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ADEQ and Partners Host Free Environmental Resources Roadshows in Payson and Holbrook

*Attending community members, business people, public officials, and school representatives
learn about ways to enhance their local environment.*

PHOENIX (Nov. 18, 2015) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) officials announced today that ADEQ, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Adopt a Highway Volunteer Programs and Keep Arizona Beautiful (KAZB) staff will conduct two “Environmental Resources Roadshows”:

Payson

Wed., Dec. 2, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Payson Council Chambers
303 N. Beeline Highway
Payson, AZ 85541

Holbrook

Thurs., Dec. 3, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Navajo County Courthouse Auditorium
100 E. Arizona St.
Holbrook, AZ 86025

ADEQ encourages community members, business people, public officials, and school representatives in Payson, Holbrook and the surrounding area to attend one of the no-cost, two-hour events. Following brief presentations, attendees can engage in open dialogue and participate in a question and answer session.

Topics

- ADEQ: successful municipal recycling programs such as electronic waste and food recovery
- ADEQ: how communities can benefit from ADEQ’s brownfields grants and technical expertise
- ADOT: volunteer process for adopting sections of Arizona highways for litter cleanup
- KAZB: statewide litter prevention, recycling and beautification programs

If you are interested in the Environmental Resources Roadshow presenting in your community in 2016, please call one of the listed contacts.

Background

ADEQ’s recycling program, which began 1991, has facilitated recycling initiatives in every county in Arizona. Currently, the program focuses on hosting environmental roadshows across the state, particularly in rural areas, to educate Arizonans about what they can do to establish or enhance recycling programs to protect and preserve their environment. For detailed information, please visit:

- Recycling: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/solid/recycle.html>
- Electronic waste recycling: <http://azdeq.gov/environ/waste/p2/ewastetoolkit/index.html>
- Food recovery: <http://www2.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food>

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Environmental Resources Roadshow (cont.)

Brownfields are properties with active redevelopment potential hindered by known or perceived environmental contamination. ADEQ's non-competitive brownfields grant program has funded more than 50 projects assisting local governments and nonprofits in completing environmental assessments and cleanups. Currently accepting applications, ADEQ's brownfields grant program conducts projects through Arizona's State Response Grant using funds provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Visit <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/cleanup/brownfields.html>.

Environmental Resources Roadshow Contacts

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- ADEQ Brownfields Coordinator Jennie Curé, jec@azdeq.gov or (602) 771-2296
- KAZB Executive Director Jill Bernstein, executivedirector@kazb.org or (602) 651-1227
- ADOT Adopt a Highway Programs Patricia Powers-Zermeño, ppowers-zermeno@azdot.gov or (602) 712-4620

About ADEQ

Established by the Arizona Legislature under the Environmental Quality Act of 1986, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is the state agency for protecting and enhancing public health and the environment of Arizona.

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