



# How to Organize a Stream Cleanup



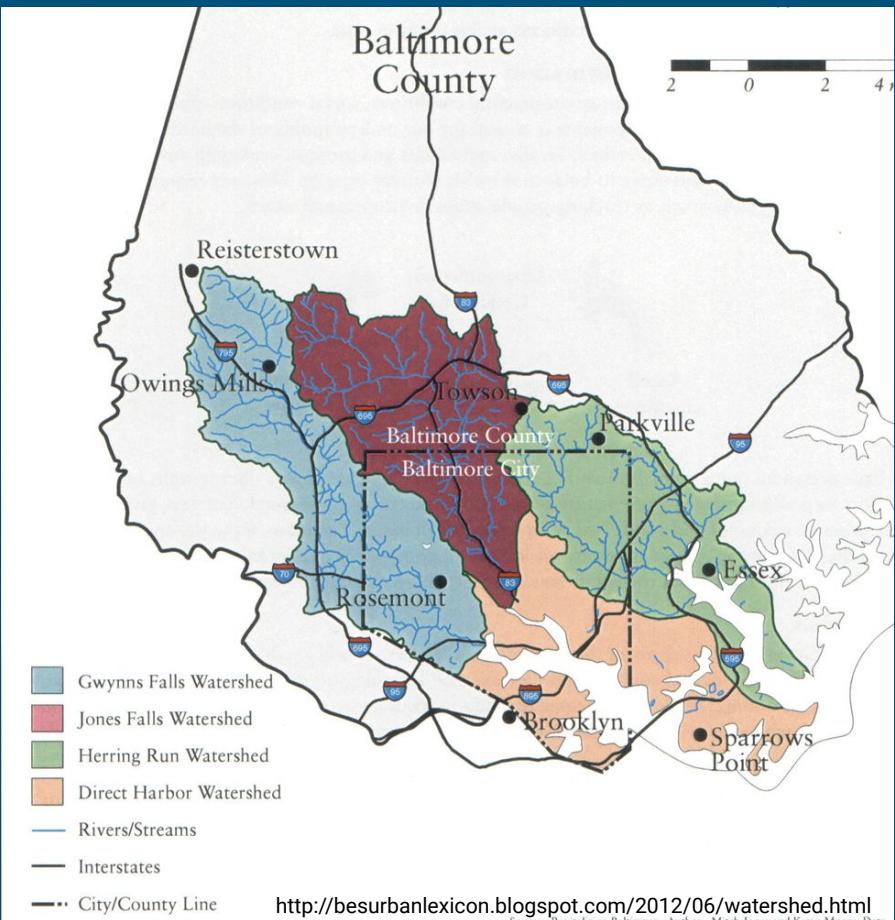
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# This guide will go over the following steps:

- 1) Choose your event date and location.
- 2) Register your event through Project Clean Stream.
- 3) Find your volunteers & gather supplies.
- 4) Clean up!
- 5) Share results.

This is a simplified version of the process. Additional details can be found in the [PCS Site Captain Packet](#). Please be sure to download this and print any pages necessary (like the sign-in sheet).



# Choose your event date and location

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You probably already have a location in mind. If you don't, GTA can help you find one! If you do, make sure that if you will be on private property that you ask permission from the property owners. Don't forget to consider where you will direct people for bathroom breaks and where your bags will be left for collection/removal.



Cleanups are typically held on weekends but can be any day that works for you and your neighborhood. Towson University's Big Event day is in April and can provide volunteer help from their students and staff. Scout troops and local middle- and high-school students can help on other weekend days too.



# Register your event through Project Clean Stream

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- 1) Register for an account on the [Project Clean Stream Website](#)
- 2) Click Submit a Post, then select Clean Up Event from the drop-down menu
- 3) Enter all information and click Submit. If you are planning to get supplies through GTA, add 'GTA' to the title of the event. This is so that PCS can track all events into one supply count.



While anyone can pick up trash, registering your cleanup through Project Clean Stream provides support to your event. This includes a sign-up site for volunteers, a sign-in sheet with waiver, and supplies such as gloves and bags.

If you need guidance on the steps listed, or have trouble using the PCS website, members of Green Towson Alliance can help or register the event for you.

