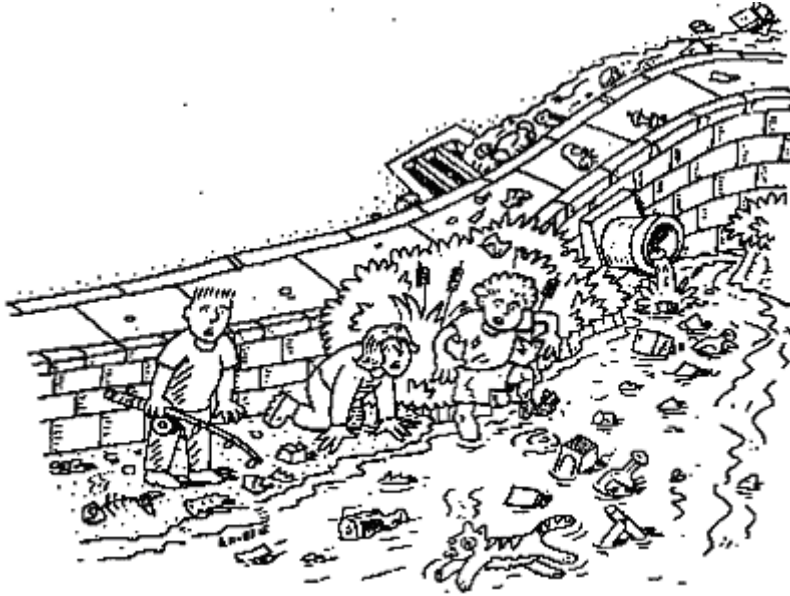
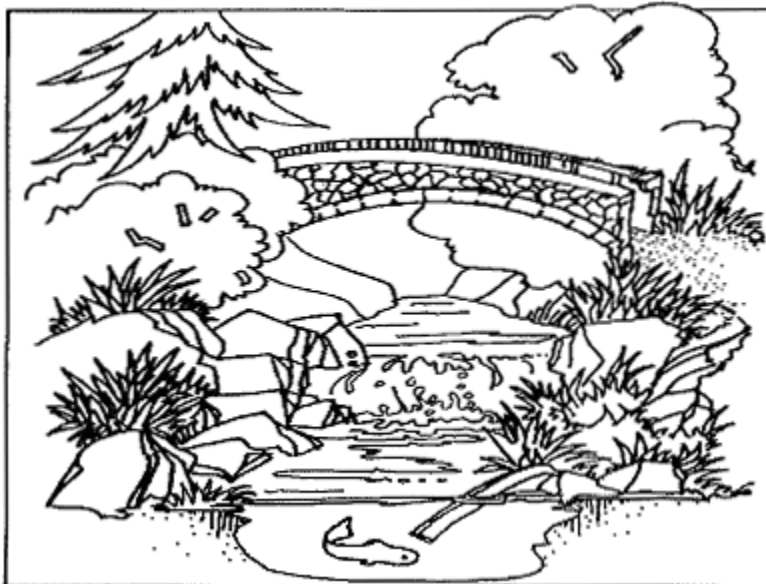


ADOPT-A-SPOT & ADOPT-A-CREEK

ADOPT THIS!



TURN INTO THIS!



Alameda County Public Works Agency Adopt-a-Spot/Adopt-a-Creek Program

Alameda County is pleased to announce two programs to involve the community in its on-going efforts to maintain and beautify Alameda County:

Adopt-a-Spot and Adopt-a-Creek Program

Opportunities for:

- Individuals
- Groups
- Community organizations
- Churches
- Businesses and
- Combinations of the above

You can participate by:

- Removing litter and other debris
- Removing weeds and other unwanted vegetation
- Maintaining plants and wildlife habitat
- Painting over graffiti

It's your choice:

- Do the work on your own
- Do the work with an established community group
- Create a group by enlisting volunteers, such as your neighbors

Your Rewards:

- Personal satisfaction
- Recognition signs at adopted spots or creeks

Your Commitment:

- Pick up litter or provide other services for at least one year
- Follow all safety and permit requirements
- Provide weather proof decals of your organization's standardized logo if you want them on a recognition sign
- Return loaned safety gear at the end of the permit period

Our Commitment:

