



The Tellico Village Residents Association (TVRA) formed the ad-hoc Adopt-A-Highway committee known as Litter Angels in February 2022. Since then, the group has played a vital role in preserving the natural beauty of Tellico Parkway and enhancing the image of the Village.

This community effort is a collaboration between multiple organizations: TVA supplies trash bags and gloves, TVRA provides grabbers, and TDOT supplies safety vests. The POA road crews now assist by collecting filled bags the Monday after each clean up - a big improvement over relying on TDOT, which often had delays.

In 2025, Litter Angels collected **643 bags**, along with tires, construction debris, and an array of odd finds including tools, clothing, sunglasses, tire rims, cash and even a purse - turned into the police. As of early July 2026, the team has collected **342 bags** of trash and expects to exceed last year's numbers. Cleanup events typically last two hours, with volunteers collecting anywhere from **31 to 71 bags** per session.

We have **over 150 dedicated / registered volunteers**, with 20-30 typically participating in each event. We begin along Highway 444 and expand to side roads when volunteer numbers and time permit. It is estimated that over **700 volunteer hours** were contributed in 2025, thanks in part to individuals cleaning independently between scheduled events. Volunteers also stepped up for an "emergency cleanup" when conditions call for it - truly a dedicated team!

Our mission remains the same for 2026 and beyond: to keep our community clean and beautiful. Cleanups occur every 3-4 weeks (monthly during the summer). If you are interested in joining, please contact Ann LaCour at aalacour@gmail.com to obtain additional details, **including the required TDOT & TVRA paperwork.**

NOTE: TDOT and TVRA paperwork must be completed before participating in any TVRA Litter Angels event.