

Adopt-A-Creek Today!

Do you have a favorite creek? Would your group like to take ownership of your community and make a visible impact on your local environment? If so, Adopt-A-Creek is the perfect opportunity for your group.

What is "Adopt-A-Creek"?

Adopt-A-Creek empowers community members to help protect local creeks and the overall health of the watershed that is needed to understand the impact of storm water and the pollutants it carries into our waterways. Twice a year (Spring and Fall) volunteers visit their adopted sites and collect debris that has accumulated in the waterways. City crews will dispose of the material collected. Become an "Adopt-A-Creek partner by committing to maintain a segment of a Green Bay creek.

The City will provide the following:

- Advice and educational materials on how to keep storm water and our waterways clean.



- Creek cleanup assistance. The City will provide trash pick-up at pre-established locations when arrangements can be made.
- Doing a good job is not always about impressive innovation. Sometimes it is only about doing something with plain dedication.

Well Done!

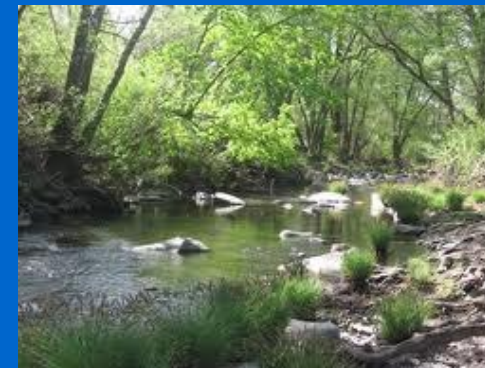
Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 1: The Problem

Creeks and streams drain into the rivers and bay. If you like to fish, swim or boat, you may have heard or been affected by advisories warning you not to fish, swim or boat because of unhealthy water. When we pollute our waters, everyone is affected!

Step 2: Your Help

Trash outside of your creek channel may be safely removed at any time. Small amounts of trash in the water, such as beverage containers and plastic bags, may be safely removed from the creek. Removing large piles of debris should be removed carefully and placed in a pre-established location for the City to pick-up. Removing natural debris is not advised. Natural debris slows the flow of the water, reducing downstream erosion.

Step 3: End Result

Cleaner waters in Green Bay will result in improved public health, conservation of natural resources, improved aquatic habitat, and greater economic opportunities for the City of Green Bay. Keep in mind, there are many positive actions that you can take to help the City improve and maintain our waterways. These actions involve many of your day-to-day activities such as lawn maintenance, proper disposal of household hazardous waste and awareness of your storm drain system (which is NOT TREATED), just to mention a few. So, "Adopt-A-Creek" today, and together we can work to improve our community environment. Each generation strives to leave the community in better shape for the next.

Common Questions

How does “Adopt-A-Creek” help the City of Green Bay?

The main goal of the program is to have motivated residents take action in keeping our waterways clean and free to flow.

Why is Adopt-A-Creek important?

There are miles of creeks in Green Bay that need cleaning. The City does their best to do their part in keeping the waterways clean, but we cannot do it alone. We need your help.

How many people are needed to participate?

You can have as little as 2 or as many as 100 in your group. DO NOT WORK ALONE! The choice is yours. Your most important consideration should be finding people who will commit to cleaning the creek twice a year and with whom you'll enjoy working with.

What tools are needed?

Garbage bags, garbage pickers, gloves and boots.

Will the group be picking up hazardous or dangerous materials?

No, and unfortunately you may come across this situation. If you suspect that a material may be toxic or hazardous such as medical sharps (syringes, etc.) do not attempt to handle or remove it. Notify the City of Green Bay Department of Public Works at 920.448.3100 or the City of Green Bay Police Department (non-emergency) at 920.448.3200.

Any questions, you should call?

Call City of Green Bay Department of Public Works at 920.448.3100

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Other Suggestions For Your
Neighborhood ...

“Adopt-A-Storm-Inlet”

“Storm Inlet Marking”

“Protecting Our Greenways”

“Adopt-A-Pond”

“Adopt-A-Ditch”



Baird Creek

“Adopt-A-Creek”



Help
Keep Our Community
Clean and Green



What Touches The Ground
Enters The Waters