- Once a year, we can issue safety gear (orange vests, gloves, safety glasses) for your estimated number of participants
- We provide free trash bags and disposal of trash You collect (you are encouraged to separate recyclables from generic trash and take the recyclables with you)
- We issue one color of paint rollers, etc.
- We issue the permit at no charge
- We install recognition signs
- We provide first aid kit and hand cleaner, If needed
- We assist you with planting and technical help
- We do not require insurance for volunteers

Recognition Signs:

- Are placed near your project site
- Vary in size according to the locale
- The decision to place signs, their size, and location are the sole discretion of Alameda County
- Recognition signs are limited to your group's name and/or logo - no products, phone numbers, or addresses may be identified

The Procedure:

- Select the location and type of work you want
- Make a map of the location
- Discuss the location and project with the Alameda County Public Works Adopt-A-Spot/Creek Coordinator
- Develop a workplan for planting projects
- Apply for a free permit
- After the permit is granted, notify Alameda County before each work event
- Have all participants read, sign and return the hold harmless release form to Alameda County
- Review and follow all safe requirements
- Perform the work satisfactorily
- If you are removing debris, call us at (510) 670-5500 upon completion of your work so we can remove all trash and debris bogs filled

Safety:

- The program depends on the common sense and responsibility of individual participants
- Participants must realize that they are working in a potentially hazardous environment and must diligently follow all safety requirements
- Participants hold the County harmless for death, injury or illness

Your Permit:

- Read, understand and conform to the provisions in your permit
- Provide a copy of the safety requirements to each participant
- Conduct an initial safety meeting and discussion before you begin your project at least once a year
- Review safety requirements with your group before each site visit
- Each work group must have a copy of the permit and safety requirements with them on the work site

Safety Gear and Clothing:

- Wear orange vests, gloves and safety glasses whenever you are at the work site put them on ahead of time
- Wear long pants and sturdy shoes or boots
- Light-colored clothing, long-sleeved shirts and sunscreen are suggested

What's Adoptable:

- County street and roads (in unincorporated areas)
- Vacant land owned by Alameda County
- County-owned creeks and flood control channels and access areas
- Areas safe for volunteers

Areas not Adoptable if:

- They are already adopted
- They are unsafe to access
- The work area is unsafe without traffic control
- The shoulder or road side is too narrow
- Visibility is too restricted
- Construction or other work is underway or planned
- Terrain is too rugged or steep
- Brush or vegetation is too dense
- Site conditions are unsuitable for your group's age level/experience

Sample Hold Harmless Agreement

- All participants will be required to sign release form stating as follows:

1. the undersigned, understand that Alameda County, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the officers, agents, and employees of both entities, shall not be liable for any death, injury, illness, or property damage claim which arises from my participation in the **Adopt-A-Spot** or Adopt-A-Creek Program. If any claim arises of the foregoing, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Alameda County, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, their officers, agents, and employees.

Sample Safety Requirements (for both Programs)

- Wear long pants, substantial shoes or boots, protective gloves, and protective eye wear
- No activities shall be performed on rainy days
- Wear light-colored clothing, long-sleeved shirts, and sunscreen
- Do not touch or attempt to remove materials which you suspect may be toxic or hazardous. Items to avoid include; powder chemicals, smelly substances, suspicious packages, chemical drums, weapons, syringes, dead animals, and broken glass
- Do not run, throw objects, or engage in horseplay.
- Be alert for poisonous plants, stinging insects, and snakes
- Leave the area by dusk
- Do not consume alcoholic beverage or drugs before coming to the work site or while at the work site
- Do not compact trash bags sharp items may cause injuries.

Special Safety Requirements for the Adopt-A-Spot Program

- Exit and enter your vehicle on the side away from traffic whenever possible
- Walk and work facing oncoming traffic wherever possible
- Do not enter tunnels or drainage culvert areas
- Never work In the median or on the roadway or shoulders of the road
- Use crosswalks and signals when available and exercise extreme caution when crossing without a crosswalk or signal.

Special Safety Requirements for the Adopt-A-Creek Program

- Exercise extreme caution descending and ascending creek banks and assist children in entering and exiting the facility.
- Watch your footing on steep slopes, drainage facilities, and other places where you may fall.
- Do not drink or swallow water found in the creek or facility.
- Wash your hands after contacting the water.
- Watch for scours (sudden drop-offs) when crossing the creek.

