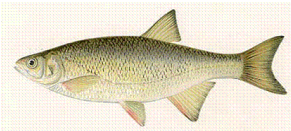


# The City of Durham's Adopt-a-Stream Program

## Clean Water Begins With You and Me!

Are you willing to do your part for healthy streams? Working together, we can help keep waterways clean for drinking, wildlife, and family activities. To get started, chose a level below that fits your interest level, and contact the City of Durham Adopt-a-Stream coordinator at (919) 560-4326, ext. 30235. A two-year commitment is required. Group size and stream length will vary. A list of priority sites is available.



The Golden Shiner is a common minnow found in Durham's two river basins, the Neuse and the Cape Fear.

### Golden Shiner Level

- ◆ Walk the stream at least twice a year. Report how the stream looks and smells on visual monitoring data sheets.
- ◆ Conduct at least one stream clean-up per year during Creek Week (March) or Big Sweep (October).
- ◆ Report potential water pollution violations like illegal dumping and discharges to Durham's hotline at 560-SWIM (7946).



Mussels like the Brook Floater filter pollutants from streams. The number and diversity of mussels is an indicator of stream health.

### Brook Floater Level

- ◆ Walk the stream to visually monitor four times a year.
- ◆ Use test kit provided to measure water chemistry (training required).
- ◆ Organize 1-2 stream clean-ups per year during Creek Week (March) and/or Big Sweep (October).
- ◆ Report potential water pollution violations like illegal dumping and discharges to Durham's hotline at 560-SWIM (7946).



Stoneflies are found only in clean water, so they are a good indicator of stream health.

### Piedmont Stonefly Level

- ◆ Walk the stream to visually monitor four times a year.
- ◆ Use test kits and probes provided to measure stream health (training required).
- ◆ Organize stream clean-ups during Creek Week (March) and Big Sweep (October).
- ◆ Sample and identify aquatic insects 1-2 times a year.
- ◆ Report potential water pollution violations like illegal dumping and discharges to Durham's hotline at 560-SWIM (7946).