



Adopt-A-Stream Program

Program Details

- Any organization, group, or company can participate in the program.
- Participants must sign a one-year agreement in which they agree to remove litter from their adopted stream, or section of stream, at least once every six months. They also must agree to perform a visual stream assessment during each stream clean-up.
- Each group will select a coordinator and an alternate, one of whom must be present at each stream clean-up.
- Prior to the first stream clean-up, the coordinators must attend a safety meeting and stream assessment training conducted by a supervisor from the City's Public Works Department. Safety rules and visual stream assessment procedures will be explained to the coordinators who must, in turn, explain these rules to all of their participants prior to each stream clean-up.
- Participants must be at least 12 years of age. Any participant between the ages of 12 and 17 years must have their parent or legal guardian sign a consent form prior to participation. There must be one (1) adult supervisor for every five (5) participants between the ages of 12 and 17.
- The City will provide safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and warning signs. The Coordinator or his/her designee must pick up the equipment from Public Works and return it the next work day.
- After the second clean-up, the City will erect an Adopt-A-Stream sign displaying the organization's name.
- Upon completion of the first year of commitment, the City will present participants with a Certificate of Appreciation.

For available streams, contact the Healthy Waters Program at healthywaters@oakridgetn.gov with your address or an area of interest.