

**The Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program
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OVERVIEW

Authority

The commission directed the creation of a program which would provide for the adoption of rural roadways for landscaping purposes. This Program will provide those Groups now picking up litter on adopted highway sections the opportunity to landscape that section of highway also.

The Commission authorized Minute Order Number 88029, establishing the Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program and approving, for permanent adoption, new sections 2.64 to Title 43, Texas Administrative Code.

This Program will require that all labor, equipment and material for landscape installation and for subsequent landscape maintenance be provided by the adopting Group.

Precedence

This Program is patterned after the successful Adopt-a-Highway for Litter Control Program currently in effect.

KEY POINTS

Introduction	Although this program is patterned after the Adopt-a-Highway for Litter Control Program, regulations for the Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program contain several key differences.
Who is Eligible	<p>Groups who have currently adopted a section of highway for litter control may expand the scope of their services by performing landscape development and maintenance within the adopted section.</p> <p>New groups are eligible to adopt a section of highway for landscape development and maintenance only; or adopt a section of highway for landscape development, maintenance and litter pick up.</p>
Eligible Routes	This Program is intended for use throughout the rural sections of our state highway system. Interstate highways and controlled access or divided routes within urban areas will not be eligible for this program.
Cost	The adopting Group is solely responsibility for all costs involved in performing landscape development, landscape maintenance and litter pickup. The Department will provide funds, labor and equipment necessary to erect and maintain signs which announce the Group's participation in the Program.
Design Standards	Only native and naturalized trees, shrubs and native wildflowers are permitted. The Department must approve the designs.
Installation	The adopting Group will perform all work necessary to install and maintain the landscape development.
Maintenance	The adopting Group must maintain the landscape plantings to the satisfaction of the Department for a minimum period of two years.
Authority	The District Engineer is the final approval authority for work under this program.

PROCEDURES

Application

The Application (Form 1725) shall be completed by each Group wishing to enter into the Adopt-a-Highway for Landscape Program. The Group will receive the appropriate agreement for signature following District review.

Agreements

Groups may select any one of three methods for work under this Program. The District will select the appropriate Agreement type based upon the Group's desire to:

Form 1726A Expand their existing Agreement under the Adopt-a-Highway for Litter Control Program to provide landscape development and maintenance;

Form 1726B Adopt a section of highway for landscape development and maintenance only; or

Form 1726C Adopt a section of highway for landscape development, maintenance and litter control.

RULES (Texas Administrative Code)
Texas Department of Transportation
Design Division

Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program

(a) Purpose. This Program augments the Adopt-a-Highway Program by allowing groups to adopt a section of rural state highway right-of-way for landscape development and maintenance. This effort enhances the beauty of rural Texas highways while preserving the integrity of native Texas flora and providing litter pickup. This section establishes policies and procedures to administer the Program.

(b) Participation.

(1) Adoption. An eligible group may, upon approval by the department, adopt a rural section of the state highway system for landscape development and maintenance and litter pickup.

(2) Eligibility.

(A) The following groups are eligible to participate in the Program:

(i) members or employees of civic and nonprofit organizations;

(ii) employees of private businesses and governmental entities; and

(iii) families.

(B) Eligible groups must reside in the county or a county adjacent to the adopted section.

(3) Current participating groups. Groups may expand their scope beyond litter control as a landscape project. They may make this change if their section of highway right-of-way satisfies requirements relating to right-of-way width, highway geometrics, sight distance, and safety considerations.

(c) Application.

(1) The authorized representative of a group who desires to participate, or continue to participate, in the Program shall submit an application to the district engineer of the proposed adopted section.

(2) The application shall be in the form prescribed by the department and must include:

- (A) the date of application;
 - (B) the name and complete mailing address, including the street address, of the group;
 - (C) the name, telephone number, and complete mailing address, including street address, of the authorized representative of the group;
 - (D) the highway section the group is interested in adopting;
 - (E) whether the group proposes to adopt the section for project development, establishment, and maintenance only; or also for litter control; and
 - (F) the project design plan, including sketches, drawings, and specifications required by the department to illustrate the level of landscape development.
- (3) Groups currently participating in the Adopt-a-Highway Program must indicate on the application their current status in the Program.

(d) Agreement.

