



Seminole Education, Restoration & Volunteer Program



Adopt-A-River Conditions

The Seminole County Adopt-A-River Program is designed to facilitate the monitoring, clean up and enhancement of river/stream segments in Seminole County and is open to individuals and organizations interested in helping the environment.

Through an adoption, volunteers have the responsibility to learn about nuisance vegetation they will need to remove, pick up trash and debris and learn about water quality, watershed protection and ecological issues along the river. Details and guidelines of the program are as follows:

1. Each volunteer group must sign an Adopt-A-River permit for one year. The length of river adopted may vary. The agreement will be among Seminole Education, Restoration & Volunteer (SERV) Program and the permit holder (volunteer group). Groups or individuals not meeting the conditions of the permit will have their permits revoked.
2. All volunteers, of all ages, **MUST** have an individual Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement on file prior to participating at any cleanup event. These forms **MUST** be turned into the Adopt-A-River Coordinator, prior to or directly after your cleanup. The individual Adopt-A-River liability forms are good for 1 year and are **ONLY** valid for the Adopt-A-River Program. **ALL** volunteers 17 and under, must have a parent or legal guardian signature on the Child Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement **PRIOR** to participating at any cleanup.
3. Each volunteer group is responsible for cleaning their adopted river segment at least two (2) times throughout the permit year. The first clean-up activity is required within the first thirty (30) days after the effective date on the permit.
4. A minimum of one (1) stormwater education presentation must be attended by the group in addition to the clean-up efforts during the 1st year of adoption. The Seminole County SERV Coordinator will provide the required educational component.

5. Each volunteer group is responsible for appointing a group leader to ensure that all guidelines are followed. The group leader will keep record of the following information on the sign in sheet (date of event, river section adopted, group name, name of each participant, hours of the event, total hours contributed & total number of bags & debris collected) **along with making sure that each volunteers has filed out prior to participating at any cleanup a Adopt-A-River Individual Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement for all ages.** Sign in sheet & Individual Hold Harmless Agreements must be mailed or brought to the Adopt-A-River Coordinator as soon as the event has been completed.
6. If there are any changes in contact information for the group, the group leader is responsible for notifying the Adopt-A-River Coordinator.
7. The Adopt-a-River Coordinator must be notified at least five (5) business days prior to a river clean up.
8. Each participant, including minors, must sign in and have on file an Adopt-A-River Individual Hold Harmless & Indemnification Agreement (good for one (1) year) at every clean-up and education event.
9. The group shall be responsible for furnishing adequate adult supervision for participants who are seventeen years (17) and under.
10. Each group will be provided trash bags by Seminole County. The orange onion bags will need to be stacked in an accessible area for pick-up. Seminole County will coordinate the pick-up of bags, and any large, heavy or hazardous items.
11. All unused materials must be returned at the end of each clean-up activity unless special provisions have been made with the Adopt-A-River Coordinator.
12. Each volunteer group is encouraged to maintain a first-aid kit and adequate drinking water while participating in a clean-up.
13. Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited during an Adopt-A-River clean-up or education event.
14. Volunteer groups are prohibited from subcontracting or assigning duties and/or responsibilities to any other group, organization or individual(s).
15. Participants are encouraged to separate and recycle appropriate materials for their own benefit.

Safety

- Have water and a safety kit available at all times.
- Wear appropriate clothing.
- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are strictly forbidden. Do not pick up animal bodies, syringes or hazardous materials.
- Pick up litter only during daylight hours.
- The team leader of the group shall have a copy of all the information, telephone numbers and safety guidelines provided to all participants.

Important Telephone Numbers

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| 1. Supplies & trash pickup | 407-665-2457 or
407- 665-2424 |
| 2. Dead animals (Animal Control Dispatch) | 407-665-5110 |
| 3. Non Emergency Sheriff Department | 407-665-6650 |
| 4. Hazardous Waste Material (Non-Emergency) | 407-665-5100 |
| 5. In case of emergency, accident or serious incident, notify
Natalae Almeter, SERV Coordinator
Marie Lackey, Seminole County Outreach Coordinator | 911
407-687-2550 or
321-377-2073 |

SEMINOLE COUNTY ROADS-STORMWATER DIVISION
177 Bush Loop, Sanford, Florida 32773

Adopt-A-River Coordinator

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Seminole, Education & Restoration Volunteer Program (SERV)
SERV Coordinator-Natalae Almeter (407) 665-2457 or serv@seminolecountyfl.gov