



# HOW TO JOIN THE SOUTH BETHANY ADOPT-A-CANAL/ROAD-END PROGRAM



## Program Goals

- Help improve South Bethany canal water quality;
- Beautify and showcase the network of canals that intertwine our neighborhood;
- Organize the precedent set by some property owners who currently maintain canal ends and expand to include all canal ends and road ends; and
- Promote and encourage community involvement and support.



## Process

1. Inform Beautification Committee of your interest and intentions;
2. Review the guidelines and suggested plantings provided by the Beautification Committee;
3. Schedule site visit with Beautification Committee ;
4. Submit Proposed Plan to Beautification Committee;
5. File, with the Beautification

## Benefits of the Adopt Program

- Plantings will help improve the water quality in canals;
- Plantings will enhance beautification of canals that connect our community and are seen by all who walk, bike and drive;
- Neighbors can work together to create and maintain the areas and engage in a community effort similar to the spring dune grass planting and other Delaware town programs;
- Canal ends and road ends will be more inviting for residents and guests for crabbing, fishing, photography, or just relaxing;
- Most costs will be assumed by those who adopt;
- Town personnel and property owners will work together; and
- Enhanced appearance of canal and road ends will help improve property values.

## Guidelines for Adoption

- Be respectful of all property owners— Interested parties shall seek input and comments from adjacent neighbors;
- Design to maximize water view;
- Incorporate plantings suggested by the Beautification Committee that promote water quality and include indigenous plants;
- Be mindful of safety signs, utilities, and vehicular/pedestrian safety;
- Agree to maintain and provide funding for plants, mulch, etc.; and
- Seek guidance and approval from the Beautification Committee regarding any major cutting or removal tasks and associated costs.

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- Committee, your plan and "agreement" to maintain area for a minimum of one year;
- 6. Talk with your neighbors about your ideas and enlist their interest and help;
- 7. Participate in the "Town Beautification Competition" to be sponsored by the Beautification Committee each summer.