- (1) If the application submitted under subsection (c) of this section is approved by the district engineer, the authorized representative of the group shall enter into a written agreement with the department.
- (2) The agreement shall be in the form prescribed by the department and must include the following terms:
 - (A) The project design plan must include plans, sketches, drawings, notes, and specifications necessary to fully illustrate the level of project development proposed.
 - (B) The group acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work involved.
 - (C) The group agrees that its members are jointly and severally responsible to comply with the terms of the agreement.
 - (D) The department must approve the project design plan.
 - (E) The group must provide for all costs, materials, labor, and equipment necessary for project development.

- (F) The group must provide for all costs and equipment associated with their participation for at least a consecutive two-year period following the completion of project development, or a time specified by the department.
 - (G) The respective responsibilities of the group and the department as cited in subsection (e) of this section.
 - (H) Conditions by which the agreement may be terminated.
 - (I) A provision to satisfy legal relations and responsibilities to the public, including insurance and traffic control.
- (3) The department's decision will be final with respect to any disputes that may arise concerning the group's responsibilities under the agreement.

(e) Responsibilities of group and department.

- (1) Groups must:
- (A) appoint an authorized representative with the authority to execute the agreement as defined in subsection (d) of this section;
 - (B) obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety, and legal relations to the public, and other terms and conditions required by the district engineer.
 - (C) comply with § 2.63 of this title (relating to Adopt-a-Highway Program) if participation includes that Program;
 - (D) furnish adequate supervision by one or more adults for participants who are 15 years of age or younger;
 - (E) conduct at least two safety meetings per year and ensure participants of the group attend at least one safety meeting before participating in the cleanup of the adopted section;
 - (F) adopt the section of highway for a minimum period of two years;
 - (G) adopt only those sections of highway determined by the department to be appropriate for project development and maintenance;
 - (H) establish plant materials;
 - (I) water all plant material except seeding at least twice per month during the months of April through September, and at least once per month

during the months of October through March; unless in the opinion of the department, sufficient natural rainfall has occurred;

- (J) remove weeds and vegetative matter from within the watering basins of all installed plant material at least once per month during the months of April through September, and at least once every other month during the months of October through March;
 - (K) ensure that the fold-down traffic control signs are opened during project participation and closed after completion each day;
 - (L) ensure each individual participant wears department-furnished safety vests while on the adopted section;
 - (M) neither possess nor consume alcoholic beverages while on the adopted section;
 - (N) maintain a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while on the adopted section; and
 - (O) act as an independent contractor during project participation.
- (2) A group may not subcontract or assign its project responsibilities to any other group, organization, or enterprise, unless expressly authorized by the department.
- (3) The department will:
- (A) work with the group to determine the specific section of the state highway right-of-way to be adopted.
 - (B) comply with § 2.63 of this title (relating to Adopt-a-Highway Program) if litter control is included as a portion of the application;
 - (C) review the group's design plan for project development and may require modifications to the design prior to approval; and
 - (D) provide for the installation of suitable Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping signs in accordance with existing regulations relating to the Adopt-a-Highway Program, including § 2.63(f)(3) of this title.

(f) General limiting conditions and eligibility. The Program is subject to the following conditions.

- (1) Only highway rights-of-way eligible for the Program for litter control and sections that are deemed appropriate for landscape development may be

adopted. Unless otherwise approved by the department, controlled access highways or routes within urban or metropolitan areas are not eligible for adoption.

- (2) The department may consider such factors as width of right-of-way, geometrics, congestion, and sight distance of roadways in determining what highway shall be eligible for adoption.
- (3) The department will determine the limits for adopted sections for landscape development.
- (4) Plant material will be limited to native and adapted trees, shrubs and wildflower and grass seeding activities.
- (5) Groups currently participating in the Adopt-a-Highway Program which submit an application under subsection (c) of this section may only adopt within the limits of the original adopted section. Groups shall perform project maintenance at least two consecutive years following the completion of the project development, or other period specified by the department.
- (6) Sections currently adopted under the Adopt-a-Highway Program are not eligible for adoption under the Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program by any other group until the original adoption has expired.
- (7) Signs shall be four feet by four feet and the least expensive and most effective for each situation.
- (8) With the exception of the Adopt-a-Highway Program, work under the Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program will not be combined with any other landscape-related program sponsored by the department.
- (9) If any group actions are determined to be contrary to any legislative restrictions or any restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for political activities, the department will take all necessary remedial actions; which may include the removal of signs displaying the group's name or acronym.

