

## **SPANISH MOSS TRAIL ADOPT-A-TRAIL PROGRAM**

The Spanish Moss Trail adoption program is an informal agreement whereby citizens, organizations and local businesses can show their support for the trail by augmenting the maintenance program with special care.

The individuals and groups who adopt trail segments or trailheads are asked to perform, at a minimum, the tasks outlined below:

1. Visit the trail at least once a week during season, to remove litter and report maintenance or other problems.
2. Trim around signs, fence posts, etc. after mowings.
3. Water newly planted trees and shrubs as needed.
4. Clear trail of debris such as limbs, rocks, etc.

Additional enhancements which can be assumed by adoptive parents:

1. Weeding beds, planting annuals, fertilizing and watering landscaped area.
2. Installing birdhouses, bird feeders, pre-approved community bulletin boards, etc.
3. Adding landscaping, mulch, etc.
4. Edging trail and beds after mowings.
5. Organizing volunteers to trim tree branches, repair erosion, seed and straw.

Adoption is for a minimum of one year. The group or organization may erect a sign within their chosen adopted trail portion recognizing the adoptive parent. (See Sissy Perryman with Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail for signage requirements.)

The Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail and the City of Beaufort sincerely appreciate the public's interest and support for the trail. By supplementing our maintenance with adoptive care, the Spanish Moss Trail can reach its full potential as one of South Carolina's most valued recreational resources.

Ask your friends to adopt-a-trail too. For more information, call the City of Beaufort at 843-525-7011.