags to the program.

**State of New Hampshire
Department of Transportation**

Sponsor-A-Highway Program

2022 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	193		42	73	1,138	2.8	3,755
2	77		31	54	567	1.4	1,871
3	178		225	410	1,157	2.9	3,818
4	237		48	98	1,992	5.0	6,574
5	108		27	48	1,109	2.8	3,660
6	170		36	77	1,101	2.8	3,633
Adopt-A-Highway Maintenance Corp	174		53		3,054	7.6	10,078
Adopt-A-Highway Litter Removal Svcs.	72.2				949	2.4	3,132
Totals:							
<i>Previous Year</i>	1,209		462	760	11,067	28	36,521

NHDOT Blue Bag Order for FY2023

District	Case Order		# Bags
1	0		0
2	20		3000
3	25		3750
4	25		3750
5			0
6	30		4500
Total	100		15000

Value /case* \$ 20.21

Total Value \$ 2,021.00

*Price from NH the Beautiful