



Cumberland River Compact

Adopt-A-Stream



What is the Adopt-A-Stream Program?

Cumberland River Compact (CRC) encourages local businesses, civil organizations, watershed groups, academic institutions, and scout groups to adopt local streams, rivers, and lakes for the purpose of improving water quality in these waterways. The Metro Adopt-A-Stream program started in 2007 with the goal of engaging volunteers in stewardship work that improves the water quality of our streams and rivers. Since that time, the Compact has been able to grow the program to serve groups across the Cumberland River Basin.

The Basics

As a part of this program, groups can adopt a specified section of a stream within the Cumberland River Basin and commit to care for the area through stewardship activities.

The contract lasts for 2 years

We can provide you cleanup supplies! We have gloves, litter grabbers, trashbags, and first aid kits for your group to complete cleanups

Adopting groups agree to complete two cleanups or stewardship activities over the contract period, typically one a year.

General Program Guidelines

Participants in our Adopt-A-Stream program must adopt a stream for a period of two years. After two years, the adopting organization may renew their designation and agreement, modify their designation (choose a different stream), or terminate the agreement.

Adopting groups agree to complete two cleanup or stewardship events over the two years. CRC recommends one cleanup in the late spring/early summer and one in the fall. Traditionally, the amount of litter is greatest during these times because of spring runoff and the beginning and end of the water recreation season.

Please fill out and return the Cumberland River Compact "Stewardship Activity Notification Form" two weeks prior to an Adopt-A-Stream activity.

- Each group must include a participating adult of 18 years or older. Individuals under 18 years can participate in Adopt-A-Stream events if supervised by an adult. CRC recommends one adult per 6 youth.
- The Designated Representative is responsible for notifying CRC staff if any of the adopting group's participants has a condition that might require special safety precautions or provisions covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Adopting groups' members shall not trespass on private property. Permission from the property owner must be secured before entering private property.
- Participants are encouraged to separate and recycle materials from cleanups to the maximum extent possible.
- The Designated Representative for the adopting group is responsible for collecting and returning all signed safety liability release forms and borrowed materials to:

Adopt-A-Stream@cumberlandrivercompact.org
1915 Sevier St
Nashville, TN

- CRC reserves the right to deny an adoption request or cancel the adoption agreement of any group.