(g) Modification/renewal/termination of the agreement. The department may decide to modify the agreement in any manner. The group may renew the agreement subject to the approval of the district engineer and the continuation of the Program. The department may terminate the agreement and remove the signs upon 30-day notice, if it determines that the group is not meeting the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Source: The provisions of this § 2.64 adopted to be effective March 24, 1997, 22 Tex.–Reg. 2626.

Definitions. The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

Adopted section — A section of state highway right-of-way approved for adoption by a group.

Authorized representative — An individual with the authority to sign agreements for the group or donor.

Commission — The Texas Transportation Commission.

Department — The Texas Department of Transportation.

District — One of the 25 geographical areas, managed by a district engineer, in which the department conducts its primary work activities.

District engineer — The chief executive officer in charge of a district, or his or her designee.

Family member — Any spouse, sibling, parent, stepparent, grandparent, child, stepchild, aunt, uncle or cousin.

Group — An entity which adopts a section of state highway right-of-way.

Highway Landscaping — A project design intent which attempts to provide primarily for the installation of native, naturalized, or adapted plant material within the project limits.

Project establishment — The landscape maintenance activities required to ensure the viability, upkeep, and continued effectiveness of the project.

Project maintenance — The activities performed as determined by the program agreement to ensure the establishment, upkeep, and continued effectiveness of the project.



Form 1725

**Texas Department of Transportation
Application for Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program**

The Texas Department of Transportation will work with the adopting group to determine the specific section of roadway to be adopted. The department may consider such factors as width of right-of-way, geometrics, congestion, and reduced sight distance of roadways in determining what highways shall be eligible for adoption.

_____	_____
Name of Organization	Date of Application

Mailing Address	

City, Zip Code	

Name of President, Chairperson or Authorized Representative	
_____	_____
Name of Contact Person	Day Phone No.
_____	_____
Mailing Address	Evening Phone No.

City, Zip Code	

Highway Section you are interesting in adopting: _____

Is the highway section shown above adopted by your Group under the Department's Adopt-a-Highway Program for Litter Control?

(Check Applicable Box) YES NO

If you checked yes, please enter the date your current adoption agreement will expire: _____

APPLICATION
TXDOT FORM 1725 (Continued)



Form 1725

Our group is making application to perform the following activities within the highway section recommended for adoption:

(Check only one box)

LANDSCAPE
DEVELOPMENT
AND
MAINTENANCE
ONLY

LANDSCAPE
DEVELOPMENT,
MAINTENANCE
AND LITTER
PICK-UP

Approximate number of people participating in Landscape Maintenance:

Approximate number of people participating in Landscape Development:

Approximate number of people participating in Litter Pick-up (if applicable):

The project design plan containing sketches, drawings or details as may be required to fully illustrate the type of landscape development proposed must be attached to this application in order for the Department to process your application.

The undersigned agrees, assuming approval of the project by the Department, to provide all materials, labor and equipment as may be required for the installation of the plant material shown on the project design plan.

The undersigned also agrees, assuming approval of the project by the Department, to maintain the landscape development as required on the Agreement.

Authorized Signature

Mail this form to: **Texas Department of Transportation**

Attention:

Mailing Address:



Form 1726A

**Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program
Supplementary Adoption Agreement**

**Landscape Development and Landscape Maintenance, and Litter Control
Terms and Conditions**

The Texas Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the "Department", and _____, hereinafter called the "Group", recognize the need and the desirability of aesthetically pleasing highways and are entering into this Agreement to permit the Group to increase their support currently being performed under the Adopt-a-Highway for Litter Control Program.

By signature below, the Group, both jointly and severally, acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agree, both jointly and severally, to the following terms and conditions:

- * The Group agrees to continue to perform those activities and fulfill those responsibilities contained within the Adopt-a-Highway for Litter Control Program Agreement currently in effect.
- * The limits for the adopted section of roadway shall be those limits within the Adopt-a-Highway for Litter Control Program agreement currently in effect.
- * The Group shall be required to adopt the section of highway for a minimum period of two years.
- * The Group shall furnish a project design plan of such detail as may be required to fully illustrate the extent of the proposed landscape development.
- * The Group shall furnish all labor, equipment and materials as may be required for the landscape development and landscape maintenance of the adopted section.
- * The Group shall perform the following maintenance activities to insure the establishment and continued viability of the plant material:

Watering of all plant material at least twice per month during the months of April through September, and at least once per month during the months of October through March, unless in the opinion of the Department, sufficient natural rainfall has occurred.

