

It's so easy!

Make a commitment

Decide as a group that you want to see a section of a stream kept clean.

Select from your group one or more Adopt-A-Stream captains. Your captain will attend an orientation, learn Adopt-A-Stream protocols, and then assist your group with implementing them.

Conduct annually:

- Two stream clean-ups per year
- Optional: Invasive species removal, tree planting, stream monitoring, and educational outreach events.



ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM CONTACTS

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For more information on the Adopt-A-Stream Program or other Water Quality Forum Programs, go to:

www.waterqualityforum.org



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Tired of seeing trash strewn in and along our waterways?

Want to do something about it?



Adopt it!

Pick a section of a stream that you would like to keep clean and adopt it. Come with your family or gather your friends, coworkers, or associates and become a member of the Adopt-A-Stream program!

Orientation will be provided on how to conduct a safe and successful clean-up. We will provide supplies including gloves, safety vests, trash bags, and grabbers. We will even come pick up all of your bagged trash. In return for your commitment, you will receive a stream-side Adopt-A-Stream sign with your group's name on it.



The Program

The Water Quality Forum Adopt-A-Stream Program is a citizen-based litter prevention initiative intended to protect the health and beauty of our local waterways.

Program Goals

- Increase citizen awareness of water quality issues
- Involve citizens in efforts to reduce the amount of trash in and along waterways
- Give citizens additional opportunities to improve streams through tree planting, invasive species removal, and educational outreach events.

Our Vision

Through the Water Quality Forum Adopt-A-Stream Program, our vision is that all of our streams and rivers will someday be adopted and collectively cared for by our citizens, businesses, and organizations in our communities.

To Join

Use the e-mail and website information provided on the back of this brochure to get in touch with an Adopt-A-Stream Program Coordinator. The Program Coordinator will ask you for the following information.

- **Group Name** (example: Willow Height's Homeowner's Association)
- **Name of Group Captain** (each group should select a captain that will be responsible for attending the orientation and organizing clean-up events)
- **The Team Captain's telephone number and e-mail address**
- **Location of the stream section** that you wish to adopt (we will provide suggestions if you are unsure)
- **Name to appear on adoption sign**

Benefits of Joining

- Litter-free waterways
- Awareness of your watershed
- Orientation on how to monitor the health of your stream, remove invasive species, and plant native trees/plants
- Recognition of your group on an Adopt-A-Stream sign
- Community pride in our streams

Come Join Us Today!