

<u>StreamSweepers</u> is coordinating a month-long volunteer clean-up effort that spans the streams and small rivers in Rappahannock, Fauquier, and Culpeper counties. Cleaning of these smaller tributaries which lead to our larger rivers and the Chesapeake Bay is the first step in eliminating trash from those larger waterways.

We seek volunteer groups of all types and sizes to adopt a stretch of stream or river where they will host a clean-up event. Our goal is to organize as many cleanups as possible during April which is Earth Month. This is a great time to get out and cleanup up the area around our streams as access to the streams is less encumbered with shrub and briar growth this time of year.

StreamSweepers will provide:

- Safety information, logistical assistance, stream selection or assignment, and supplies (bags, gloves and grabbers) to perform clean-up
- Education to volunteers on importance of healthy streams and rivers
- Coordination, removal and disposal of trash
- Social media, traditional media, and community website support
- Report of trash collected by each group and the project as a whole
- Photos of work completed to participating organizations and media

Volunteer organizations will provide:

• Volunteer labor including a "Site Captain" responsible for coordinating and organizing the group



Picture Your Group Having This Much Fun!

Groups interested in hosting a cleanup should contact Debbie Manzari, StreamSweepers Program Manager at debbie@naturalcapital.us

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