



Keep DeKalb Beautiful Adopt-A-MARTA Bus Stop Program Overview

What is Adopt-A-MARTA Bus Stop?

Adopt-A-MARTA bus stop is a litter reduction and prevention program sponsored by the DeKalb County office of Keep DeKalb Beautiful, a non-profit environmental and litter abatement organization. The purpose of the program is to attract public involvement from residential and community organizations to maintain a litter-free DeKalb at all our MARTA bus stops.

Adoption opportunities are specifically for locations that *do not* have supplemental bus benches or shelters, as they are maintained through the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority.

What are the Responsibilities of the Adopting Organization?

By adopting a MARTA bus stop, an organization commits to removing the litter and trash from their designated adoption area as well as preserving its aesthetic condition. Specifically, organizations will coordinate volunteers to maintain the appearance of their adopted bus stop through community cleanup campaigns and beautification projects, educating the community on the importance of maintaining litter-free roadways, and reporting cleanup results to Keep DeKalb Beautiful.

What are the Responsibilities of Keep DeKalb Beautiful?

Keep DeKalb Beautiful will determine, at its sole discretion, what supplies are needed and the amount necessary to aid with general cleanups, provide a road sign indicating the adoption of County right of way that has been adopted and the adopting organization, educational material to inform the public of the program, and provide additional support, when needed, to carry out overall program.

Is There a Safety Factor to Consider for Volunteers?

Yes, with any cleaning campaign there are safety concerns, especially in heavily congested areas. For this reason Keep DeKalb Beautiful provides safety vests to all volunteers and any additional support to ensure that all participants are as safe as possible. All participants must sign a volunteer sign-in waiver form in order to participate in any DeKalb County Adoption Program.



Keep DeKalb Beautiful Adopt-A-MARTA Bus Stop Commitment

Keep DeKalb Beautiful requires all adopting organizations to take certain actions, such as:

- ▶ signing an Adopt-A-MARTA program agreement,
- ▶ adhering to all rules of the program as stated in the agreement, and
- ▶ signing a volunteer sign-in waiver form removing all liability from DeKalb County government, its employees, and equipment.

Organizations must agree to clean adoptive bus stop a minimum of once a month or as needed to maintain a certain level of cleanliness.

Keep DeKalb Beautiful will furnish or provide, at its sole discretion, and to its own satisfaction, one 12 X 18 Adopt-A-MARTA bus stop sign identifying the adopting organization, litter bags (distributed prior to clean up), safety vests (on loan), information on safety precautions, and the removal of all litter bags upon completion of clean up.

Participant minors must have written parental consent, or when parents sign the waiver on behalf of their child they consent to the minor's participation.

All adopting organizations must complete an Adopt-A-MARTA status report and submit it to our office after each litter clean up. If an adopting organization fails to perform any of the orders and obligations satisfactorily, it will be removed from the Adopt-A-MARTA program.



Keep DeKalb Beautiful Adopt-A-MARTA Bus Stop Application

Show your concern for the environment by adopting a MARTA bus stop in your area today! The Adopt-A-MARTA program gives groups the opportunity to help their local community by collecting litter and beautifying bus stops within their neighborhood. This countywide program allows the “You’re the Solution to Litter Pollution” motto to spark awareness amongst citizens of all ages.

Yes! I want to Adopt-A-MARTA bus stop in DeKalb County!

I would like to adopt the following location(s), if available:

(Please be specific. Ex: Kensington Rd - from the intersection of Memorial Drive and Kensington Rd to the Intersection of Kensington Rd and Camp Way)

Location(s): _____

Organization/Group Name:

(Name to be placed on sign): _____

Contact Name: _____ # of Volunteers: _____

Contact Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Please indicate where you would like your group’s sign(s) placed:

Please remember:

- Your group must adopt at one (1) MARTA bus stop within DeKalb County.
- Your group must agree to clean the adopted bus stop a minimum of once a month or as needed to maintain a certain level of cleanliness.
- KDB will put up an Adopt-a-MARTA sign with your group's name **after** an agreement has been signed. Please allow 6 – 8 weeks for sign posting.
- KDB will provide your group with supplies and Safety Guidelines.

For KDB Office Use Only: Date Received _____



Keep DeKalb Beautiful Sign-in and Liability Release

By signing this form, each volunteer hereby acknowledges and agrees that he/she is participating in this project at his/her own risk and hold DeKalb County and all its officers, agents, servants, and/or employees harmless from and against any and all claims, loss, damage, charge, or expense to which they or any of them may be put or subjected by reason of volunteer's participation in this project. You further acknowledge that DeKalb County is not responsible for the acts of others participating in this project and the other volunteers may include, but not be limited to, interested individuals, members of civic groups, religious groups, or community groups, and/or persons convicted of crimes and/or violations of County ordinances and ordered to provide community service.

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If you are using a web based application (such as AOL, Yahoo, Hotmail, Gmail, etc.) you must save the form to you computer. Then attach the form as a file through your Internet Service Provider and email to kdb@co.dekalb.ga.us. Remember to print a copy for your records.