



Adopt-A-Stream Program

Mission

The Oak Ridge Adopt-A-Stream Program serves to enhance the quality of our local waterways through citizen action and education.

Vision

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

Goals

The goals of the Oak Ridge Adopt-A-Stream Program are to 1) increase citizen awareness of water quality issues; 2) involve citizens in efforts to reduce the amount of trash in and along our waterways.; and 3) provide additional educational opportunities for volunteers to support stream health such as tree planting, stream assessments, and invasive species removal.

Volunteer Group Responsibilities

Each volunteer group will be responsible for designating one person in their group as their “Captain.” This Captain will be required to attend an orientation with an Oak Ridge Adopt-A-Stream Program Coordinator to learn Adopt-A-Stream protocols and then to coordinate their implementation. Each group will be asked to annually conduct the following:

- Two stream clean-ups per year
- E-mailing or mailing in documentation of efforts

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Adopt-A-Stream Responsibilities

The Adopt-A-Stream Program is committed to ensuring that their volunteers have the needed skills and supplies to fully participate in this program.

It will:

- Conduct an orientation for Team Captains
- Provide the needed supplies including bags, gloves, vests, forms
- Supply a customized “Adopt-A-Stream” sign for each group (similar to Adopt-A-Road signs) and a Certificate of Appreciation
- Provide technical guidance to the groups