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**KEEP FORSYTH COUNTY BEAUTIFUL TO HOST**  
**FREE ADOPT-A-STREAM WORKSHOPS**

*Programs will instruct proper monitoring of local waterways*

**FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia** – Keep Forsyth County Beautiful (KFCB) will host several workshops designed to educate citizens on how they can help protect local waterways through the Adopt-A-Stream program. The Adopt-A-Stream program informs citizens on how to monitor local water quality while advising on the most effective ways to protect local water resources.

Citizens are encouraged to attend two different free workshops suitable for ages third grade and up. Upon completion of the workshops, attendees will be presented a certificate from Georgia Adopt-A-Stream that allows you to report water quality data anywhere in the state of Georgia.

The first workshop is Biological Assessment. This workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Poole's Mill Park; Saturday, June 29, 2013 at Central Park; and Saturday, November 5, 2013 in the Hickory Ridge neighborhood. During the Biological Assessment Workshop, attendees will learn how to collect, identify and count stream insects in order to assess the stream's quality.

The second workshop is Chemical and Bacterial Certification. This workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Poole's Mill Park; Saturday, July 13, 2013 at Central Park; and Saturday, November 12, 2013 in the Hickory Ridge neighborhood. The Chemical and Bacterial Certification Workshop will educate attendees on how to perform basic chemical and bacterial sampling on local streams.

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“Water is a precious resource and the Adopt-A-Stream program strives to raise the public’s awareness of how crucial local water quality is to the environment,” KFCB Community Outreach Specialist Kevin Smith said. “These workshops provide wonderful firsthand experience in monitoring these valuable water resources.”

To register for these free workshops, contact Kevin Smith at 678.513.5892 or via email at [kdsmith@forsythco.com](mailto:kdsmith@forsythco.com).

Poole’s Mill Park is located at 7725 Poole’s Mill Road in Ballground. Central Park is located at 2300 Keith Bridge Road in Cumming. The workshops located in the Hickory Ridge neighborhood off of Hwy. 20 will take place in the open field within the neighborhood.

Forsyth County’s Adopt-A-Stream program is part of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division.

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