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Press Release

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Camden County's Adopt-A-Highway Program

Woodbine, GA – January 29, 2010: At Tuesday night's Board of County Commissioner's meeting, the Board approved for the Department of Public Works to begin a local Adopt-A-Highway program that enlists the help of community volunteers to remove litter from our roadsides. This program saves taxpayer dollars, promotes public awareness of the environment and monetary costs of littering, and promotes civic responsibility and pride. Adopt-A-Highway volunteers serve as visible reminders that we are all stewards of the land. *"This program in partnership with the community helps make roadsides cleaner and safer. Residents and tourists alike with benefit from these efforts,"* stated County Administrator Steve Howard.

How does this program work? Interested volunteer groups adopt a least a one-mile stretch of roadway. The group agrees to remove litter from both sides of the road at least four times a year for a two-year period. If a group desires to pay for a litter removal service, the group will need to adopt at least a two-

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mile stretch of highway for two years. The volunteer group's leader notifies the Camden County Public Works Department at least three business days prior to the scheduled pickup. The filled litter bags are left on the site at a predetermined location for County crews to pick up. Within one week after the pickup, the volunteer group should submit a status report to the County office.

Who can participate? Any civic-minded organization, business, family, city, county, state, or federal agency is welcome to volunteer in Camden County's Adopt-A-Highway program. Each volunteer group must have at least six members, and three backup members. All members' names, addresses, and phone numbers must be provided to Camden County prior to acceptance of the application. Children aged twelve to fifteen year must be supervised by adults at a rate of one adult for every three children. However, children under the age of twelve are ineligible to participate in the program.

To show the community that you are doing your part to clean up Camden County, the County will erect a sign with the Adopt-A-Highway logo and your group's name after your first pickup. Logos, Insignias, slogans, phone or fax numbers, Internet addresses, ham radio IDs, or directions are not allowed. They County will place the recognition signs at the beginning of your adoption project area on both sides of the road.

What roads can be adopted? County maintained routes may be adopted. Currently, the Department of Public Works manages over 300 miles of primary and secondary roadways. If your group is interested in participating in Camden County's Adopt-A-Highway program, please check with the County Coordinator, Luke Spangler, at (912) 576-3028 to determine what roads in your area are available for adoption and to obtain a permit application. For state routes, contact Jeffrey Walker of the Georgia Department of Transportation at (912) 427-5733, or visit their website, www.dot.state.ga.us.

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