



City Of Raleigh
North Carolina

ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The health of many of Raleigh's streams is being compromised by a wide variety of sources. Sanitary sewer leaks and unpermitted wastewater discharges into creeks and storm drains are two examples of point source pollution. Examples of non-point source pollution are sediment (often from bare ground surfaces) and lawn care chemicals (fertilizers and pesticides) carried by stormwater to streams. There are many other sources of stream pollution.

The City of Raleigh monitors streams to locate sources of stream pollution, and the Stormwater Management Division's Adopt-A-Stream program engages citizens to help care for our streams by removing litter from streams and looking for evidence of pollution. Here is how Adopt-A-Stream works:

- Groups adopt a stream segment for at least 3 years
- Groups walk their stream segment at least twice a year (once in the spring and once in the fall) to identify possible sources of pollution
- Groups conduct at least one stream clean up each year along their stream segment, removing trash and debris to a public street or greenway trail for pick up by the City
- The City provides trash bags, latex gloves, and safety vests
- The City erects signs at the nearest street crossing recognizing groups that have completed at least 2 stream cleanups within 2 years of stream adoption
- Groups keep records of their stream walks and stream clean up activities by submitting Field Data Sheets (provided by the City) after each activity
- Pollution sources identified are promptly investigated by City staff.

The City does not provide on-site coordination or supervision of Adopt-A-Stream activities, and the City is not responsible for injury to persons or property resulting from Adopt-A-stream activities. At least one adult over the age of 18 must be present to act as supervisor during volunteer activities. Once a stream segment has been adopted, it is the responsibility of the adopting group to notify and, if needed, obtain permission from adjacent property owners for stream walks and clean-ups. Door hangers describing the Adopt-A Stream program can be provided for notifying property owners of planned activities.

For additional information, call 996-3940 or email StormwaterVolunteers@raleighnc.gov.



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ADOPT-A-STREAM AGREEMENT

_____ hereby agrees to adopt a segment of
(Group Name)
_____ as part of the City of Raleigh’s Adopt-A-Stream Program.
(Stream Name)

The minimum responsibilities that accompany this adoption are:

1. Locate and identify pollution sources by performing at least two (2) stream walks over the entire adopted segment per year (preferably once in the spring and once in the fall).
2. Conduct at least one (1) stream clean-up per year, removing trash and debris from the stream channel and stream banks.
3. Keep complete and accurate records of all stream walks and clean-ups using Field Data Sheets provided by the City. Field Data Sheets should be mailed to the City within 72 hours of completing stream walk and stream cleanup activities.

We understand the requirements set forth for adopting this stream and agree to adopt the

segment of _____ from _____ to
(Stream Name) (Street or Landmark)
_____ for _____ years (minimum of 3 years)
(Street or Landmark)
beginning on _____.
(Date)

Volunteer Group Name (print): _____

Contact Person (print): _____ Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Address (print): _____
(Street Address)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

(Signature) (Date)