

WV ADOPT-A-STREAM PROGRAM

INFORMATION

Attention: Groups or individuals conducting unapproved cleanups will be solely responsible for the removal and disposal of waste collected.

Who Is eligible to participate? Individuals, families, churches, businesses, schools, civic organizations, government agencies, scouting groups, fraternities, communities, and watershed groups.

In accordance with WV State Code 22-15A-3A the following requirements must be agreed to:

- Adoptions must be at least one mile in length
- Participating groups must agree to do at least one cleanup per year for three consecutive years

The following assistance will be available should your group be approved as a member:

- River/stream cleanup planning assistance
- Cleanup supplies (bags, gloves)
- Hauling of waste/tires
- Waste/tire disposal fees
- Public relations, print media, and social media assistance
- Technical assistance/education regarding water quality and stream habitat

Adopt-A-Stream Rules

- Volunteers must be at least 12 years old to participate in this program. Any volunteer under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Adopting groups must clean adopted streams with their own membership and may not subcontract the work.
- Adopted streams must be at least one continuous mile long.
- Adoptions are for three years and are renewable.
- Litter must be picked up at least one (1) time a year. For each cleanup, a report must be submitted (cleanup reporting forms are provided upon approval of Adoption) to depadoptastream@wv.gov.
- Adopters must notify the Adopt-A-Stream Program one week prior to each cleanup.
- All volunteers are required to watch the Adopt-A-Stream Safety Video prior to cleanups.
- Volunteers are encouraged to recycle items found in streams.