

City of High Point

Adopt -A- Stream



City of High Point Stormwater Division Adopt-a-Stream Program

The City of High Point appreciates your interest in the Adopt A Stream program. The Adopt A Stream program provides organizations, families, individuals, clubs and community groups the opportunity to assist the City in keeping High Point streams healthy. The Adopt a Stream program encourages organizations to make a two year commitment to our environment by facilitating stream clean-ups, a minimum of twice a year, along High Point streams. Trash is a serious problem for High Point watersheds. Trash and other pollutants travel from streets and parking lots through storm drains and into our local creeks. The trash accumulated in the waterways decreases water quality levels and endangers certain types of wildlife. Healthy streams, even very small ones, are an asset to our community. Streams provide our drinking water, outdoor recreation, and a beneficial habitat for our wildlife.



Adopt A Stream Application

Name of Group/Organization: _____

Number in Group: _____

Contact Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone () _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Return this form to:
City of High Point/Stormwater Division
PO Box 230, High Point, NC 27261
Office: (336) 883-3455 Fax: (336) 883-8561



ADOPT-A-STREAM AGREEMENT

_____ hereby agrees to adopt a segment of _____ as part of the Adopt-A-Stream Program, a cooperative program of Keep High Point Beautiful and the City of High Point Stormwater Division. The minimum responsibilities that accompany the adoption of a stream segment are as follows:

1. Perform no less than one (2) stream clean ups per year, where stream walkers remove trash and debris from the stream channel.
2. Keep complete and accurate records of all stream walks and clean-ups using the report form provided by the City of High Point Adopt-A-Stream Program. All field survey forms should be mailed or faxed to the City of High Point/Stormwater Division (PO Box 230, High Point, NC 27261, Fax: (336) 883-8561) after the completion of stream walk activities.
3. Be respectful of crossing private property while conducting stream walks and clean ups.
4. Have properly signed waiver forms for each person, adult and minor, participating in a stream walk or clean up filed with the City of High Point Adopt-A-Stream Program prior to the event. Return forms to the City of High Point Stormwater Division (PO Box 230, High Point, NC 27261, Fax: (336) 883-8561).

We understand all of the requirements set forth for adopting a stream and agree to adopt

_____ from _____
(street or landmark) to _____ (street or landmark) for the period of _____ years
(minimum of 2 years) beginning _____ (date).

Volunteer Groups Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Person's Phone Number: _____

Contact Person's Address: _____

Signature: _____

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Waiver of Liability City of High Point Adopt-A-Stream Program

I, _____, of _____ County, North Carolina, for and in consideration of the City of High Point's permission to participate in the City of High Point's Adopt-A-Stream program, an event coordinated by the Stormwater Division of the City of High Point, where by volunteers from the community collect trash from waterways around the City, do here by agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the City of High Point, its agents, officers and employees and volunteers from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, damages, actions or causes of action of any kind or character (including, without limitation, attorney's fees costs and expenses) that may arise in any manner by reason of death, injury, damage to my person or property or both as a result of my participation in the City of High Point Adopt-A-Stream Program.

I understand that my participation may involve wading in streams, walking on steep stream banks and crossing private property and that I hereby assume the risks involved in these activities. Further, I understand that I am not required to perform any task that I believe to be too risky and that I may withdraw my participation from the program at any time. Finally, I will, at all times, be respectful of the property and privacy rights of those who own property abutting the adopted stream when conducting stream walks and clean ups.

I understand that during my participation in the City of High Point Adopt-A-Stream Program, I am subject to the rules and regulations of the City of High Point. I also understand and agree that this Waiver of Liability is binding upon my executors, administrators, personal representatives, collectors, heirs, successors and assigns.

This the _____ day of _____, 20_____

Signature of Participant

Printed Full Name

Signature of Witness

Printed Full Name

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18

Printed Full Name

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Waiver of Liability Form For Participants

Before participation in a stream cleanup, all volunteers must sign this liability release form. A parent/guardian is required to sign for volunteers less than 18 years old. This form must be received by our office prior to participating in the Adopt A Stream program.

In consideration of voluntary participation in the ADOPT A STREAM program, I release the City of High Point from liability for any injuries I may suffer or damages that I may cause as a result of participation in this program. As indicated by my signature, I am aware of the nature of the work that is to be performed, and I agree to follow the safety guidelines and instructions that were distributed by the Stormwater Services Division.

Signature Date

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Adopt-A-Stream Safety Guidelines

- Children may participate with proper supervision by an adult and parental/guardian signature.
- Conduct a safety meeting for all participants prior to each cleanup.
- Carpool to the site to reduce the number of vehicles.
- Stream cleanup should be completed during daylight hours only.
- Postpone stream cleanups until 72 hours after any storm event.
- Work in small groups. Do not work alone.
- Stay clear of any construction.
- Do not work in inclement weather.
- Do not use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol during cleanup.
- Wear light colored clothing that covers arms and legs. Wear rubber boots or waders, gloves, hats, and safety glasses.
- 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, and poisonous plants.
- Be aware of wet rocks, hills, and slopes. Watch your step.
- Do not pick up trash or walk on bridges, on overpasses, or in tunnels or culverts.
- Do not pick up anything that looks to be hazardous materials. Notify your Adopt A Stream coordinator if you encounter hazardous objects, holes, guy wires and other hidden obstacles in the ground.
- Use proper bending and lifting techniques.
- 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
- Select an emergency room/hospital and know the route from the work area to the designated treatment facility.
- If possible, make sure that one member of your group has a cell phone for emergencies.
- Have transportation immediately available.

Bag Pickup Procedure

Be sure to group the bags together and note the exact address/location. Please place them at least 8 feet from the side of the road to make the job of collecting them easier and safer for our Sanitation employees.

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City of High Point Adopt-A-Stream Report

Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

What section of stream/creek did you clean? _____
Distance cleaned? _____
How many people participated in the stream clean up? _____
How many hours did you work? _____
How many bags of trash did you collect? _____
Location of trash for pick-up (please place at curb of street)? _____

***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 following: 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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