Removing weeds and vegetative matter from within the watering basins of all installed plant material at least once per month during the months of April through September, and at least once every other month during the months of October through March.

AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726A (continued)



Form 1726A

Additional Maintenance activities to be performed by the Group:

_____ times per _____ .

- * The Group shall not subcontract or assign its duties or responsibilities to any other group, organization or enterprise.
- * The Group shall appoint or select a chairperson to serve as spokesperson for the Group.
- * Fold-down traffic control signs installed on Adopt-a-Highway sign supports shall be folded down by the Group while performing any activity and returned to the closed position after the activity has been accomplished.
- * Individuals shall wear Department-supplied and approved safety vests while performing any activity.
- * The Group shall be responsible for prohibiting participants from either possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages while on the adopted section.
- * The Group shall have the option of renewing the agreement subject to the approval of the Department and continuation by the Department of the Adopt-a-Highway Program for Landscaping.

The Department agrees to accomplish the following:

- * Afford the Group the opportunity to expand scope of services provided by the Group within the limits of the original section of highway.
- * Provide vests and safety literature.
- * Review the project design plan as submitted by the Group.

AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726A (continued)



Form 1726A

Additional terms and conditions: _____

The Group acknowledges that the Department is generally prohibited by law from expending any funds, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of influencing the outcome of any election or the passage or defeat of any Legislation and the Group agrees if any actions by the Group relative to the performance of this Agreement are determined to be contrary to any Legislative restrictions or any restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for political activities, the Department shall have the right to take any and all necessary remedial actions, including but not limited to the removal of the erected signs displaying the Group's name or acronym.

The Group acknowledges that the use of native or naturalized plant material and wildflowers only will be permitted for installation on the section proposed for adoption and that the Department reserves the right to require any reasonable revisions to the project design plan given the adopted section's right-of-way width, geometrics, congestion and sight distance.

If in the sole judgment of the Department, it is found that the adopting group is not meeting the terms and conditions of this Agreement, upon 30 days notice the Department may terminate the adoption Agreement and remove the signs. This Agreement may be modified in scope or altered in any other manner at the sole discretion of the Department and the Texas Transportation Commission. The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel the Program at any time, and for any reason at the sole discretion of the Department and the Commission.

The Department and the Group both recognize and agree that in no event shall the Department have the right to control the Group in performing the actual details of picking up litter, landscape development or landscape maintenance within the section of highway adopted by the Group, and, in performing such activities the Group shall act as an independent contractor.

**AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726A (continued)**



Form 1726A

The Department recognizes the Group as the adopting organization for _____

and the Group accepts the responsibility for picking up litter, landscape development and landscape maintenance on this section of highway thereby promoting an aesthetically pleasing and litter-free environment in the community for a period beginning _____, 19____, and ending _____, 19____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have heretofore affixed their signature, the Group on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, and the Department on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 ____.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Certified as being executed for the purpose and effect of activating and/or carrying out the orders, established policies or work programs heretofore authorized by the Texas Transportation Commission.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

By: _____ Date _____
District Engineer

Authorized Signature of Group

Name of Group

Address

Name of Chairperson for Group (Print)

Phone Number (Day)

Phone Number (Night)



Form 1726B

**Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program
Adoption Agreement
Landscape Development and Landscape Maintenance Only
Terms and Conditions**

The Texas Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the "Department", and _____, hereinafter called the "Group", recognize the need and the desirability of aesthetically pleasing highways and are entering into this Agreement to permit the Group to contribute toward the effort of landscape development and landscape maintenance on the proposed section of highway.

By signature below, the Group, both jointly and severally, acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agree, both jointly and severally, to the following terms and conditions:

- * Participants in the Group agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the Department for special conditions on a particular adopted section.
- * When participants are 15 years of age or younger, the Group shall furnish adequate supervision by one or more adults.
- * The Group shall conduct at least two safety meetings per year. Participants must attend a safety meeting conducted by the Group before participating.
- * The Group shall adopt a section of roadway whose limits are approved by the Department.
- * The Group shall be required to adopt the section of highway for a minimum period of two years.
- * The Group shall furnish a project design plan of such detail as may be required to fully illustrate the extent of the proposed landscape development.
- * The Group shall furnish all labor, equipment and materials as may be required for the landscape development and landscape maintenance of the adopted section.
- * The Group shall perform the following maintenance activities to insure the establishment and continued viability of the plant material:

Watering of all plant material at least twice per month during the months of April through September, and at least once per month during the months of October through March, unless in the opinion of the Department, sufficient natural rainfall has occurred.

