

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Quality Assurance Plan Summary

1. Volunteers complete an annual certification test for either biological or chemical monitoring. For chemical monitoring, results must be within 10% of those obtained by trainer. For biological monitoring, collection and identification skills (90% accuracy on not less than 20 samples) must be demonstrated.
2. Volunteer's chemical test kits are checked annually at recertification workshop.
3. Only an individual can be a certified QA/QC volunteer.
4. Volunteers can only be QA/QC certified by a certified Adopt-A-Stream Trainer.
5. Trainers must be trained through the state Georgia Adopt-A-Stream office.
6. Trainers and volunteers must be recertified annually to maintain certification.
7. Local Coordinators will work with volunteers to review water quality data and update the online database.

Local Coordinators will also help volunteers interpret results, identify trends and isolate information that may warrant follow-up.