# Find your volunteers & gather supplies

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Share the PCS event link to your neighborhood via email and social media, and watch the registration notifications roll in. If you choose to request Towson University student volunteers for the Big Event, GTA and the TU coordinator can help ensure the necessary number of student volunteers are scheduled. Local scout and school groups can also be a good source for volunteers.



Once you register, you can choose to pick up supplies on your own, but we have a Towson pickup system in place as well. Email [Lauren](#) once you have registered your event. She will work with the PCS coordinator to gather supplies for all of the GTA cleanups. You can then pick up the trash bags and gloves provided by PCS conveniently in Towson.

Plan ahead! If there is a dumpster at the location where trash can be disposed of, great. Otherwise, site captains are responsible for ensuring the trash you collect is removed from the area. Often site captains will have access to a truck that can be used to haul the items to the dump. If you need help with coordinating a haul, let us know!

# Clean up!

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When you meet your group, make sure all volunteers sign in, including those who signed up online (Sign-in sheet is page 2 of the site captain packet). Go over the plan for the day including:

- Safety and First Aid (pages 14-16 of packet)
- What to pick up and what not to
- Where to leave filled trash/recycling bags
  - Many site captains go the extra mile and have volunteers separate trash and recyclables. We encourage this but it is not required. If you do, the recyclables can be taken to recycling centers or set out with the site captain's recycling that week.
- Where to return gloves and unused bags
- Where and when to return for a group photo with all the trash you collected.

Then get to work!

Once your volunteers have left for the day, make sure you have your collected items removed.



# Share results

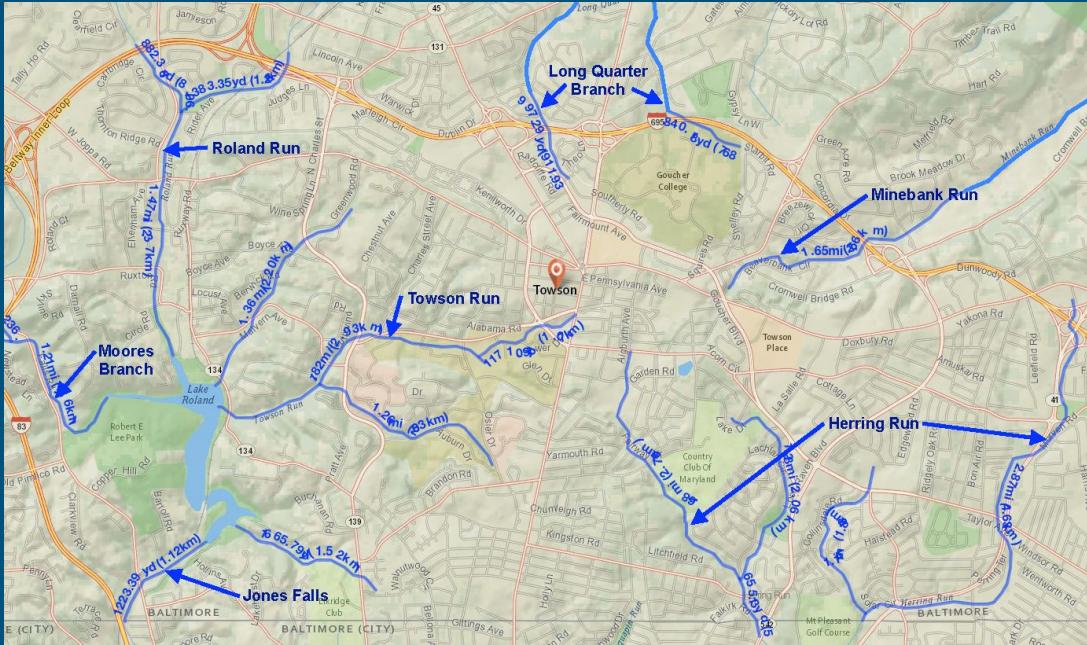
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Report your total weight collected (see page 4 of site captain packet for guidelines) to PCS and GTA. Include any particularly interesting finds!

Celebrate your success! Share your results and photos to your neighborhood. GTA's media team would love to share them as well! Please send any we may share to [Lauren](#).



# Thank you!



Our waterways are healthier because of you!