



City of Greensboro Water Resources Adopt-a-Stream and Drain Marker Programs

We appreciate your interest in the City of Greensboro's Adopt-a-Stream and Drain Marker programs. These programs provide volunteers the opportunity to become involved in environmental programs that help protect our natural resources, therefore improving water quality and stream habitats. In addition, they increase community involvement and awareness of the importance of the City's water resources.

Streams in Greensboro serve many uses, ranging from carrying stormwater runoff to providing a habitat for fish and other wildlife. Runoff water that flows over impervious surfaces collects chemicals and other pollutants. This water goes into the storm drain system and then flows directly into nearby streams. Our streams also become contaminated with oil and chemicals that are poured directly into the storm drains.

By committing to the Adopt-a-Stream program, your group or organization agrees to collect litter along your adopted stream twice a year for at least two years. After each cleanup, please complete the Adopt-a-Stream Reporting Form (Appendix C) and return to the Adopt-a-Stream coordinator.

By volunteering for the Drain Marker program, your group agrees to place drain markers on the concrete covers of storm drains and hand out fish-shaped brochures in your project area. Drain Markers clearly read: "Don't Dump – Drains to Lakes and Creeks!" Stormwater Management will provide you with all the necessary materials: a proposal and waiver form, drain marker signs, fish-shaped brochures to hand out in your project area, a bucket for carrying tools, a caulking gun and exterior grade caulking.

The enclosed package provides additional information and the requirements for both programs. *Please return the following information to the address listed below prior to volunteering.* After the packet is received by the City and processed, a copy of the Application will be mailed to you. We appreciate your interest in these volunteer programs.

City of Greensboro Water Resources Department
Attention: Veronica Covert
2602 S. Elm-Eugene Street
Greensboro, NC 27406
Phone (336) 373-4762
Veronica.covert@greensboro-nc.gov



Adopt-a-Stream and Drain Marker Application

Name of Group/Organization: _____

Number of Volunteers in the Group: _____

Choose a program (please check): Adopt – a – Stream Drain Marker

Contact Information

Name: _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

<i>DRAIN MARKERS:</i> Please indicate below the specific location(s) where you would like to volunteer to place drain markers. (Ex. S. Elm-Eugene St. from the intersections of Gate City Blvd. to Meadowview Rd.)	Number of Drain Markers Needed	Date of Volunteer Service

<i>STREAM CLEANUP:</i> Please indicate below the specific location(s) where you would like to volunteer for stream cleanup. (Ex. Horse Pen Creek).	Number of Trash Bags Needed	Date of Volunteer Service

III. Waiver of Liability / Certificate of Participation Form

I, (please print name of participant) _____, understand that participating in the program listed below involves risk of injury. These risks may include effects of inclement weather, accidents, contacts with or actions of other participants, or slips/trips/falls, among others. I choose for myself or for my child to participate in the program despite the risks. By signing below, I acknowledge all risks, and I assume all responsibility of injury, illness or death in any way connected to the program. I acknowledge that I am not covered by any City of Greensboro insurance policy. In return for the opportunity to participate in the program, I agree for myself or my child and for my heirs, assigns, executors, and administrators to release, acquit, waive, and forever discharge any legal rights I may have to seek payment or relief of any kind from the City of Greensboro, its officers, employees, agents, or its volunteers for injury, illness, death, or property loss resulting from participation in the program.

I also agree not to sue the City of Greensboro, its officers, employees, agents, or its volunteers and to indemnify and save harmless the City of Greensboro, its officers, employees, agents, or its volunteers against all claims, actions, lawsuits and demands, including reasonable attorney fees, made by anyone for any damages, losses or injuries of any kind, including environmental, which may result from participation in the program. Permission is given for any emergency medical treatment which might become necessary, and I agree to be responsible for the expense of medical treatment or service.

If I am registering a child for the program, I agree that I am a parent, legal guardian, or am otherwise responsible for the child, and that I release waive, and discharge any legal rights that I may request on behalf of the child participant.

Image Release: I hereby consent to allow the exclusive use of, and relinquish all rights to, photographs, recordings, and reproductions in any manner of the likeness, voice, and/or activities of the participant and further authorize the City of Greensboro, its agents or assigns, to make unlimited use of such reproductions, including but not limited to print and/or electronically, broadcasting of the reproduction over radio, television, or on the internet with or without a name for any lawful purpose. I acknowledge that no compensation will be provided for such use by the City. I understand this release shall remain in effect unless a subsequent written notification is provided by the City.