Removing weeds and vegetative matter from within the watering basins of all installed plant material at least once per month during the months of April through September, and at least once every other month during the months of October through March.

AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726B (continued)



Form 1726B

Additional Maintenance activities to be performed by the Group:

_____ times per _____.

- * The Group shall not subcontract or assign its duties or responsibilities to any other group, organization or enterprise.
- * The Group shall appoint or select a chairperson to serve as spokesperson for the Group.
- * Fold-down traffic control signs installed on Adopt-a-Highway sign supports shall be folded down by the Group while performing any activity and returned to the closed position after the activity has been accomplished.
- * Individuals shall wear Department-supplied and approved safety vests while performing any activity.
- * The Group shall be responsible for prohibiting participants from either possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages while on the adopted section.
- * The Group shall be responsible for maintaining a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while participating in any activity on the adopted section.
- * The Group shall have the option of renewing the agreement subject to the approval of the Department and continuation by the Department of the Adopt-a-Highway Program for Landscaping.

The Department agrees to accomplish the following:

- * Work with the Group to determine the specific section of the State highway right-of-way to be adopted.
- * Erect a sign at each end of the adopted section with the Group's name or acronym displayed.
- * Provide vests, trash bags and safety literature.
- * Remove litter from the adopted section only under unusual circumstances, i.e. to remove large, heavy or hazardous items.
- * Review the project design plan as submitted by the Group.
- * Require any reasonable revisions to the project design plan as may be necessary.

AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726B (continued)



Form 1726B

Additional terms and conditions: _____

The Group acknowledges that the Department is generally prohibited by law from expending any funds, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of influencing the outcome of any election or the passage or defeat of any Legislation and the Group agrees if any actions by the Group relative to the performance of this Agreement are determined to be contrary to any Legislative restrictions or any restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for political activities, the Department shall have the right to take any and all necessary remedial actions, including but not limited to the removal of the erected signs displaying the Group's name or acronym.

The Group acknowledges that the use of native or naturalized plant material and wildflowers only will be permitted for installation on the section proposed for adoption and that the Department reserves the right to require any reasonable revisions to the project design plan given the adopted section's right-of-way width, geometrics, congestion and sight distance.

If in the sole judgment of the Department, it is found that the adopting group is not meeting the terms and conditions of this Agreement, upon 30 days notice the Department may terminate the adoption Agreement and remove the signs. This Agreement may be modified in scope or altered in any other manner at the sole discretion of the Department and the Texas Transportation Commission. The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel the Program at any time, and for any reason at the sole discretion of the Department and the Commission.

The Department and the Group both recognize and agree that in no event shall the Department have the right to control the Group in performing the actual details of landscape development or landscape maintenance within the section of highway proposed for adoption by the Group, and, in performing such activities the Group shall act as an independent contractor.

AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726B (continued)



Form 1726B

The Department recognizes the Group as the adopting organization for _____

and the Group accepts the responsibility for landscape development and landscape maintenance on this section of highway thereby promoting an aesthetically pleasing environment in the community for a period beginning _____, 19____, and ending _____, 19____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have heretofore affixed their signature, the Group on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, and the Department on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 ____.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Certified as being executed for the purpose and effect of activating and/or carrying out the orders, established policies or work programs heretofore authorized by the Texas Transportation Commission.

Authorized Signature of Group

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

Name of Group

By: _____ Date _____
District Engineer

Address

Name of Chairperson for Group (Print)

Phone Number (Day)

Phone Number (Night)



Form 1726C

**Adopt-a-Highway for Landscaping Program
Adoption Agreement**

**Landscape Development, Landscape Maintenance, and Litter Control
Terms and Conditions**

The Texas Department of Transportation, hereinafter called the "Department", and _____, hereinafter called the "Group", recognize the need and the desirability of aesthetically pleasing highways and are entering into this Agreement to permit the Group to contribute toward the effort of landscape development, landscape maintenance and maintaining litter-free highways.

