

Would you like to

... connect with your neighbors?

... help revive our local streams and the Chesapeake Bay?

... be part of an exciting national pilot project?



If you answered "yes" to just one of these questions, find out more inside...

For further information, or to request a Team Leader Training registration form, please contact:

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Livable Neighborhood Water Stewardship Program



*... creating a
water-friendly lifestyle*

Join with your neighbors to build community, and discover ways to better protect our water resources.

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Find just one other person who cares

The **Livable Neighborhood Water Stewardship Program** is an opportunity for people to get together at the neighborhood level to help improve the health of our local streams, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay.

Who sponsors the program?

Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE), Arlington County, City of Alexandria, City of Falls Church, Church, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, and Fairfax County.

How does it work?

Teams of 5 to 8 households meet for a four-meeting series over 2-3 months. They use a workbook with 31 different action items that focus on three main areas:

- Water Conservation
- Water Quality
- Helping Out

Members choose one or more actions at each meeting, try them out at home, then share their experience at the next meeting. Team members provide support and information.



Who leads the team meetings?

A citizen volunteer from the neighborhood (maybe you!) is trained as a team leader. Team leaders invite their neighbors to attend an informational meeting, which is led by a representative of one of the sponsoring groups. Once the team is established, the 4 team meetings are led by the coach/ sponsor and the team leader.

How long has this program been in place?

The program was launched in 2003.

Does it cost anything to participate?

Grant assistance has been provided from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

What materials will I receive if I join?

Each team member receives a workbook with step-by-step instructions for incorporating water-friendly actions into their daily lifestyle. Team leaders also receive a handbook.

Does the program really make a difference?

Yes! Based on data from the 35 teams completing the program to date, water consumption has been reduced by an average of 98,000 gallons per year per team. Households have adopted five new watershed-friendly actions, on average, by the completion of the team.

When is the next team leader training?

Training is currently offered twice a year, usually in February and September.

Who do I contact if I want to get involved?

Call 703-324-5500, TTY 771
or Email:

SWPDMail@fairfaxcounty.gov
(Fairfax County, Stormwater Planning Division) for information or to register for the next training.



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