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Adopt-A-Stream volunteers are environmental stewards who play a vital role in keeping Wake Forest's streams healthy. By taking a proactive role, you can help identify problems and repair streams in Wake Forest.

How does the program work?

To adopt a stream, your group agrees to perform one of the following tasks on a section of the stream for a period of one year.

OPTION A: WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Just like diagnosing a person or pet that is sick, we take all the symptoms of a stream together to determine its health.

By observing the color of the stream we can tell the type of pollutant that might be in the water. Observing fish behavior (or absence of fish) also gives us clues to water quality.

As a water quality monitor, your group will make observations and record what you see in your stream section for a period of one year. You will work from a field data sheet and make monthly observations of algae, insect life, condition of stream bank, appearance of water, odors and stream flow. You will also collect data using monitoring kits.

Your group will be provided with all the equipment you need including nets, kits and safety vests. Each time you collect data, you will submit your findings to the town's Engineering Department so our staff can quickly address any problems.

OPTION B: STREAM CLEAN-UP

Your group agrees to organize at least two stream clean-ups in the adopted stream section. After each litter collection, you will submit a form to briefly describe the types of trash your group collected such as tires, bottles, paper, etc. Your group may want to schedule the clean-ups to coincide with Earth Day and North Carolina's Big Sweep. Safety vests, bags and gloves will be provided.

OPTION C: STREAM REPAIR, PLANTING OR DRAIN LABELING

Depending on your interest and abilities, you can choose to help with stream restoration work. Volunteer help is needed planting native trees and shrubs along the stream bank to create a healthy buffer zone.

Help is also needed spray painting a stenciled message on all storm drains. The message reminds citizens that what goes into the storm drain ends up in the stream.

Can anyone volunteer to adopt a stream?

We encourage individuals, families, scout troops, youth groups, schools, churches, community and service

organizations, and special interest groups to get involved. Anyone with an interest in healthy streams and the outdoors is welcome to help us preserve and maintain our waterways.

A stream section must be adopted for a period of one year with the option to renew the agreement after the year is completed.

CAN CHILDREN PARTICIPATE?

Minors under age 18 may participate if their parents or guardians sign a *Youth Participation Release* in addition to the *Adopt-A-Stream Release Form*. The parent or guardian must accompany the minor, or must assign responsibility to an adult representative of the Adopt-A-Stream applicant.

ARE VOLUNTEERS COMPENSATED?

As a volunteer you will not be paid, but you will be rewarded.

- ▶ Your name and/or group name will appear on the town's website, Community Channel 10 and in *Our Town* newsletter.
- ▶ You will receive special recognition at our Volunteer Appreciation Event.
- ▶ Most important, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you're actively protecting and maintaining natural resources.

CAN WE CONTRACT THE WORK TO SOMEONE ELSE?

You may do the work yourself, with other volunteers, or hire a contractor to do the work for you. All volunteers or contractors must first sign an *Adopt-A-Stream Release Form* prior to beginning work.

Where do I sign up?

If you or anyone you know is interested in adopting a Wake Forest stream, please contact the Adopt-a-Stream Program Coordinator:

