

# HOW CAN I HELP?

## Scoop The Poop!



Wash your car on the grass to keep the soap, dirt, oil and other pollutants out of our waterways!



Remove leaves, grass clippings, trash, and other debris from storm drains.



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*Image by North Georgia Water Planning District*

**Remember:**  
**Only Rain Down the Drain!**



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

### ROADS & DRAINAGE



BE THE SOLUTION TO  
STORMWATER  
POLLUTION

2020 - 2022

## DEKALB COUNTY STREAMS & DITCHES-- WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

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Property owners are responsible for the maintenance of ditches, creeks, and streams outside of the rights-of-way (ROW). The property owners also are responsible for mowing their yard within the road right-of-way.

The county is responsible for stormwater drainage structures that are in the ROW or on a final, recorded plat. This includes within 10 feet of a ditch, creek or stream that is at the end of a county-maintained structure.

### Citizen Drainage Program

The Citizen Drainage Program assists homeowners in maintaining drainage conditions on their private property. This program consists of two elements to help homeowners control erosion their property: the Citizen Drainage Pipe and the Citizen Drainage Improvement Program. Both programs require an application and have certain restrictions.

## WHAT IS STORMWATER POLLUTION?

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Stormwater pollution is runoff that contains pollutants such as debris, chemicals, litter and other contaminants. This pollution is created as stormwater flows over impervious surfaces such as rooftops, parking lots and walkways.

Stormwater pollution flows into our stormwater drainage system which discharges into streams, creeks, lakes, and rivers--water bodies which are used for swimming, fishing and drinking water.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Residents can participate in the Storm Drain Marking program. This is a small effort which can greatly improve the water quality in DeKalb County! Contact DeKalb County for more information on the county's Storm Drain Marking program.



## HOW YOUR STORMWATER FEE IS DETERMINED?

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### What is a Stormwater Utility Fee?

The Stormwater Utility (SWU) fee provides the most practical and appropriate means of funding stormwater services in DeKalb County. The SWU fee provides for an equitable assignment of costs because it is calculated in direct proportion to the type of property and the amount of impervious surface on the property.

### Who Pays?

Every property owner in unincorporated DeKalb County whose property has an impervious surface is required to pay a SWU fee to help sustain the county's stormwater management program.

### How is the Fee Calculated?

The SWU fee is based on an Equivalent Residential Unit, or ERU. One ERU is \$4 per month, or \$48 per year.

### Information on SWU Fees

For more information on DeKalb County's stormwater management call the County's Roads & Drainage Division.

