



DEKALB ADOPT-A-STREAM



WHAT IS DEKALB ADOPT-A-STREAM?

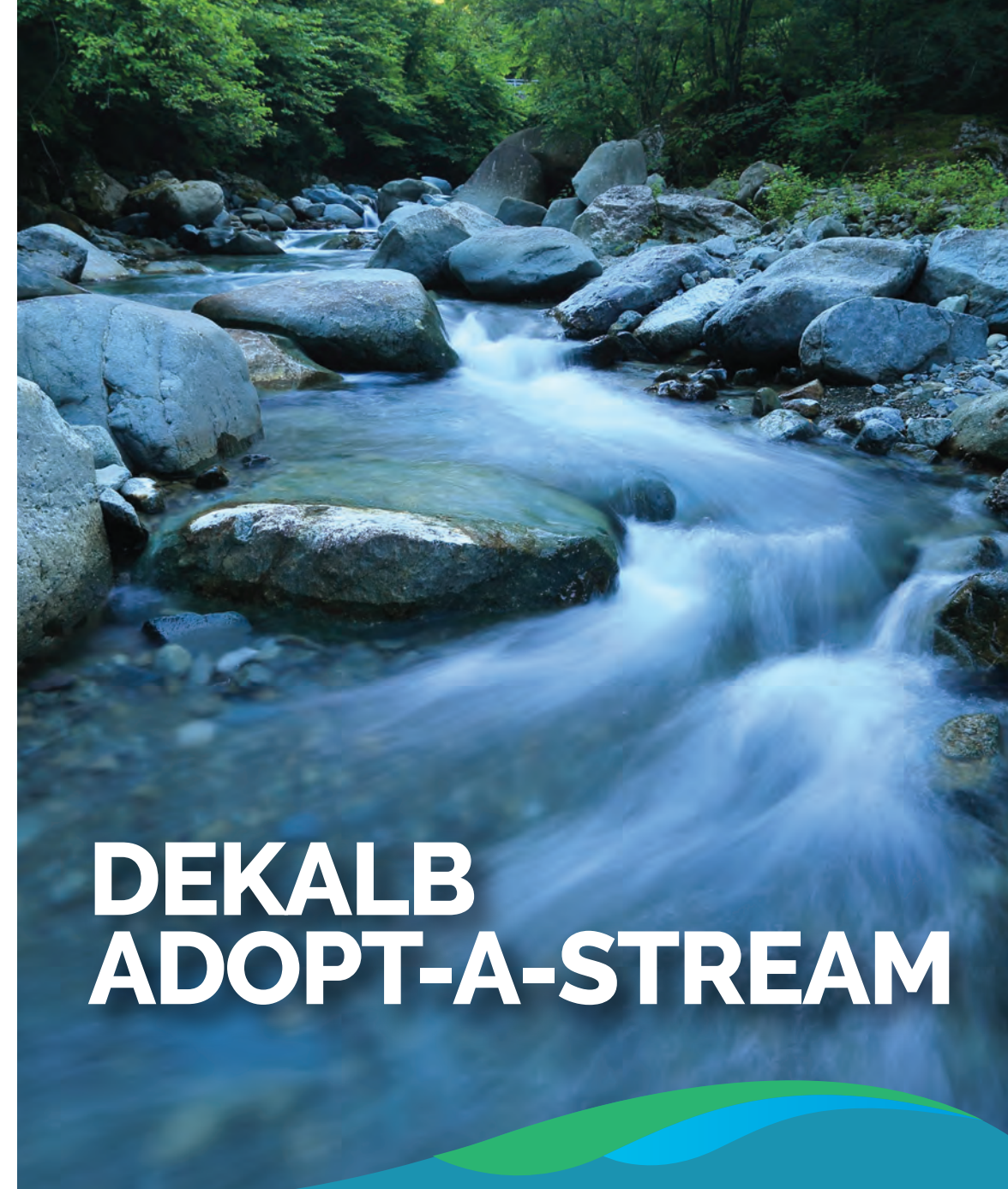
DeKalb Adopt-A-Stream is a program that promotes water quality through volunteers in order to protect and enhance our water resources.



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JUMP IN AND
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



WHY IS GOOD WATER QUALITY IMPORTANT TO DEKALB?

Water is an important part of our lives. Without it we would not be here. Think about the past day and how water played a role from cooking to cleaning, from using the bathroom to feeding your pets. Now, try to imagine a world without water and how we would survive.

Good clean water plays a larger role in your life than you think by providing electricity to growing cotton for your clothes. Our quality of life is directly related to the quality of the rivers, streams, and wetlands around us.

Through **Adopt-A-Stream** you can help by learning more on how to protect our water resources.

THE GOALS OF ADOPT-A-STREAM ARE:

1. Increase public **A**wareness of the State's nonpoint source pollution and water quality issues
2. Collect quality baseline water quality **D**ata
3. Gather **O**bservations
4. Encourage **P**artnerships between citizens and their local government
5. Provide citizens with the **T**ools and training to evaluate and protect their local waterways

ADOPT-A-STREAM ACTIVITIES

Chemical Monitoring

Analyze water samples to determine stream health



Macroinvertebrate Monitoring

Capture and identify aquatic organisms to find out water quality and habitats

Bacterial Monitoring

Collect and incubate water samples to see how much "bad" bacteria is in the stream

Watershed Assessments

Learn what is in your watershed that may effect the quality of water in your stream



Visual Surveys

Track changes in your stream as it transform over time.

Other types of monitoring

Just because you don't live near a stream doesn't mean you cannot monitor water quality. You can monitor wetlands, lakes, and even amphibians.