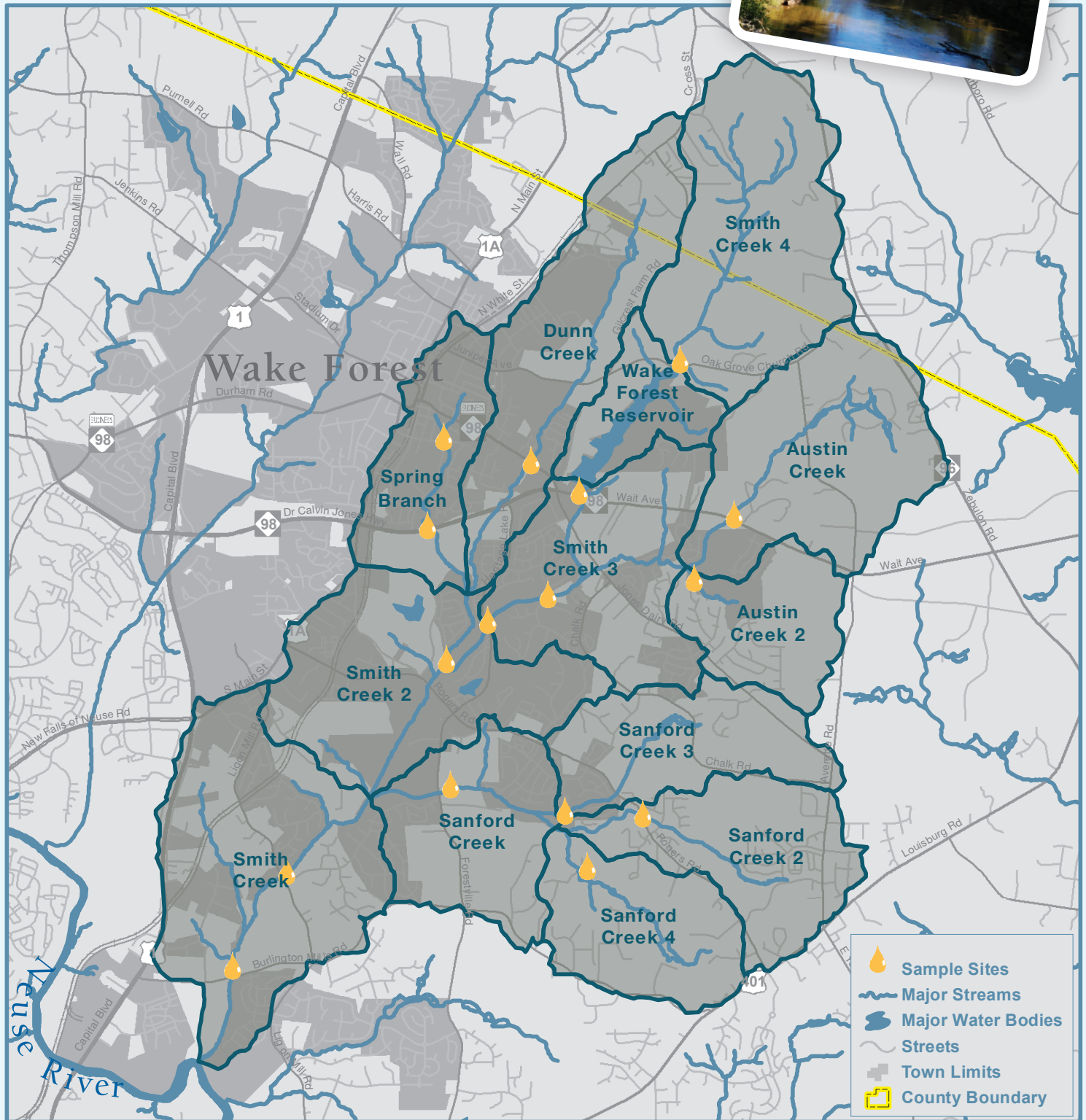
**Engineering Technician
Jessica Watkins**
jwatkins@wakeforestnc.gov
919-435-9445

Before any work is initiated, the volunteering group or individual will sign an *Adopt-A-Stream Agreement* outlining the responsibilities and obligations of adopting a stream, and each participating trail volunteer must sign an *Adopt-A-Stream Release Form* that must be mailed or delivered to Wake Forest Town Hall before any work may begin.

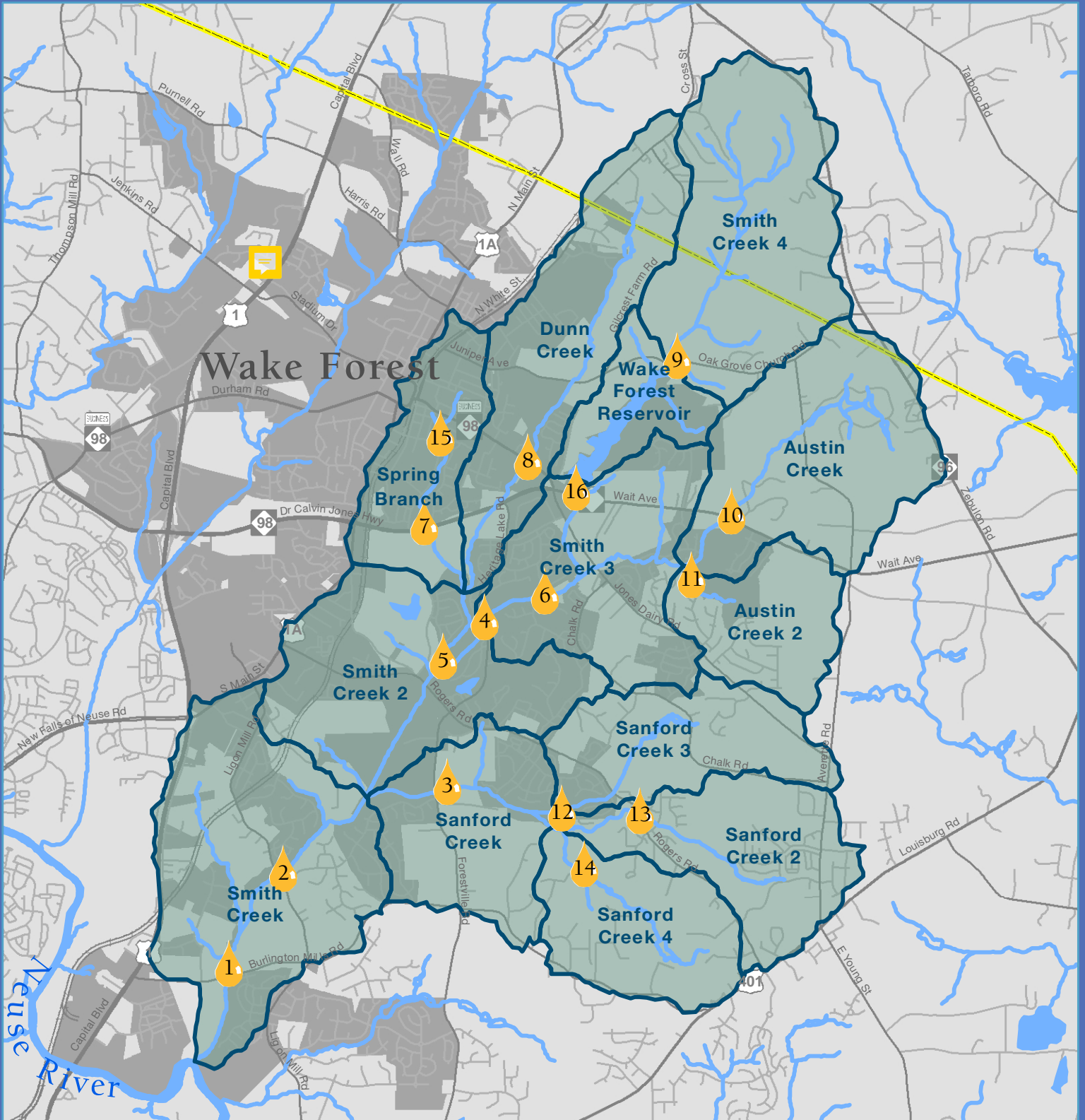
Stream sections that are available in the Adopt-A-Stream program are shown on the next page.







