

### OPTIONS TO ADDRESS LITTER IN CHATHAM COUNTY

### WHY DO WE NEED TO ADDRESS LITTER?



#### **CURRENT EFFORTS TO ADDRESS LITTER**

- Community Service
- Support area clean up efforts
- Provide outreach about programs







Photo: https://www.ncconsumer.org/news-articles/volunteers-from-across-nc-prepare-for-2016-spring-litter-sweep.html

Option 1:
Organize and
conduct roadway
clean-up events

### ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT CLEAN-UPS

#### How often are clean-ups conducted?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Semi- Annually	Annually	As Needed or Reported	Prior to Mowing	Other
4	7	9	10	13	2	6	3	3

#### Who coordinates the clean-ups?

Public Works	Solid Waste	Clerk, Council, or Manager	Town Staff	Sheriff or Police	Local Group	KAB	Other
10	12	9	11	7	6	4	2

#### ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT CLEAN-UPS

#### Who is conducting the clean-ups?

Staff	Volunteers	Staff and Volunteers	Inmates	Community Service	Contractor
23	12	14	11	3	3

- Staff: either as part of job duties or as volunteers.
- Volunteers: recruiting volunteers or supplying materials to volunteers to conduct their own clean-ups.
- Inmates: not a dependable option for Chatham County.
- Community Service: Chatham County is currently utilizing.
- Contractors: paid to clean-up specific roadways on a certain frequency.

#### **ORGANIZE AND CONDUCT CLEAN-UPS**

#### How much funding is involved in the clean-up efforts?

\$500 or less	\$1000- \$5000	\$10,000- \$20,000	\$25,000- \$50,000	\$80,000 or more	\$200,000	N/A
3	3	3	2	3	1	33

#### What is the source of the funding?

General Fund			Other	N/A	
9	15	1	3	32	

Option 2: Increase outreach and education efforts

#### **OUTREACH AND EDUCATION**

- 17 respondents have staff that conduct outreach/education at various levels
  - 12 full-time staff
  - 3 part-time staff
- 8 municipalities have an outreach program that focus specifically on litter

What is the annual budget for the litter program?

\$500 or less	\$1500- \$3000	\$5,000		\$80,000- \$100,000	\$200,000	Unsure
2	5	2	2	3	1	2

#### **OUTREACH AND EDUCATION**



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86it Anti-Litter Campaign Budget Expenditures from 2010 to 2014				
Concept development and strategic direction, creative services, surveying, web site creation and hosting, event sponsorship, commercial development and promotions	\$336,000			
Advertising, including broadcast television, billboard, print, web and social media	\$224,000			
Supplies and equipment, including litter kit supplies, litter bags, display materials and other promotional items such as magnets, sticker, t-shirts, etc.	\$63,500			
Total Cost to Date (2010-2014)	\$623, 500			

Average annual cost: \$155,875

Average annual cost per household: \$0.39

Option 3:
Become a Keep
America Beautiful
affiliate

#### **KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL**





Mission: inspire and educate people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment.

#### **KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL**

- Process to become an affiliate:
  - Need an executive director.
  - Need to have a Board of Directors.
  - · Create by-laws.
  - Complete the affiliate application.

- One-time population-based fee
  - \$4000.00 for Chatham
- Annual population-based fee
  - \$250.00 for Chatham

Option 4:
Participate in NC
Department of
Transportation
programs

#### NC DOT ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

- Adopt the roadway for four years.
- Four clean-ups are required per year.
- Must adopt a minimum of 2 miles.
- No fee associated.
- DOT will supply vests, gloves, and bags.
- DOT provides two signs with the name of the adoptee.



#### NC DOT LITTER SWEEP



- Statewide roadside litter removal initiative.
- Clean-ups twice a year.
- Sign up to clean a roadway.
- DOT provides vests, gloves, and bags.

#### Direction needed:

- 1) Organize and conduct roadway cleanup events.
- 2) Increase outreach and education efforts.
- 3) Become a Keep America Beautiful affiliate.
- 4) Participate in NC DOT programs.

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