It's so easy!

Make a commitment

Decide as a group that you want to see a section of stream kept clean.

Select from your group one or more Adopt-A-Stream Coordinators. Your Coordinator will attend a training, learn Adopt-A-Stream protocols and then assist your group with implementing them.

Conduct annually:

- one "Stream Walk" (This is a quantitative visual assessment of stream health based on USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service Visual Stream Assessment Protocol.)
- three "Stream Watches" (These are ongoing abbreviated assessments to evaluate changing stream conditions.)
- a "Pipe and Drainage Ditch Inventory," if applicable (This inventory provides valuable data to the Stormwater Programs on potential stream pollutant sources.)
- Two stream clean-ups per year

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Contacts

Knox County
Stormwater Engineering
215-5800

City of Knoxville
Stormwater Management
215-2148

Town of Farragut Engineering
966-7057

For more information on the Adopt-A-Stream Program or other Water Quality Forum Programs, go to:
www.waterqualityforum.org

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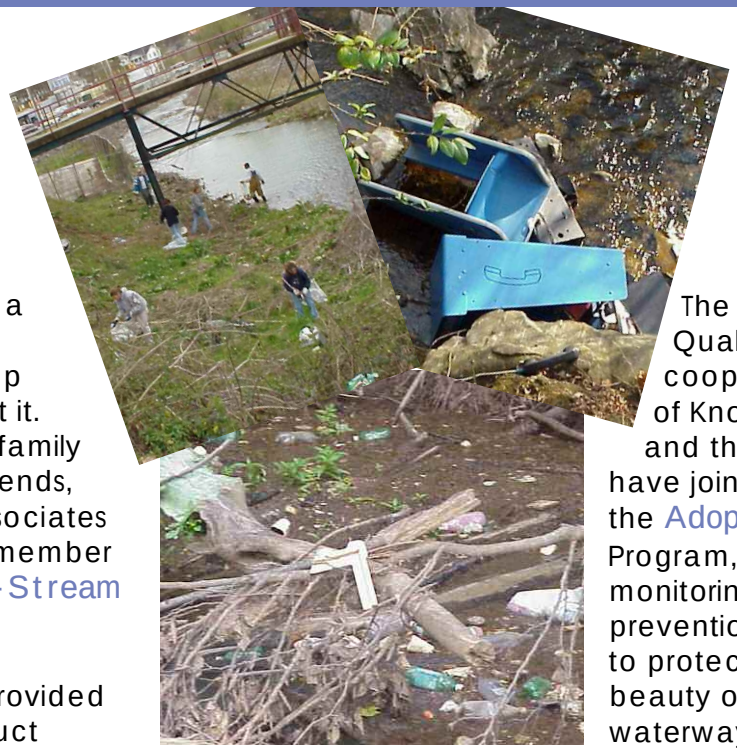
Schools, community groups, businesses, civic clubs, and even families can adopt a section of a local stream

Become a Steward of your Watershed!

Tired of seeing trash strewn in and along our waterways?

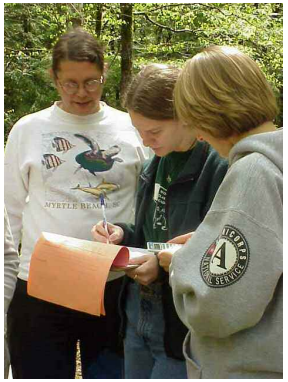
Want to do something about it?



Adopt - It!

Pick a section of a stream that you would like to keep clean and adopt it. Come with your family or gather your friends, coworkers, or associates and become a member of the Adopt-A-Stream Program!

Training will be provided on how to conduct ongoing monitoring of the health of your adopted stream section along with how to conduct a safe and successful clean-up. We will provide supplies including gloves, safety vests, bags and even pick up all your bagged trash.



In return for your commitment, you will receive a stream-side Adopt-A-Stream sign with your group's name on it.

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WATER Quality Forum

The Knox - Area Water Quality Forum in cooperation with the City of Knoxville, Knox County, and the Town of Farragut have joined together to form the Adopt-A-Stream Program, a citizen-based monitoring and litter prevention initiative intended to protect the health and beauty of our local waterways.

Program Goals

- Increase citizen awareness of water quality issues
- Train citizens on how to monitor stream health
- Involve citizens in efforts to reduce the amount of trash in and along our waterways

To Join

Call the Adopt-A-Stream number on the back of this brochure for the municipality (City of Knoxville, Knox County, Farragut) in which you wish to adopt a stream section. Your Adopt-A-Stream Contact will ask you for the following information:

- Group name (example: Willow Heights Homeowner's Association)
- Name of Group Coordinator (Each group should select a Coordinator that will be responsible for attending the training & organizing monitoring & clean-up events.)
- Coordinator's address, telephone, and e-mail
- Location of stream section that you wish to adopt
- Name to appear on adoption sign

Benefits of Joining Adopt-A-Stream

- Litter-free waterways
- Awareness of your watershed
- Training on how to monitor the health of your stream
- Recognition of your group on an Adopt-A-Stream sign
- Certificate of appreciation
- Community pride in our streams