

Guidelines to Participating in the Adopt-a-Canal/Road-End Program



Town of South Bethany
Community Enhancement Committee

Adopt a Canal  Road-End Program

Program Goals

- Help improve South Bethany canal water quality.
- Beautify and showcase our network of canals .
- Encourage canal/road end maintenance.
- Promote community involvement and support.

Benefits of the Adopt Program

- Plantings will help improve canal water quality.
- Plantings will enhance beautification of canals.
- Visually appealing to all who walk, bike and drive by.
- Neighbors work together to create and maintain the areas.
- Canal and road ends become more inviting for residents and guests for crabbing, fishing, photography, or just relaxing.
- Initial costs assumed by those who adopt.
- Town personnel and property owners work together.
- Enhanced appearance of canal and road ends will help improve property values.

Guidelines for Adoption

- Be respectful of all property owners— Adopters shall seek input and comments from adjacent neighbors.
- Create a design to maximize water view.
- Incorporate plantings that promote water quality and include native plants.
- Be mindful of safety signs, utilities, and vehicular/pedestrian safety.
- Agree to maintain and provide funding for plants, mulch, etc. for a minimum of 1 year.
- Seek guidance and approval from the CEC regarding any major cutting or removal tasks and associated costs.



Process

1. Inform CEC of your interest in adopting.
2. Review the guidelines.
3. Talk with your neighbors about your ideas and enlist their support.
4. Schedule a site visit with the CEC.
5. Submit Application and Proposed Plan to CEC for review and approval.
6. CEC mails notification letters to property owners adjacent to canal/road end.
7. Submit your plan and “agreement” to maintain area for a minimum of one year.
8. Participate in the annual summer “Adopt Contest” sponsored by the CEC.

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