

HOW TO APPLY

- Please visit our Get Involved section at www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com and review the volunteering opportunities.

FOR ADOPT-A-BLOCK/ADOPT-A-STREAM

- Submit an application
- The City will work with the adopter to determine the specific portion of the designated block/stream to be adopted
- An agreement will be sent to you for signing.
- Once City administrator signs, you will be scheduled to attend a safety training session and be given the final agreement and materials.
- At which time, an event can be scheduled with two weeks prior notice.

FOR STORM DRAIN MARKING

- Submit an application
- Once the section(s) of storm drains are approved, you will be contacted to receive training and materials needed.



Submit this application to:

Storm Water Quality Branch
1000 Uluohia St. Suite 212
Kapolei, HI 96707

Or

cleanwater@honolulu.gov



ADOPTER RESPONSIBILITIES

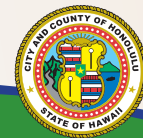
- All participants must be at least 12 years of age
- Receive volunteer leader training
- Adopted portions must be at least 200 linear feet (AAS) or two (2) square blocks (AAB)
- Adopt the portion thereof for two (2) years
- Complete **at least** four (4) clean-up events within the two (2) years
- Notify DFM at least two (2) weeks prior to scheduled event
- Provide safety briefing and scope of work to all participants at each event
- Conduct a safe clean up event
- Pick up and return supplies within a week after clean-up event to DFM
- Notify DFM when filled trash bags are ready for pick up
- Submit a release form for each participant



VOLUNTEER to protect our waters

Be a Clean Water Hero!

ADOPT-A-BLOCK
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Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM)

Storm Water Quality Branch

www.cleanwaterhonolulu.com

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Adopt-A-Block (AAB) / Adopt-A-Stream (AAS)

are simple steps residents can take to help improve the quality of streams and be Everyday Clean Water Heroes. These programs are a “hands-on” way for residents and local businesses to make a commitment to improve the quality of Oahu’s communities. Many property owners upstream may not realize that what they do on their land impacts other residents and water quality downstream. Adopters are responsible for a designated stretch of stream or street under the City’s jurisdiction.

Storm Drain Marking is a direct and local way to increase watershed awareness and practice neighborhood stewardship by marking storm drain inlets using the o’opu (native goby) and with the message, “No Dumping, Drains to Oceans.” Storm drain marking sends a message to keep pollutants out of the storm drain system and may also reduce residential spills and illicit discharges. Volunteer groups can host events to mark storm drain inlets that are within the City’s jurisdiction using our custom stencils or metal placards.

These volunteer outreach programs help protect our waters for life by removing debris from stream banks and sidewalks which is unsightly and unsanitary for humans and wildlife, they provide community groups opportunities to connect with their watershed and promote positive connections to government through small work projects.

FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS

Who can adopt? Any group of people willing to commit to ongoing clean up events.

Who can participate? All volunteers must sign a release form and be ≥12 years old with signed parental/guardian consent and adequate adult supervision if <18 years old.

Where can we adopt? Any approved City maintained stream(s) or street(s) that are clear of any hazards. A map of priority areas is available upon request.

What are the terms? Agreements are for two (2) years to complete four (4) events. Leaders receive safety training, conduct briefings for volunteers, and assume overall responsibility of the event and those participating. City provides all necessary safety and collection equipment and hauling of debris.

When can we start? After submitting an application, the City will work with the adopter to determine the specific portion of the designated block/stream to be adopted. After an agreement is finalized, an event can be scheduled with two weeks prior notice.

Do we get an AAB/AAS sign? After completing a two (2) year agreement and renewing your contract, the City will place a public awareness street sign with your group name in your designated adopted location.

Can we plan a one-time event? Adoptions require an ongoing commitment. Storm drain marking projects are a one-time event and can include debris pick up activities.

APPLICATION

Interested in (check all that apply):

- Adopt-A-Stream
- Adopt-A-Block
- Storm Drain Marking

Group Name

Name of Contact

Phone Number of Contact

Email of Contact

Address of Contact

Name and Phone of Alternate Contact

Approximate number of people participating in each work project (Minimum 10 person group to adopt) _____

Which stream / portions of block are you interested in volunteering for? (Provide at least two possibilities)

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