

Be **SMART** about your stream's health:



1. Protect streams and lakes from pollutants carried by urban stormwater;
2. Enjoy an afternoon by the water;
3. Dip your nets and turn over rocks in the creek to find critters that live in the creek;
4. Learn to identify the bugs that are essential for a healthy stream;
5. Enhance the beauty and safety of our community by picking up trash in the watershed;
6. Be on the water and know how to report a problem that needs to be addressed;
7. Learn more about area water quality and your watershed.



Start a Stream Watch Group in Your Community

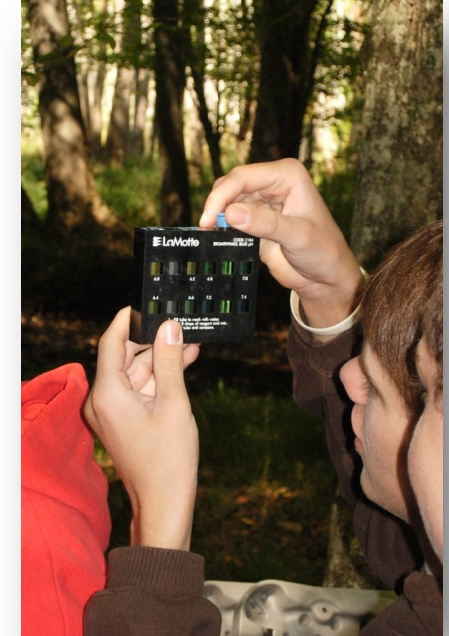
- Find at least two interested persons;
- Attend a Stream Watch training event where you will be provided with a Stream Watch Guide Book, and other materials to support your effort;
- Determine a suitable location for monitoring;
- Have fun;
- Submit the data.



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WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



BE THE EYES, EARS AND HANDS FOR YOUR LOCAL STREAM

Stormwater is polluting our water ways!



Stormwater

Storm drain systems are street gutters, storm drain pipes, as well as ditches and drainage ways that transport water directly to local streams, rivers or lakes. What individuals do in their yards can directly impact the quality of our local waters. When rainwater or sprinkler water flows from yards, over streets or any surface, it picks up pollutants and carries them into the stormwater system.



How Do Stream Watch Groups Clean Our Water Ways?

Stream Watch Groups are trained and provided with the necessary tools to monitor the physical, chemical and biological parameters of impaired streams.

Groups conduct stream clean-ups once a year to remove trash and debris that is impacting the beauty, health and

habitat of the stream.

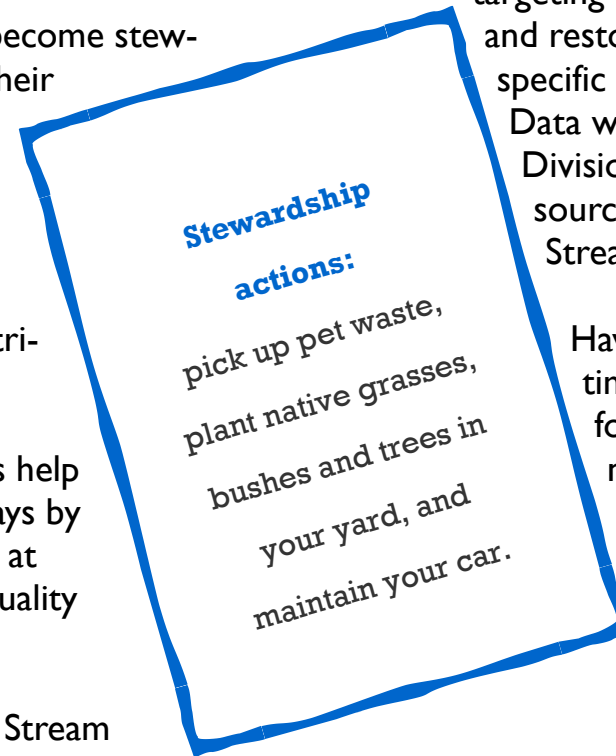
Participants ultimately become stewards of our water and their personal reduction of pollution through better personal practices serves as a model and motivator for others to also reduce their contribution of pollution.

Stream Watch Groups help improve our water ways by providing data to staff at every level of water quality protection.

Data collected by the Stream Watch Groups can be used by

PTRC for planning purposes such as targeting further investigations and restoration activities to specific areas of the Piedmont. Data will also be shared with Division of Water Resource's (DWQ) StreamWatch efforts.

Having site-specific and timely water quality information allows municipalities to identify pollution problems, and move quickly to address them.



Volunteer Opportunities to Help Keep Our Water Ways Clean!



If you or your organization would like to:

- *Learn how to volunteer; or*
- *Schedule a speaker for your event,*

Please call Joy Fields at 336-294-4950 or email: jfields@ptrc.org