



May 21, 2019

Press Release:

It has come to our attention that Essex County secondary roads are in a state requiring serious debris cleanup efforts. This situation is not acceptable: trash obscures and detracts from the natural beauty of the County, is a health hazard, harms animal life, deters outside investment in the County, and is an aesthetic blight.

Essex County officials and staff, along with VDOT, civic groups and inmate crews are **doing something**: inmate crews are working with VDOT to pick up the worst locations, with improvement reported. Adopt-a-highway citizens and civic groups are out on their own self-initiative to clean highways. Individual citizens are cleaning roads. Probationers are performing community service on roadways. Work is proceeding – roadways are cleaner -- but the work needs coordination. More Adopt-a-Highway groups are needed.

All interested citizens and stakeholders will be meeting Tuesday, May 28 2PM to coordinate comprehensive cleanup of Essex County roads, at the Essex County Administrative office, 202 S. Church Lane, Tappahannock VA.

We will develop a plan to clean the roads and then maintain the roads in clean condition. This will include education about the importance of not littering, in addition to enforcement penalties and continued cleanup maintenance efforts.

Stuart Turille
Deputy County Administrator
Essex County, VA