

ADOPT-A-STREAM IN GRAYSON

And Protect Water Quality

Grayson is such a unique place when it comes to our surface waters. Because the city is centered at the top of a small hill, multiple creeks and stream begin their journey to the sea right here in our town. Brushy Fork Creek, Big Haynes Creek, Bay Creek, and Tribble Creek each flow in different directions out of the city.

This means that Grayson residents have the first opportunity to impact these streams. Do we want that to be a positive impact? Of course! One way to help our local waterways is by adopting them. The Gwinnett Adopt-a-Stream program is completely free and provides volunteers with the tools and training necessary to perform chemical or bacterial monitoring. By monitoring your backyard stream on a monthly basis, you can help provide data that can be used to determine if a problem exists, but more often to confirm that the water is clean and healthy.

Adopting your stream is a great way to take an active role in protecting our water resources. Plus, it is an excellent way for school age residents to log volunteer hours and put some of their schooling to a practical use right away. It can help with science projects, science fair experiments, and even looks good on a college application!

Although administered locally Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful and Gwinnett Water Resources, Adopt-a-Stream is a State program that offers numerous resources to learn more and earn other certifications. You could pursue certifications in macroinvertebrate sampling, amphibian monitoring, or wetland monitoring, along with performing some in-depth watershed and habitat assessments. Your data will be entered into a State database to be shared with academic institutions, researchers, regulators, and even legislators.

So be the first person to have a positive impact on Grayson's waterways by adopting your backyard stream today. Visit gwinnettcg.org/adopt-a-stream to register for an upcoming certification class.

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