By signature below, the Group, both jointly and severally, acknowledges the hazardous nature of the work and agree, both jointly and severally, to the following terms and conditions:

- * Participants in the Group agree to obey and abide by all laws and regulations relating to safety and such terms and conditions as may be required by the Department for special conditions on a particular adopted section.
- * When participants are 15 years of age or younger, the Group shall furnish adequate supervision by one or more adults.
- * The Group shall conduct at least two safety meetings per year. Participants must attend a safety meeting conducted by the Group before participating.
- * The Group shall adopt a section of roadway whose limits are approved by the Department.
- * The Group shall be required to adopt the section of highway for a minimum period of two years.
- * The Group shall pick up litter a minimum of four times a year, with one of these pickups occurring during the Department's April "Trash Off" event, and such additional times are required by the Department.
- * The Group shall place filled trash bags at one location at the adopted site for pickup and disposal by the Department the next workday.
- * Unused materials and supplies furnished by the Department shall be returned to the Department within one week following each litter cleanup.
- * The Group shall furnish a project design plan of such detail as may be required to fully illustrate the extent of the proposed landscape development.
- * The Group shall furnish all labor, equipment and materials as may be required for the landscape development and landscape maintenance of the adopted section.

**AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726C (Continued)**



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- * The Group shall perform the following maintenance activities to insure the establishment and continued viability of the plant material:

Watering of all plant material at least twice per month during the months of April through September, and at least once per month during the months of October through March, unless in the opinion of the Department, sufficient natural rainfall has occurred.

Removing weeds and vegetative matter from within the watering basins of all installed plant material at least once per month during the months of April through September, and at least once every other month during the months of October through March.

Additional Maintenance activities to be performed by the Group:

_____ times per _____ .
_____ times per _____ .

- * The Group shall not subcontract or assign its duties or responsibilities to any other group, organization or enterprise.
- * The Group shall appoint or select a chairperson to serve as spokesperson for the Group.
- * The Group shall obtain required supplies and materials from the Department during regular business hours.
- * Fold-down traffic control signs installed on Adopt-a-Highway sign supports shall be folded down by the Group while performing any activity and returned to the closed position after the activity has been accomplished.
- * Individuals shall wear Department-supplied and approved safety vests while performing any activity.
- * The Group shall be responsible for prohibiting participants from either possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages while on the adopted section.

**AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726C (Continued)**



Form 1726C

- * The Group shall have the option of renewing the agreement subject to the approval of the Department and continuation by the Department of the Adopt-a-Highway Program for Landscaping.

The Department agrees to accomplish the following:

- * Work with the Group to determine the specific section of the State highway right-of-way to be adopted.
- * Erect a sign at each end of the adopted section with the Group's name or acronym displayed.
- * Provide vests, trash bags and safety literature.
- * Remove the filled trash bags the first workday after pickup.

Remove litter from the adopted section only under unusual circumstances, i.e. to remove large, heavy or hazardous items.
- * Review the project design plan as submitted by the Group.
- * Require any reasonable revisions to the project design plan as may be necessary.

Additional terms and conditions: _____

The Group acknowledges that the Department is generally prohibited by law from expending any funds, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of influencing the outcome of any election or the passage or defeat of any Legislation and the Group agrees if any actions by the Group relative to the performance of this Agreement are determined to be contrary to any Legislative restrictions or any restrictions on the use of appropriated funds for political activities, the Department shall have the right to take any and all necessary remedial actions, including but not limited to the removal of the erected signs displaying the Group's name or acronym.

The Group acknowledges that the use of native or naturalized plant material and wildflowers only will be permitted for installation on the section proposed for adoption and

AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726C (continued)



Form 1726C

that the Department reserves the right to require any reasonable revisions to the project design plan given the adopted section's right-of-way width, geometrics, congestion and sight distance.

If in the sole judgment of the Department, it is found that the adopting group is not meeting the terms and conditions of this Agreement, upon 30 days notice the Department may terminate the adoption Agreement and remove the signs. This Agreement may be modified in scope or altered in any other manner at the sole discretion of the Department and the Texas Transportation Commission. The Department reserves the right to modify or cancel the Program at any time, and for any reason at the sole discretion of the Department and the Commission.

The Department and the Group both recognize and agree that in no event shall the Department have the right to control the Group in performing the actual details of picking up litter, landscape development or landscape maintenance within the section of highway adopted by the Group, and, in performing such activities the Group shall act as an independent contractor.

**AGREEMENT
TXDOT FORM 1726C (continued)**



Form 1726C

The Department recognizes the Group as the adopting organization for _____

and the Group accepts the responsibility for picking up litter, landscape development and landscape maintenance on this section of highway and promoting an aesthetically pleasing and litter-free environment in the community for a period beginning _____, 19____, and ending _____, 19____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have heretofore affixed their signature, the Group on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 19____, and the Department on the _____ day of _____, A. D. 19 ____.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

Certified as being executed for the purpose and effect of activating and/or carrying out the orders, established policies or work programs heretofore authorized by the Texas Transportation Commission.

