

## Working TOGETHER to make a difference

The Adopt-A-Lake Program is designed to involve the community in volunteer efforts to protect and preserve our lakes. Volunteers in this program work on activities such as:

- Litter pick up within and around area lakes
- Install stormwater plaques within lake basins
- Water quality monitoring through the UF Florida LAKEWATCH Program



### Who can join?

Neighborhood Groups  
Schools  
Church groups  
Scout troops  
Corporate organizations  
Individuals

Anyone interested in protecting  
our lakes



City of Lakeland  
Lakes & Stormwater Division

## ADOPT-A-LAKE PROGRAM



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# The Adopt-A-Lake Program

Increased urbanization, improper or excessive use of fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides, litter bugs, yard waste, pet waste, leaking or poorly maintained septic systems, improper disposal of household hazardous chemicals, auto washing, auto fluid leaks and/or improper disposal of oils and toxics cause polluted stormwater runoff that affects the health of our area lakes. The City of Lakeland's Adopt-A-Lake Program is designed to involve the community in efforts to protect these precious resources. The program works in cooperation with Lakeland Clean & Beautiful to implement strategies to preserve and improve lake water quality as well as shoreline aesthetics.



Team M&M Lakeside recognition sign at Lake Mirror.



Volunteers of all ages enjoy helping at lakeshore clean-up event.

## Adopt-A-Lake Activities

### Lake Clean Up Activities

Volunteers participate in the removal of litter from the shoreline of their favorite Lakeland lake. Equipment, garbage bags and gloves are provided to volunteers. When a volunteer or group commits to a lake for a specified amount of time, the volunteer or group will sign a Letter of Intent and the city will supply and install a sign of recognition in honor of the volunteer or group adopting the lake.

### Stormwater Plaque Installation



Volunteers install stormwater plaques.

Volunteers install educational plaques on storm drains to inform the public that waste dumped into storm drains go directly into our lakes.

### Volunteer Monitoring

Volunteer monitoring through Florida LAKEWATCH program, sponsored and coordinated through the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Volunteers are trained on proper collections methods for monthly lake water quality samples. Samples are sent to the University of Florida for analysis and reports explaining results are sent to the volunteers.

## Get involved in the Adopt-A-Lake Program!

**Yes!** I would like to know more about getting involved in the Adopt-A-Lake Program. Please send me more information on how to become a part of this great program.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lake interested in \_\_\_\_\_

**Thanks for taking an interest in protecting our Lakeland lakes!**



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