



Adopt-A-Stream

with the
Clinton River Watershed Council



Did you know that the health of our rivers and streams can be determined by the types of aquatic insects that live in them and the health of the surrounding land? **Join the Clinton River Watershed Council's Adopt-A-Stream volunteer water quality monitoring program** and become a part of a watershed wide community effort to protect and restore our streams and rivers.

Adopt-A-Stream Volunteer Training 2007



Who:

Anyone able to attend training sessions and offer approx. 3 hours, two days a year to monitor a stream/river site in or near your community. Team leaders also needed.

What:

1) Register for and attend 2 training sessions (Parts I and II). Part I is an overview of the program and macro invertebrate ID. Part II is a "streamside" training where you will practice monitoring protocols.



2) Select your adoption site (CRWC assist)
(4-5 people/site recommended).

3) Shadow an existing team your first season and join a new or existing team the 2nd season.
Monitoring takes place in May and October.

When:

Trainings will be offered in through out year.



Where:

In various locations across the Clinton River Watershed. You can choose to attend the training sessions in the subwatershed closest to your or the sessions that best fit your schedule. See reverse for details.

Space is limited. To register or for more information, please call the Clinton River Watershed Council at (248) 601-0606 or email us at: contact@crwc.org.

All classes are limited to 20 participants, so sign up early!



Adopt a Stream Volunteer Training Schedule



Part I

Learn about our watershed and how our everyday actions influence its health. Learn how water quality monitoring can help track the health of our watershed. Review monitoring protocols and practice identifying macro invertebrates found in our rivers and streams to the taxonomic level of order (i.e. Plecoptera or stoneflies). This training will be held indoors. *Current AAS volunteers seeking macroinvertebrate identification certification or re-certification may attend these sessions.*

1A: Monday, 2/26, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm, Shadbush Nature Center, 4101 River Bends Drive, Shelby Twp

1B*: Saturday, 4/28, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Rochester Hills EE Center, 1115 West Avon Rd, Rochester Hills

Part II



Plan to get your boots wet! We'll head streamside to review all of the monitoring protocols. Team up with other participants to fine-tune your skills and master the art of capturing bugs. This training will be held outside so dress appropriately. We'll meet at the locations listed below and drive/carpool to at least one additional site. *Current AAS volunteers wanting to refresh their field skills may attend these sessions.*

- ◆ 2A: Monday, 4/23, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm, Heritage Park, On VanDyke South of Hall Rd., Utica.
- ◆ 2B: Saturday, 4/28, 1:30 pm-4:30 pm, Rochester Hills EE Center, 1115 West Avon Rd, Rochester Hills.

Macroinvertebrate ID Re-Certification

This training is for individuals who are already a part of CRWC's Adopt-a-Stream program—they have completed Part I and Part II and have **ALREADY** achieved macroinvertebrate identification certification. This class focuses on macro identification only. *Team Coordinators and team members wishing to retain this certification must re-test their identification skills every two years (Team Coordinators who certified in Spring/Summer 2005 need to re-certify before October 2007.) Volunteers may also take the macro id quiz at the CRWC office in lieu of attending a re-certification class.*

- ◆ RA: Monday, 1/22; 6:00 pm-9:00 pm, Oakland Township Meeting Room-Police and Parks Dept. Building, 4393 Collins Rd, Oakland Township.
- ◆ RB: Saturday, 6/23; 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Center Line Parks and Recreation Center, 25355 Lawrence Blvd., Center Line.

Field Procedures Refresher

This training is for individuals who are already a part of CRWC's Adopt-a-Stream program—they have completed Part I and Part II. This class gives current AAS volunteers a chance to ask questions and practice field monitoring skills with CRWC support. This training will be held outside so dress appropriately. *CRWC strongly encourages Team Coordinators to attend this training every two years.*

- ◆ FA: Sunday, 5/6; 1:00 pm-4:00 pm, St Clair Shores Country Club; Robeson off of Masonic (meet at back maintenance lot), St Clair Shores.
- ◆ FB: Monday, 8/13; 6:00 pm-9:00 pm, Clarkston United Methodist Church; 6600 Waldon Rd, Clarkston.

Mark Your Calendars for April 21, 2007

Join us for CRWC's Volunteer Rally!

Stay Tuned for Details!