

What is Stream Watch?

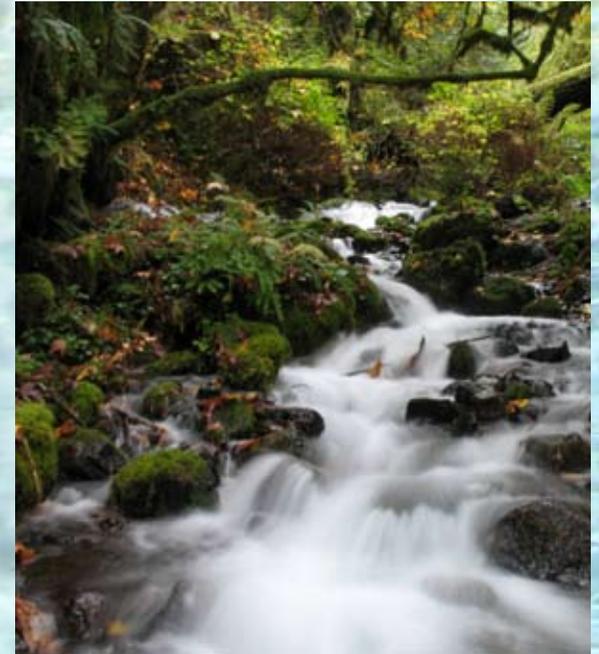
Clean waterways are as important as safe neighborhoods. The quality of water in our streams affects the quality of life for all living things. But growth, development and carelessness threaten the health of even the most pristine North Carolina streams. Due to these societal demands, our streams and rivers are now showing signs of stress.

What is expected from Stream Watchers?

Those in the best position to notice the signs of a stream's distress are its neighbors, the people who live along its banks or use its waters. The realization that local residents are best suited to keep an eye on their

nearby waterways is what prompted North Carolina to begin Stream Watch. With Stream Watch, citizen groups "adopt" a waterway, or a portion of one, and act on its behalf.

All that is required is two litter clean-ups and visual monitoring sessions per year. Some groups choose to conduct additional water quality tests as part of protecting the well-being of their waterway.



Who are North Carolina's Stream Watchers?

Stream Watch groups are as varied as the bodies of water that they have adopted. Elementary school students, scout troops, businesses and retirement groups have all shown the concern for the preservation of our environment which unites Stream Watchers. Stream Watch groups can be started from scratch or existing organizations can adopt streams. Group sizes range from one or two members to several hundred.

How do I get more information on adopting a stream through Stream Watch?



Stream Watch



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