Stream sections for adoption in Wake Forest

The map below shows the different sections of streams in the Adopt-A-Stream program. When signing up, you may indicate your preference for a specific section.



Turbidity Sample Sites



-  Sample Sites
-  Major Streams
-  Major Water Bodies
-  Streets
-  Town Limits
-  County Boundary

Smith Creek Watershed Project



Please note that this map is intended for illustrative purposes only. For specific inquiries regarding data displayed here, contact the Wake Forest Engineering Department at 919-435-9443.



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Program Agreement

The Town of Wake Forest (the “Town”) and _____ (name of participating business, organization or individual) (the “Participating Entity”) recognize the need and desirability of litter-free and environmentally healthy streams. The Adopt-A-Stream Program (the “Program”) has been established for community and civic organizations as well as private businesses and industry to contribute toward the effort of monitoring and maintaining cleaner waterways.

The Participating Entity agrees to not hold the Town responsible for any injuries it, its participants, representatives, employees or agents may suffer or damages that it, its participants, representatives, employees, or agents may cause or suffer as a result of participation in the program.

The Participating Entity agrees to require all participants to sign a Town Adopt-A-Stream Program Release Form and/or a Youth Participation Release (the “Release Form”), as applicable, as a condition to any individual participant’s participation in the program. The Participating Entity agrees to deliver a completed Release Form to the Engineering Department prior to each time that it performs work pursuant to this Program Agreement.

The Participating Entity agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Town and its employees, officers, agents and representatives with respect to any liability, costs or expenses incurred by the town in connection with the failure of a participant to sign the required waiver.

If the Participating Entity enters into a contract with a business, organization or individual to clean its adopted section of the trail, it agrees to notify [_____] in writing within ten (10) calendar days of entering into its agreement (whether written or verbal) with the contractor and acknowledges that failure to notify such person of such action may result in termination of the agreement.

The Town recognizes the Participating Entity as the adopting organization for:

STREAM SECTION

The Participating Entity volunteers to (check one):

- Monitor Water Quality**—make monthly observations and record what you see in your stream section. You will work from a field data sheet and record your observations. You will also collect data using monitoring kits.
- Clean-up Streams**—pick up litter at least two (2) times a year along the adopted section of stream.
- Repair Streams, Plant Trees or Label Drains**—assist with stream buffer restoration projects and/or labeling of storm drains.

This agreement shall be valid for a period beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____. The Participating Entity may cancel this agreement upon 30 days written notice to the Town of Wake Forest.

Non-Discrimination Policy: The Town of Wake Forest does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, origin, sex, religion, age, sexual orientation or disability in employment opportunities or the provision of services, programs, or activities. A participant alleging discrimination on the basis of any of the aforementioned areas may file a complaint with the Director of the Wake Forest Engineering Department or the Office of Equal Opportunity, US Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

Registration Process

1. Complete and sign the *Program Agreement* and *Adopting Group Contact Persons*
2. Prior to performing work, return completed *Release Form* in person or mail to:
Town of Wake Forest | 301 S. Brooks Street | Wake Forest, NC 27587



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Adopting Group Contact Persons

Note: For all college or university student groups, one contact person must be group's school advisor.

