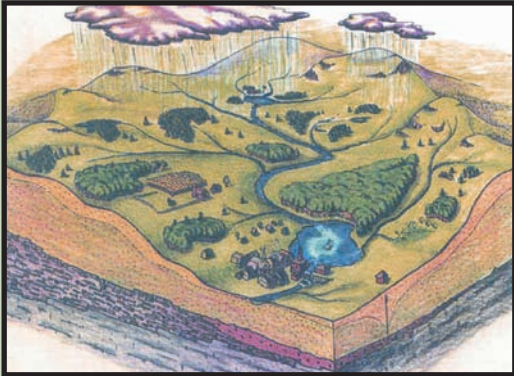


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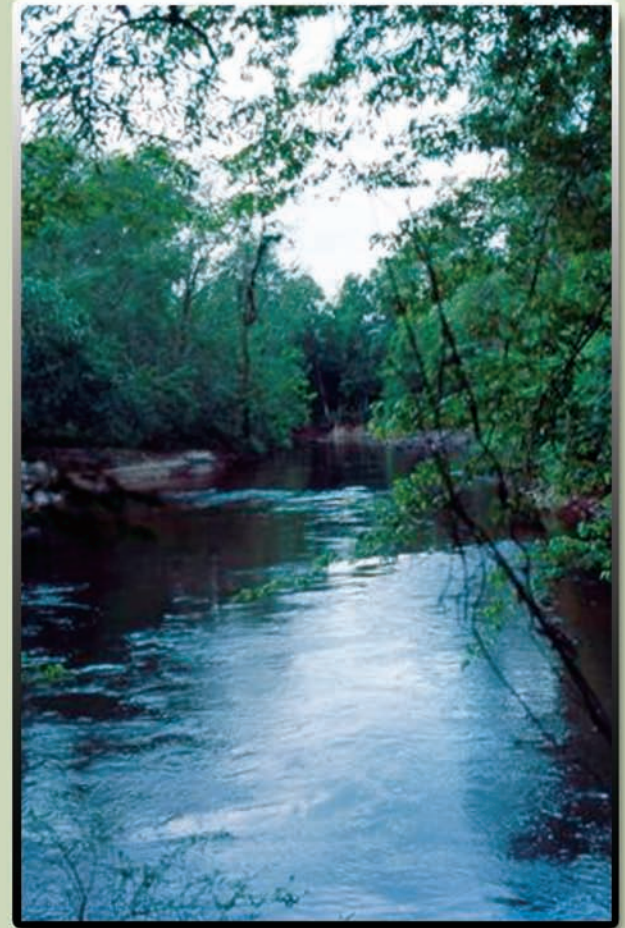
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What is Adopt-A-Stream?

Adopt-A-Stream is a program that promotes environmental stewardship through training workshops, outdoor field activities, youth educational programs and by introducing participants to watershed action projects.

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a stream, river, ocean or other body of water.

One and two-day Adopt-A-Stream workshops and youth educational programs inform participants about watershed topics such as stream health, land-use, stream ecology, aquatic life and water chemistry.

Who Should Participate?

Educators, land managers, advocacy groups, Scout troop leaders, Envirothon Team Advisors, environmental educators, students, 4H groups, Scout troops and concerned citizens and others.

Where?

Workshops and youth educational programs are held statewide.

Why?

Mississippi is fortunate to have abundant water resources. Streams, lakes and marshes provide homes for aquatic life and help maintain the sensitive balance of nature. Mississippi's waters are excellent resources for fishing, swimming, and canoeing. Rivers are a vital source for drinking water, agriculture and industry. The quality of that water affects all of these uses. Everyone needs to play his part in protecting these resources for the future.

Getting Started

You can get involved with Adopt-A-Stream by simply contacting the Mississippi Wildlife Federation and expressing an interest in the program and becoming a **Stream Steward!**

Programs

The **one-day workshop** places emphasis on your particular watershed and its needs. The program provides a basic study of the watershed as well as hands-on training in chemical and biological parameters important to a healthy stream. A



watershed characterization tool, using the latest in Geographic Information Technology, examines the conditions of different watersheds. In addition, the workshop will:

- Increase awareness of nonpoint source pollution
- Introduce surveying and mapping of your watershed
- Introduce possible actions that can be taken to help your watershed, such as:
 - ~ Storm Drain Marking
 - ~ Stream Cleanups
 - ~ Participation in World Water Monitoring Day (WWMD)
 - ~ Advocacy and More

The **two-day workshop** provides an in-depth study of watersheds as well as the hands on training. In general, the two-day program is done at one of Mississippi's State Parks during June. CEU credits are available for teachers.

An **Aquatic Ecology program** for youth is also available. The program can be tailored to your classroom needs. It involves classroom instruction and can be expanded to include field study.

The Mississippi Adopt-A-Stream Program originated in 1993. Since that time, hundreds of trained stream stewards are making a difference in their watershed.