

NEO PIPE Stream Stewards

Stream Stewards is a program offered in Northeast Ohio to promote awareness of and community involvement in clean water issues. Participants complete four activities, one in each category, to earn a Stream Stewards patch. Further involvement allow for bars to be added under the patch.

Discovery

In this first section, you will be learning about storm water. What is it? Where does it come from? How are you involved? Take on the role of a newspaper reporter and gain an understanding of the issues. Your leader, adult advisor or an expert in the field can help you discover what storm water is.

Research

Now that you know the basics, let's expand your knowledge. In this section, you can experiment within your watershed. Scientists in many fields do research every day. They carefully conduct experiments and record the results. These results give scientists a better understanding of the world around us.

Outreach

Now that you have an understanding of the science behind storm water issues, in this section you take action from your knowledge. Roll up your sleeves! Get involved! These projects all involve taking action in your local watershed.

Public Education

You are an expert in storm water issues! You have researched it in your watershed and understand its problems. You have got involved. Now it is time to share your wealth of knowledge. Who else should know what you have learned? What is the best way to reach those people? How can you use your unique talents and strengths to reach other people in your watershed?



There are many combinations of activities to include participants of all age levels and abilities. Troop members or leaders can choose parts they find interesting to complete the project. For example, in the Discovery portion, the leader can present the story of a town called Away. Troop members would then Research where runoff from their home, school or meeting place goes by finding their watershed address. With this knowledge, they can take action and participate in an Outreach project to protect that stream by applying storm drain markers in a community, and help to educate the Public by distributing door-hangers in the same neighborhood. For guidance, an activity booklet for the participants and also a Leader's Guide provides more details on conducting the program. Your county SWCD is available to provide equipment and expertise for many of the activities. We can also provide the activity booklets for leaders and participants in either print or digital format.

