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

Programs will instruct on 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, which are suitable for ages third grade and up. The two workshops will cover three separate certifications (biological, chemical and bacterial). Upon completion of the workshops, attendees will be presented a certificate from Georgia Adopt-A-Stream for each certification completed. The certification allows you to report water quality data for the Adopt-A-Stream program anywhere in the state of Georgia.

The first workshop is Macroinvertebrate Assessment. This workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 1 at Central Park Recreation Center; Saturday, June 7 at Caney Creek Preserve; Saturday, August 9 at Cumming City Hall; and Saturday, October 4 at Windermere Park. During the Macroinvertebrate 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, March 8 at Central Park Recreation Center; Saturday, June 14 at Caney Creek Preserve; Saturday, August 16 at Cumming City Hall; and Saturday, October 11 at Windermere Park. The Chemical and Bacterial Certification Workshop will educate attendees on how to perform basic chemical and bacterial

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sampling on local streams.

“The Adopt-A-Stream program provides firsthand experience in monitoring these valuable water resources and helps to raise the public’s awareness of how crucial local water quality is to the environment,” KFCB Community Outreach Specialist Kevin Smith said.

To register for these free workshops, contact Kevin Smith at 678.513.5892 or via email at kdsmith@forsythco.com.

The Central Park Recreation Center is located at 2300 Keith Bridge Road. Caney Creek Preserve is located at 2755 Caney Road. Cumming City Hall is located at 100 Main Street. Windermere Park is located at 3355 Windermere Parkway.

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

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