

# Adopt-A-Street program comes to Stuart

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Just recently, Keep Martin Beautiful paired up with the city of Stuart to start the Adopt-A-Street program.

The program is in search of volunteer groups to adopt a half-mile or more of a street in Stuart and remove litter six times a year for one year.

The program is open to businesses, groups, families, and individual volunteers to clean up their adopted streets.

The city provides free disposal and Adopt-A-Street signs with the group's name displayed.

Keep Martin Beautiful provides cleanup and safety supplies.

Joe and Trish Capra, from CAPTEC Engineering Inc. in Stuart, were the first volunteers to participate in the program when they adopted East 10th Street in Stuart.

"The city of Stuart is a wonderful place to live and work. With the current budget challenges, they need our help. I did it because it is the right thing to do," Joe Capra said. They are both very excited about

continuing to support the city through the Adopt-A-Street program, which Trish Capra describes as a "worthwhile cause to help beautify the city"

Mary Kindel, a representative for the city of Stuart and a member of the Keep Martin Beautiful Board of Directors, said she believes that the Adopt-A-Street program is great for the city.

She hopes that the program will help to raise community awareness and get as many people involved as possible to help the city keep its streets clean.

Through the Adopt-A-Street program, there are wonderful lessons for school and civic groups, Scout troops and families to teach about environmental stewardship, revitalization, and community pride. From a practical business perspective, it is a unique and effective form of advertising and marketing one's business or organization.

For anyone interested in adopting a street, or for more information, call Keep Martin Beautiful at (772) 781-1222, or e-mail [info@keepmartinbeautiful.org](mailto:info@keepmartinbeautiful.org).



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Mary Kindel, recycling and conservation coordinator for Stuart, stands with an Adopt-A-Street sign to promote the new program.