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Last year, our volunteers removed over **25,000 pounds** of litter from our local waterways!

PROJECT CLEAN STREAM BACKGROUND

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay launched **Project Clean Stream (PCS) in 2002** as small partnership with local groups. **Today, it's the largest cleanup effort in the Chesapeake Bay region!** Every piece of trash removed from our local streams and rivers prevents pollution from traveling downstream and into the Chesapeake Bay.

YOUR ROLE

You are the critical link between your community and a healthier ecosystem, turning local stewardship into measurable impact. **As a Site Captain, you plan and lead your cleanup event, and we provide the support and tools you need to succeed.**

BECOME A SITE CAPTAIN

1 Identify and register your site. Find a site, request land use permission, and register your event on the [Chesapeake Network](#). Share your event with family, friends, and community.

2 Prepare for your event. Once we receive your registered event, we will be in touch to coordinate your supply pickup. Send a reminder email to your registered volunteers a few days prior to your event.

3 Host your event! Gather your volunteers at your meetup location to review your goals and safety non-negotiables. Remember to take photos and thank your volunteers!

4 Report your cleanup results. At the close of your event, tally your collected trash and [report](#) your cleanup results to help advance clean water goals!



GET IN TOUCH

Have a question? Contact us at projectcleanstream@allianceforthebay.com

SCROLL FOR RESOURCES TO MAKE PLANNING A BREEZE!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When can I schedule my cleanup? How do I check if there are other cleanups scheduled for the same time and location?

You can schedule your Project Clean Stream event for any time during the year. The Alliance hosts Project Clean Stream kick off event(s) in the spring (first week of April) and in the fall (second week of September). Site Captains tend to enjoy hosting during these seasons. **You can find a list of all planned events on the [Chesapeake Network](#).**

May I organize a Project Clean Stream event for a private group?

We welcome you to organize a cleanup exclusively for your private group. Email your cleanup name, location, date, time, number of requested supplies, and preferred pick up location to projectcleanstream@allianceforthebay.org. The team will confirm your event and coordinate your supply pickup.

What kind of cleanup supplies are available?

The Alliance provides all Site Captains with free latex coated palm knit gloves (available in sizes small, medium, large, and extra large) and trash bags. We have limited number of trash pickers we can lend out from our Annapolis, DC, Lancaster, and Richmond pick up locations.

Where do I pick up my requested cleanup supplies? What is the process for coordinating the pickup?

You can find a list of all the supply pick up locations on [page 4](#) of this guide. Once your event is registered on the Chesapeake Network, the team will be in touch to coordinate a supply pick up from your preferred location.

I'd like to share impact numbers with my volunteers. What is the impact of Project Clean Stream?

In the past three years, the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay supported **203 events**. We've engaged **3,417 volunteers** who have removed **84,347 pounds of trash from the Chesapeake Bay watershed**. You can find additional educational resources [here](#).

Is my cleanup an official Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay event?

Project Clean Stream is a regional movement sponsored by the Alliance. **Your specific cleanup is a community-led event managed by you.** As the Site Captain, you are responsible for the coordination of the site and the safety of your volunteers. **This includes obtaining any necessary insurance or permits required by the landowner.** While the Alliance provides the structure, support, and supplies, **the event is hosted under your leadership, and the Alliance is not liable for accidents or injuries that may occur during your project.**

SITE CAPTAIN RESOURCES

[SITE SELECTION GUIDE](#)

[HOW TO REGISTER YOUR EVENT](#)

[PLANNING CHECKLIST](#)

[VOLUNTEER SIGN IN SHEET](#)

[SAFETY INFORMATION](#)

[EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES](#)

[WEIGHING TRASH](#)

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SUPPLY PICK UP LOCATIONS

After you register your event on the Chesapeake Network, **we will be in touch to coordinate a time to pick up requested supplies from your preferred location.**

Annapolis, MD

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay: 151 West Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Washington, DC

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay: 729 8th Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20003

Lancaster, PA

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay: 841 Flory Mill Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

Richmond, VA

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay: 612 Hull Street, Richmond, VA 23224

Baltimore County

Irvine Nature Center: 11201 Garrison Forest Rd, Owings Mills, MD 21117

Eastern Shore

ShoreRivers: 114 S Washington St. Easton, MD 21601

Frederick County

Frederick County Division of Energy and Environment: 30 N Market St # 3, Frederick, MD 21701