

*Would you like to*

*... connect with your neighbors?*

*... help revive our local streams and the Chesapeake Bay?*

*... be part of an exciting national pilot project?*



**If you answered "yes" to just one of these questions, find out more inside...**

For further information, or to request a Team Leader application form, please contact:  
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703-519-3400 x166  
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Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District

## *Livable Neighborhood Water Stewardship Program*



*... creating a water-friendly lifestyle*

**Join with your neighbors to build community, and discover ways to better protect our water resources.**

## What is it?

The Livable Neighborhood Water Stewardship Program is an opportunity for people to get together at the neighborhood level to help improve the health of our local streams, the Potomac River, and the Chesapeake Bay.

## Who sponsors the program?

Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE), Arlington County, Fairfax County, City of Alexandria, City of Falls Church, Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District

## How does it work?

Teams of 5 to 8 members meet for a four-meeting series over 2-3 months. They use a workbook with 31 different action items that focus on three main areas:

- Water Conservation
- Water Quality
- Helping Out

Members choose one or more actions at each meeting, try them out at home, and then share their experience at the next meeting. Team members provide support and information.



## Who leads the team meetings?

A citizen volunteer (maybe you!) from the neighborhood or office is trained as a team leader. Team leaders invite their neighbors or coworkers to attend an informational meeting, which is led by a representative of one of the sponsoring groups. Once the team is established, the 4 team meetings are led by the coach/ sponsor and the team leader.

## How long has this program been in place?

The program was launched in 2003.

## Does it cost anything to participate?

No. Grant assistance has been provided from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. However, the program is looking to expand and is seeking monetary support from corporate sponsors.

## What materials will I receive?

Each team member receives a workbook with step-by-step instructions for incorporating water-friendly actions into their daily lifestyle.

Team leaders also receive a handbook

## Does the program really make a difference?

Yes! Based on data from the 35 teams completing the program to date, each team has reduced their water consumption by an average of 98,000 gallons of water per year. Overall, the program has saved 1.2 million gallons of water. Team members, on average, have adopted 5 new watershed-friendly actions by the end of the program.

## When is the next team leader training?

Team leader training is offered twice a year, usually in February and September. Please call 703 519-3400 x166 for the next training program.

## Who do I contact if I want to get involved?

In Alexandria, contact Diana Handy with the City of Alexandria Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, Division of Environmental Quality at 703-519-3400 x166  
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