



# How to Adopt-a-Stream



## What is Adopt-a-Stream?

The Adopt-a-Stream program is a volunteer opportunity for residents to get involved in environmental stewardship. Groups adopt a stream and pick up litter around the stream twice a year to reduce water pollution. The time commitment for this program is a minimum of two years. Gloves, grabbers, buckets and bags are provided by request. The City will place a sign bearing your group's name along the road by your adopted stream segment. Volunteer groups that participate will also receive a car magnet for participation.

## Why should I Adopt-a-Stream?

- Improve water quality and stream habitat
- Increase reporting of water quality problems
- Increase Community Involvement

## Who can Adopt-a-Stream?

Anyone can adopt a stream. Families, neighborhoods, organizations, businesses, civic groups, churches, schools, and youth groups.

## How to Adopt-a-Stream?

1. Organize your group
2. Click on the [Interactive Map](#) and zoom in to select a stream of interest (dark blue streams are adoptable/orange streams are already adopted). Choose the nearest intersection or street name to identify the area.
3. Visit the stream to confirm the location is accessible for your group (not too deep/easy access)
4. Complete the online volunteer application. The application can be completed at [www.greensboro-nc.gov/AdoptAStream](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/AdoptAStream) , through the [Interactive Map](#)
5. The Adopt-A-Stream staff will check on the availability of the stream and contact you once it is assigned

Contact the Adopt-a-Stream Coordinator for more information

[WaterVolunteers@greensboro-nc.gov](mailto:WaterVolunteers@greensboro-nc.gov)

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## Adopt a Stream Forms

Volunteer Application Form- This is the application to apply to Adopt-a-Stream. This includes waiver/liability forms

Event Notification Form- This form is to be completed before you clean your stream to notify the coordinator of the cleanup and number of bags needed.

Event Reporting Form – This form is completed once your cleanup is complete to report the condition of the stream

Contact Update Form – This form is completed if the group contact changes

## **What to do once stream is assigned?**

### **Before the clean up**

- Submit the Event notification form Online and identify the location to leave bags and bulk items
- Review the safety guidelines with your group

### **During the clean up**

- Use gloves, grabbers, buckets or designated bags to pick up visible litter
- Stay with your group at all times

### **After the Clean Up**

- Leave bags and bulk items at the designated pick up site
- Complete the Adopt-a-Stream reporting form with the items picked up and the condition of the stream