APPROVAL RECOMMENDED:

By: _____ Date _____
District Engineer

Authorized Signature of Group

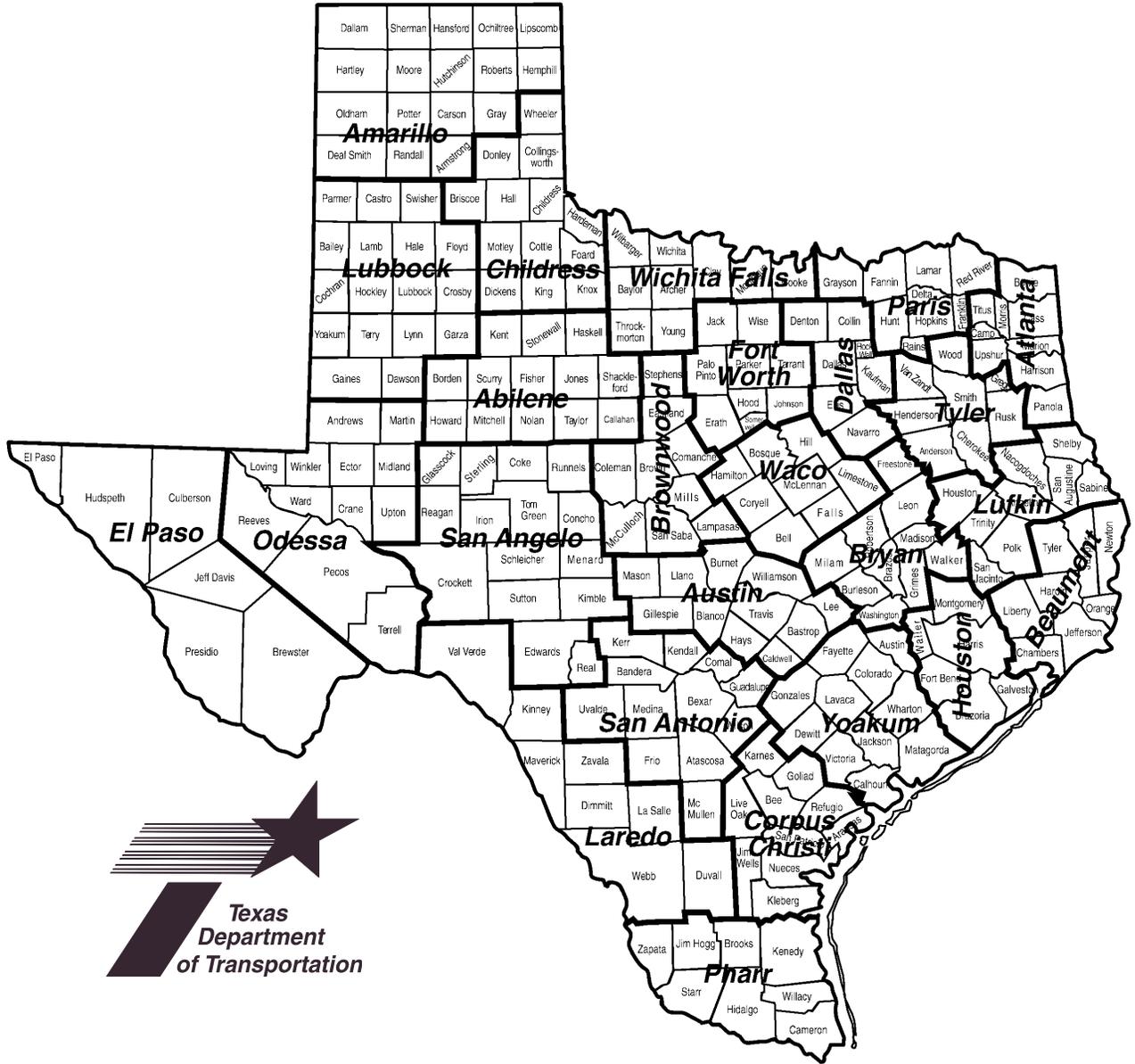
Name of Group

Address

Name of Chairperson for Group (Print)

Phone Number (Day)

Phone Number (Night)



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