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So you want to volunteer, to get involved with a project to improve our local environment, but you don't know what to do. One way for your civic group, school, club, church, business, or any other group to become involved locally is to adopt an area stream.

Through the Adopt-A-Stream program, sponsored by PALS (People Against A Littered State), your group can choose the stream that it wishes to adopt, and agree to keep that stream litter-free for a two-year period. In exchange, you receive litter bags, monitoring forms, safety vests, trash pick-up tools. A sign, to be placed near the stream, will recognize your adoption of that stream.

Once your group has adopted a stream, you can, if you choose, become even more involved with your stream. Groups often organize a stream walk in order to get to know their stream better. Your group can become certified to monitor the water quality in your stream. Or you may choose to make a map of your stream.

By adopting a stream, a group helps to improve the water quality of our area. Improving the water quality of one stream improves the quality of the entire watershed.

The Adopt-A-Stream program is a simple way for your group to get in touch with nature and involved in cleaning up the environment. Many streams in our area need your help. To adopt a stream, visit the Alabama PALS website:

<http://www.alpals.org/>.