PRIMARY Group Contact Person

MR MS

NAME

STREET ADDRESS / PO BOX

CITY

STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

FAX

EMAIL

I would like to receive occasional email communications about Town of Wake Forest programs, services, and special events. By agreeing to receive email communications about Town of Wake Forest programs, services, and special events, I understand my email address will not be disclosed to any other organization (except as required under N.C.G.S. § 132) and I may unsubscribe from the service at any time.

SIGNATURE

DATE

SECONDARY Group Contact Person

MR MS

NAME

STREET ADDRESS / PO BOX

CITY

STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

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SIGNATURE

DATE



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Release Form

This release is executed on _____, 20____, by _____(name of group) (the “Group”) and its members, whose signatures appear below (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Releasers”).

In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Town of Wake Forest’s Adopt-A-Stream Program (the “Program”) for the section of the trail identified in the Group’s Adopt-A-Trail Program Agreement (the “Agreement”) with the Town of Wake Forest, Releasers, being of lawful age, for themselves and their personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby release and forever discharge the Town of Wake Forest and its officials, employees, and/or agents (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Town”), from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatsoever kind or nature, either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, death and/or property damage resulting or to result from any accident that may occur as a result of participation in the Program.

Releasers acknowledge that participation in the Program is voluntary and that the work to be performed and the work environment may be hazardous. Releasers agree that they will follow all Town of Wake Forest safety guidelines and directives and that they will wear and use all required items of safety gear and equipment for the performance of their volunteer duties. Releasers assume full responsibility for and assume the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage while picking up litter, debris, or loose brush and otherwise participating in the Program. Releasers agree to indemnify the Town from any loss, liability, damage or cost the Town may incur due to the presence of Releasers in, on or near those sections of the trail referenced in the Group’s Agreement.

Releasers acknowledge their likeness may be captured by the Town for use in promotional, news, or informational media. Participation in this activity implies consent. If any Releaser does not wish for such a photo to be used, please contact the Engineering Department at (919) 435-9510.

In no event shall the Releasers be considered the agents or employees of the Town.

Releasers agree that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of North Carolina and that if any portion of the agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

A participating child’s parent or guardian is required to sign a “Youth Participation Release” in the form attached hereto for each volunteer less than 18 years of age.

No one may participate in the Program without first having signed below as a Releaser, and no one under the age of 18 may participate without having signed as a Releaser and having a parent or guardian sign the Youth Participation Release.

This Release contains the entire agreement between the parties to this agreement, and the terms of this Release are contractual and not a mere recital.

RELEASORS:

SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME	DATE
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



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Youth Participation Release

To be signed for each child volunteer under the age of 18

As the parent/guardian (the "Parent") of the minor child named below (the "Child," and together with the Parent, the "Releasers"), I hereby give permission for the Child to participate in one or more Adopt-A-Stream Programs. By my signature I release the Town of Wake Forest for the Child, the Parent, and his or her personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin, hereby release and forever discharge the Town of Wake Forest and its officials, employees, and/or agents (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Town"), from any and every claim, demand, action or right of action, of whatsoever kind or nature, either in law or in equity arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries known or unknown, death and/or property damage resulting or to result from any accident which may occur as a result of the Child's participation in the Adopt-A-Stream Program.

The undersigned acknowledges that participation in the Adopt-A-Stream Program is voluntary and that work on trails may include exposure to numerous hazards. Releasers assume full responsibility for and assume the risk of bodily injury, death or property damage. Releasers agree to indemnify the Town from any loss, liability, damage or cost the Town may incur due to the participation of the Child in the Adopt-A-Stream Program.

In no event shall the Child be considered the agent or employee of the Town.

The Parent agrees that this release, waiver, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of North Carolina and that if any portion of the agreement is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

The Parent realizes that transportation to and from the program is the Parent's responsibility, and that if anyone connected with the program transports the Child on Parent's behalf, Parent will hold that party blameless for any accident or injury that may occur. Such absolution is to be binding when the above individuals are acting within the scope of the activity. Parent hereby accepts the instructor, supervision, facilities, and equipment, as being satisfactory for the program activity named above. Parent understands that insurance coverage is Parent's responsibility, and Parent certifies that Parent has read and agreed to the terms stated above and that all information provided is correct to the best of Parent's knowledge.

The Parent further states that it has carefully read this Release and knows the contents of the Release and signs this Release as his or her own free act, on the Parent's behalf and on behalf of the Child. The Parent hereby represents and warrants to the Town that he or she is the parent or legal guardian of the Child, with full legal authority to execute this Release on the Child's behalf.

PRINT NAME OF MINOR CHILD

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE

PRINT NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

TELEPHONE