

TO SEND FOR AN ADOPT-A-WETLAND INFORMATION PACKET, PLEASE SEND THIS FORM, OR A COPY, TO :

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Or call: (952)563-8751

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Group Name: _____

Do You Have a Water Body in Mind?

What Activity(s) are you interested in doing? _____

We will send you an information packet about the activity(s) you have chosen above. More instructions will be included in the packet(s).

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The City of Bloomington ADOPT-A-WETLAND Program



Get Involved

*When You Adopt A Local
Wetland, Pond, Lake
or Stream*

What is Adopt-A-Wetland?

The Adopt-A-Wetland Program is an environmental stewardship program developed for community groups, homeowner associations, businesses or other interested parties who want to help with the improvement and upkeep of a particular Bloomington wetland, pond, lake or stream.

What Does it Mean to Adopt-A-Wetland?

Options are as flexible and unique as the water bodies in Bloomington. You can choose your own water body or have the City suggest one for you. It is best that you choose a water body adjacent to a city park or public open space land. Otherwise, you will need to get permission from property owners to be on private land. Choose from the list of activities below and start planning. Conduct one, six or twelve activities a year. Whatever you do will make a difference. Once you have completed one activity, you have officially adopted your water body. A sign commemorating your group may be installed at the site you have chosen. You will also receive an Adopt-A-Wetland certificate.

Who Can Adopt-A-Wetland?

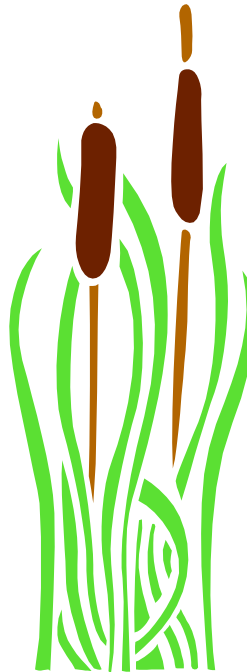
Anyone can adopt a wetland, pond, lake or stream. Adoption activities make great family and school projects. They are great for groups looking for service projects like schools, scouts, church or youth groups, businesses or civic organizations. The activities are suitable for all ages. City staff can help you personalize them for your group.

Why Adopt-A-Wetland?

By adopting a wetland, pond, lake or stream, you are improving one of Bloomington's greatest natural resources. There are more than 300 water bodies in Bloomington and nearly all of them lead to the Minnesota River. Your neighborhood water bodies are a source of recreation, a haven for wildlife and part of a healthier environment for everyone. Caring for your water body benefits your community and the quality of our water. In addition, you get to spend a fun day by the water, while accomplishing something good with your friends, family and co-workers.

Where Do You Begin?

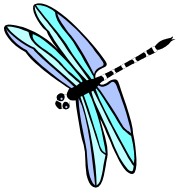
Once you have selected a water body, it is time to choose your first activity. Suggested activities are listed here for you. Activities are not as difficult as they may appear. Training information will be provided. If you want to do an activity not on the list, the City is willing to work with you.



Adopt-A-Wetland Activities

Trash Pickup: Organize a trash and debris clean-up. Trash removal not only beautifies an area, but prevents pollutants from entering the water.

Purple Loosestrife Control & Monitoring: Control the spread of purple loosestrife, an exotic plant species that destroys wetland habitats. Learn how to properly identify and remove the species.



Buckthorn Control & monitoring: Control the spread of buckthorn, an exotic plant species that destroys wetland habitats. Learn how to properly identify and remove the species. This is an intensive four year commitment.

Lake Water Quality Monitoring: Collect water quality data using a secchi disk, once a week, during the summer months. Record data and send to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, as part of the MPCA Citizen Lake Monitoring Program. Volunteers must have access to a boat or a canoe.

Stream Water Quality Monitoring: Collect water quality data from Nine Mile Creek, using a rain gauge and transparency tube, once a week, during the summer. Record data and send to Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, as part to the MPCA Citizen Stream Monitoring Program.

Wetland Data Collection: Collect data on a specific wetland, including plant communities, water levels, wildlife habitat and recreational uses. Record data and submit to the City of Bloomington for entry into the Bloomington Wetland Inventory Database.

Native Buffer Plantings/Habitat Enhancement: Restore or enhance your property with native vegetation if you live on the shoreline of a wetland, lake or stream. The City can provide information on shoreland plantings, as well as locations for shoreland management workshops that teach citizens how to re-vegetate a shoreline using native plants. This project can only be done on private property, not in City Park areas.

Community Education: Help to educate property owners adjacent to a wetland, lake or stream by distributing printed shoreland management information. The City can provide you with printed information. If there is enough interest, form an association of shoreland owners living on a water body.