

CHOOSING THE RIGHT STREAM

Considerations

When identifying a stream or segment of a stream to clean, it's best to consider the size, accessibility, water quality and the impacts made on the stream. As all groups will vary in abilities, the Adopt a Stream program is flexible – *numerous teams may adopt a single stream*. Please consider the following when selecting your stream:

Size – Choose a small section – it's best to start small and then expand your effort as the event gains popularity. Larger streams are best left to bigger groups; smaller streams may be better suited for families.

Connection – Selecting a stream that is meaningful to your group is essential. Choose a stream that flows through your neighborhood or find a segment of stream that offers opportunity for community engagement.

Accessibility – Select a stream that is accessible. It's best to start with streams on public land or held by conservation groups. Typically projects are located near areas where litter collects. In addition, having a central meeting location with toilets, running water and parking can significantly improve the clean up process and overall success. Keeping clean is key to participant success!

Private Property – in the event that your stream clean up may happen on private property, the team will need to secure permission to access the stream.

Survey the Stream – When considering which stream or segment of stream to adopt, have a couple of team members walk the stream. Look at the litter and conditions to determine the number of volunteers and equipment needed. Consider if the stream be a project your team and expected volunteers can handle over time.

Note: We encourage anyone entering a stream to do so in pairs and to be prepared for changing conditions.





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