I understand that the City of Greensboro assumes no responsibility for my participation in this program.

(Signature of Participant or Parent/Guardian)

(Date)

Program Name: _____

This form must be completed, signed and returned prior to participating in the program.

Appendix A

Safety Guidelines for Adopt-a-Stream and Drain Marker Programs

- Must be 10 years of age to participate, with proper supervision by an adult and parental/guardian signature.
- Stream cleanup/drain marker placements should only be done during daylight hours.
- Conduct a safety meeting for all participants prior to each volunteer activity.
- Wear light-colored clothing that covers arms and legs. Also wear rubber boots or waders, gloves, hat and safety glasses.
- Wear clothing that will not impair vision or movement during these cleanup activities.
- Work in small groups. **Do not work alone!**
- Stay clear of any construction.
- Do not work in inclement weather.
- During warm weather months, drink plenty of fluids, take breaks, and avoid overexertion.
- During cold weather months, dress warmly with layered clothing.
- Be alert for snakes, stinging insects, poisonous plants, etc.
- Carpool to the site to reduce the number of vehicles.
- Use proper bending and lifting techniques.
- Be aware of wet rocks, hills, and slopes. Watch your step!
- When installing drain markers on storm drains, be aware of oncoming traffic.
- Do not use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol while participating in volunteer activities.
- Do not pick up trash or walk on bridges, on overpasses or in tunnels or culverts.
- Do not pick up what appears to be hazardous materials - notify your volunteer coordinator if you encounter hazardous objects or holes, guy wires and other hidden obstacles in the ground.
- Do not attempt to squeeze bags to make room for more trash (injuries from broken or jagged objects can result from this practice).

In Case of Emergency:

- Have an adequate first-aid kit available.
- Prior to volunteer service, select an emergency room/hospital and know the route from the work area to the designated treatment facility.
- If possible, have at least one member bring a cell phone for emergencies.

Bag Pickup Procedure:

- Notify the Adopt-a-Stream Coordinator at **(336) 373-4762** with location of bags.
- Group the orange bags together, and where practical, place them at least 8 feet from the side of the road to make the job of collecting bags easier and safer.

Appendix B

Event Notification Form

This form is for notifying our staff of your scheduled date to volunteer for Stream Cleanup or placement of Drain Markers. Please complete and return prior to your service date.

(Name of group/organization)

We have a scheduled: **(Check One)** stream cleanup drain marker placement on

Date _____ at _____ **(am / pm)** **Number of participants** _____

If you will be coming to our office to pick up trash bags or drain markers, please tell us when you plan to arrive so the materials will be ready for pickup. (Date): _____
The address of our office is listed below.

Location of Collected Garbage from Adopt-a-Stream Cleanup

Properly secure and completely tie all bags. Group the bags together, and if safe and practical, place them at least 8 feet from the road. Indicate below the location that you've chosen to place your bags. _____

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Appendix C

Adopt-a-Stream Reporting Form

Date: _____ Group/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Stream Location/Name _____

Debris Removed: (List type removed such as; tires, paper, plastic, etc.)

Number of bags collected: _____

Stream Assessment: (Please list the following characteristics)

Water Color: (please describe) _____

Oily sheen: Yes _____ No _____

Foamy: Yes _____ No _____

Odor: Yes _____ No _____ (If yes, please describe) _____

Algae: Yes_ No_ If yes, does it look excessive or unnatural?_

Stream Appearance: Did anything look unnatural or out of the ordinary during your visual inspection of the stream? (If yes, please explain) _____

Please check one category from the following

Bank Erosion: Normal ___ (70 %- 100% of streambank soil covered by plants, rocks and logs)

Moderate ___ (30 % - 70 % of streambank covered by plants, rocks and logs)

Severe ___ (Less than 30% of bank soil covered by plants, rocks and logs)

Blockages: Were there any debris or debris piles that could cause your stream to flood? For example: blocked culverts, pipes, or bridges. If yes, please indicate the location as well as the types of debris causing the blockage.

***Remember!** Always be aware of your surroundings. Please report any unknown substances or possible hazardous materials to 911. Give a brief description of the problem and include the nearest physical address to the problem (street name and block number). Do not attempt to clean substances from stream, as they may be hazardous to your health.

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