Sample Permit Legal Provisions

- Permittee shall, on each occasion, notify the Alameda County Public Works Agency at (5 10) 670-65 61 at least 10 working days prior to the start of any work authorized by this permit.
- Work shall be conducted during daylight only.
- No access is allowed when the maintenance road is muddy.
- Permittee shall be responsible to the adjacent property owner for disturbances of any kind caused by activities under this permit.
- Permittee's activities shall be subordinate to operation, which the Public Work Agency may conduct and shall not interfere with Agency's forces or the Agency's contractor.
- If weather or other adverse circumstances cause a hazard, work shall be immediately discontinued.
- The permittee shall designate a spokesperson that shall represent the group. An adult supervisor shall be present at the site during work.
- This permit applies only to areas in which the Agency has fee title. A map showing this will be provided with the permit
- No toxic substances. (I.e. pesticides) shall be used.
- Work or access is prohibited on or through privately owned property and property where the Agency has only an easement.
- The permit is valid until December 31 of the current year and may be renewed upon receipt of an appropriate application.
- It is understood and agreed by the permittee that the doing of any work under the permit shall constitute an acceptance of the provisions of permit and all attachments.
- The Encroachment Permit or a copy thereof shall be kept at the site of the work and must be shown to any representative, of the District or any law enforcement officer on demand. Work shall be suspended if permit is not at job site as provided
- The permittee will hold a safety orientation prior to entering the Districts, right-of-way. The orientation shall include a discuss on and explanation of the safety requirements of the permit

- The County of Alameda and the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and the officers, agents, and employees of both entities shall not be liable for any death, injury, illness or property damage claim which arises from Permittee's action under this permit. If any claim arises out of the foregoing, the permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County of Alameda and the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, their officers, agents, and employees.
- This permit may be canceled by the Agency/District for non-conformance with permit provisions or failure to adhere to directions given by District's representative.
- Any damage caused by permittee to any Agency/ District facility by reason of exercise of this permit shall be, repaired at the cost of the permittee to the satisfaction of the Agency.

ADOPT-A-SPOT / CREEK PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

NAME/GROUP:			
STREET:			
CITY, STATE, ZIP:			
PHONE:			
AAS AAC	DESCRIPTIVE ADDRESS AND CROSS STREETS OF LOCATION:		
TYPE OF PERMT: INDIVIDUAL 0 GROUP/ASSOC 0 BUSINESS 0 # OF PERSONS			
DESCRIBE GROUP/ASSN.:			
DESCRIBE SITE ACTIVITIES, GOALS, AND WORK TO BE DONE: (I.E. WEED CONTROL, TRASH REMOVAL, GRAFFITI ABATEMENT,ETC.)			
SPECIAL CONDITIONS:			
I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE General Provisions printed on the last page of this form.			
I the undersigned, understand that Alameda County and Alameda County flood Control and Water Conservation District and the offices, agents, and employees of both entities, shall not be liable for any death, injury, illness, or property damage claim which arises form my participation in " Adopt-a-Spot or Adopt-A-Creek Program. If any claim arises out of the foregoing, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Alameda County and the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, their offices, agents, and employees			
APPUCANT SIGNATURE		ISSUE DATE	PERMIT NO.
ALAMEDA COUNTY		EXP DATE	PERMIT FEE
PERMITS AVAILABLE? DYES ONO		INITIAL: DATE:	
M & 0 OWNED BY COUNTY: DYES ONO		INITIAL: DATE:	
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**ALAMEDA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS
COMMUNITY SERVICES
ADOPT-A-SPOT/ADOPT-A-CREEK
AGREEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE**

Adopt-A-Creek/Adopt-A-Spot is a Public Works Agency program to encourage individuals, neighborhood groups, civic organizations and businesses to play an active role in beautifying and maintaining their neighborhoods. Volunteers, including school age children under the supervision of an adult, are being recruited to clean creeks and flood control channels in need of ongoing attention. All volunteers will be instructed in safety requirements before they participate.

I, the undersigned, being of lawful age of the parent or legal guardian of the volunteer involved in the Alameda County Adopt-A-Creek/Adopt-A-Spot Program (hereinafter referred to as "Program"), in consideration of being allowed to participate in the Program. I hereby release and discharge for myself, my marital community, heirs, executors and assigns, release acquire, and forever discharge Alameda County, a political subdivision of the State of California, and its officers, agents and employees from any and all actions, causes of action, claims of any other thing whatsoever on account of or in any way related to or arising out of my participation in the program

Further, I assume liability for any non-participants who accompany me.

Participants Name: _____
(Please print)

AGE: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

DATE: _____