

WASHINGTON STATE LITTER UPDATE

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Background of WA Litter Programs

- Washington State Dept. of Transportation (WSDOT) Adopt-A-Highway
- Washington State Dept. of Ecology's Ecology Youth Corps. (EYC)
- State Agency Litter Programs
- City and County Litter Programs
- Dedicated litter account (RCW 70.93.180)

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Adopt-A-Highway Program

- ❑ Number of groups
- ❑ Cleaning up database
- ❑ Promoting AAH
 - Department of Ecology funding
 - Video
 - Poster
 - Campaign using radio & TV – through Public Education Partnership
- ❑ Volunteer Recognition

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- \$4.4 million budget reduction 2009-2011.
- “Litter and It Will Hurt” Campaign on hold, Litter Hotline still active.
- Megan Warfield’s position on hold.
- 2009 Litter Survey postponed.
- Cut to Ecology Youth Corps budget, but increased efficiencies.
- Cut to other state agency litter funds.
- Cut to city and county litter funds.

Questions?

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