



Adopt•A•Stop

Creating Litter Free Bus Stops

Thank you for your interest in the Adopt-A-Stop program! Our goal is to create litter free bus stops throughout the City of Charleston.

The City of Charleston's Keep Charleston Beautiful (KCB) works year round to promote a litter free community through community involvement, youth education, and litter awareness. Adopt-A-Stop volunteers have the opportunity to adopt an unsheltered CARTA bus stop within the City. Once an

adoption application is approved KCB will drop off a trash can and volunteer supplies. Adopters are asked to service the can and pick up litter at the stop once a week for a year. In exchange for their efforts volunteer receive a recognition sign at the stop.



Additional Information:

Adopt-A-Stop is a litter reduction and prevention program hosted by KCB and CARTA. Funding for the program was provided by the LOWE'S/Keep America Beautiful 2014 Community Improvement Grant. The program relies on volunteer involvement from residential and community businesses, organizations, and individuals.

Adoption opportunities are for bus stop locations that do not currently have shelters, as those are maintained by CARTA.

By adopting a bus stop, volunteers commit to removing litter and trash from their designated area. Adopters are asked to submit a simple 4 question **Cleanup Report Form** at the end of each month.

Keep Charleston Beautiful will provide one painted trash barrel and lid, trash bags, gloves, safety vests, pick-up sticks, and all other need materials.

CARTA will provide one Adopt-A-Stop sign identifying the adopting organization, company, family, individual, or group.

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FAQ

Who can apply?

Anyone can adopt a CARTA bus stop or stops: groups, individuals, private companies, public agencies, churches, schools, school groups, civic organizations/groups, scout groups, and more.

How long is the contract?

One year with a minimum of 1 visit a week.

Are there any rules or regulations?

Volunteers agree to empty the trash can and pick up litter around the designated bus stop once a week for the length of the adoption term. KCB asks volunteers return the unused supplies after the adoption term. Volunteers are asked not to plant flowers, paint or alter the bus stop in any way.

Can I choose my bus stop?

You may choose a bus stop within the City of Charleston without a shelter. We will inform you of your requested bus stop's availability. If that bus stop is not available we will provide other options.

Can I paint the trash can?

KCB will provide you with a student painted can for your stop. If you would like to paint your can that is possible, provided the can illustrates the theme "A beautiful Charleston" and is not use for advertisement purposes.

Why Adopt-a-Stop?

The Adopt-A-Stop program is a great way to get involved in the community. Adopting a bus stop helps make the community more beautiful while protecting the environment. Everyone benefits from this program—property owner, businesses, visitors and transit riders. As an added bonus you will be recognized by CARTA at that stop.

What does the recognition sign look like?



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Application Form

Join the Adopt-A-Stop program and adopt a CARTA bus stop near you. Providing alternatives to litter at local bus stops will go a long way to creating cleaner more beautiful roadways in our community. Thank you for your interest in being part of the solution to pollution!

Adopter's Name (as will appear on CARTA sign): _____

Contact Name (if different): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Contact Address:

Location of CARTA stop you wish to adopt: _____

Return form to KCB: ScalesJ@charleston-sc.gov or mail to 823 Meeting Street, Charleston SC 29403.

*Keep Charleston Beautiful and CARTA will review your adoption application and contact you shortly to address any questions you may have. Once the application is approved and you have signed and returned the CARTA liability form you will be provided with a trash can and supplies at your stop.

Keep Charleston Beautiful will set out your trash can and drop off your Adopt-A-Stop supply kit. Please keep in mind by agreeing to Adopt-A-Stop you agree to service the trash can weekly, dispose of the trash, and to maintain the trash can and bus stop to the best of your ability through regular litter cleanups. We ask that volunteer submit a monthly report form to help us assess the value and progress of the program.

Thank you for your support and time!

