

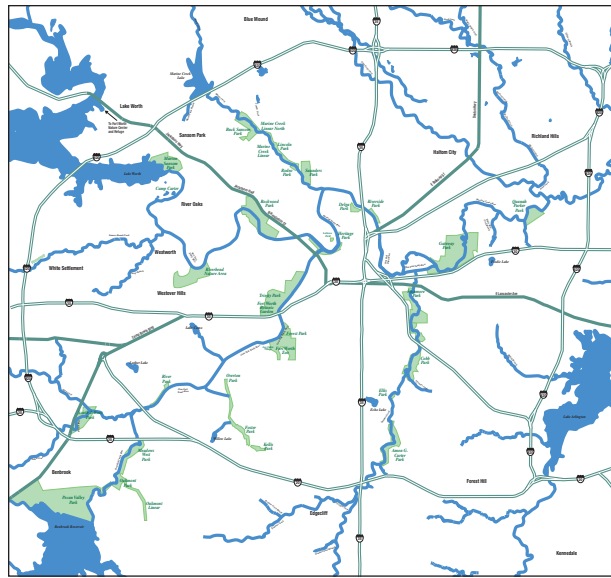
SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION

- Use fertilizers sparingly. Sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters.
- Use pesticides as a last resort and apply only recommended amounts. Twice as much will not do twice the job.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Check your car for leaks and repair them as soon as possible.
- Recycle your motor oil and anti-freeze.
- Never dump anything down a storm drain.
- Take your car to a car wash instead of washing it in the driveway. Even “biodegradable” soaps are harmful to fish and wildlife.
- Pick up after your pet. Bacteria from pet waste are a serious threat to water quality.
- Clean paint brushes (latex or water-based paints) in a sink, not the street.
- Store or dispose of leftover chemicals properly, not in the trash.



LITTER BY THE NUMBERS

- 33% Tobacco products
- 29% Food packaging/wrappers
- 17% Beverage containers
- 8% Construction/Industrial
- 8% Print materials
- 4% Household/personal
- 1% Automotive items



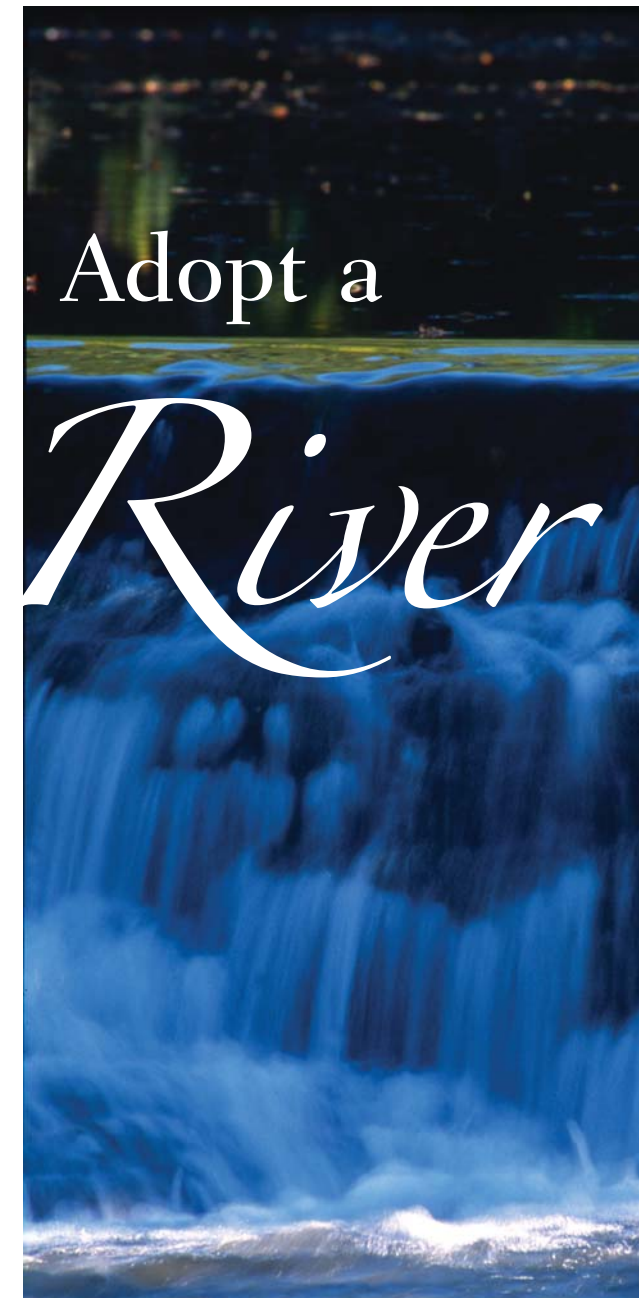
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Adopt a River

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Adopt-a-River Program

A volunteer effort to preserve and protect the Trinity River

TRINITY RIVER - A TREASURED NATURAL RESOURCE

Rocky bluffs, lush vegetation, and an abundance of wildlife...those are some of the features that attracted settlers to the Trinity River and Fort Worth more than 150 years ago. In some stretches of the river, that pristine wilderness is still intact. But look closer and you will probably see something that wasn't around back then – trash. Where does it all come from?

LITTER ISN'T PRETTY.

Each year tons of trash and debris are carelessly tossed along roadways and parking lots. In fact, the Texas Department of Transportation reported in 2005 that people blanketed state roadsides with more than 820 million pieces of litter. When it rains, that trash is washed from city streets into our waterways.

Stormwater runoff is the water that flows across our streets, lawns, and parking lots after it rains. As it travels over land, the urban runoff picks up harmful substances – like oil, detergents, paint, pesticides, bacteria, dirt, and trash – and washes them into storm drains.

Contrary to popular belief, storm drains are not tied into sanitary sewer systems. Their flows empty directly into the nearest creek, river, or lake without any treatment to remove contaminants. Trash-lined river banks are the ugly mess that's left behind when the flows recede. Much of it is preventable by tossing trash in a receptacle where it belongs. But what else can you do?

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY BY TAKING MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS.

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ADOPT-A-RIVER PROGRAM DETAILS

- The minimum commitment requires conducting semi-annual cleanups over a two year period.
- Participation in the Trinity River Trash Bash held each September is encouraged.
- Signs recognizing volunteers and their efforts will be placed in adopted areas.
- As a bonus, the group that collects the most trash after a single rain event will earn a special surprise.

More information is available online at www.trwd.com or by calling 817-335-2491.

Please don't throw away this opportunity to get involved.