

The Mayfly Project – Clean Rivers

Streams are dynamic systems that change over time, according to the condition of the land around them.

Every stream has two components: the water flowing through it and the land beneath and around it. Good stream corridor stewardship maintains the health of both components to enhance the strength, shape and quality of a stream over time.

Landscaping and dumping are two areas where land owners can have the biggest impact on streams and stream corridors. Landscaping with non-native plants and mowing to the edges of streams eliminates natural plants and bushes, damaging root systems that hold soil in place. This damage results in destabilized stream banks, degraded water quality, and loss of natural habitats.

Trash and litter on stream banks is unsightly, unsanitary, and unsafe for humans and wildlife. Even organic material such as yard waste, food stuffs and leaves is unacceptable to dump along stream banks. When these materials get into the stream cycle, they decompose and eliminate critical, life-giving oxygen from the water. As a result, streams become unsightly and emit foul odors.

When TMP hits the river we will always leave it cleaner than when we arrived!!! Maybe start or end one of two outings with cleaning up the section of river that you will be fishing!!!

At the end of the program we will provide the kids with micro trash containers from Fishpond that attach to their packs to put pieces of used tippet or trash they find along the bank in!