

## Georgia Adopt-A-Stream Volunteer Award Descriptions

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*\*Note: All nominees are assumed to be volunteers. Professional paid staff can qualify for some awards as noted.*

### **Volunteer of the Year**

Individual has gone beyond the call of duty to improve water quality and meet AAS goals.

### **Extraordinary Watershed Monitoring Effort**

- Nominee or group is active in more than one AAS monitoring program and at more than one site (Watershed, Visual, Chemical, Macroinvertebrate, & Bacterial).
- Has extended monitoring efforts across the watershed and beyond municipal boundaries.

### **Red Flag Award**

Nominee has taken action to address a water quality issue at their sampling site.

- What was the issue?
- How was it documented and was it resolved?
- Did the nominee work with partners and what was the resulting impact on the community and waterway?

Examples: stream restoration project, stormwater mitigation project, installing a rain garden, illicit discharge, stream erosion issue, etc.

### **Outstanding Outreach and Partnership**

Nominee has demonstrated skill in effectively implementing AAS outreach efforts and/or has created a strong network of community partnerships. What were the results from partnerships created?

Examples: Creating funding opportunities, hosting outreach/ educational events, creating promotional materials, establishing monitoring program, gathering partners to address a problem, working with civic, community or government organizations.

### **Innovation in Adopt-A-Stream Award** *(volunteer or professional)*

Nominee has excelled in developing a new or innovative outreach platform, monitoring tool or other resource that contributes to the goals of Adopt-A-Stream.

Examples: water sampling tools, multimedia, art, website, data analysis or display, apps, music, YouTube, etc.

### **Excellence in Data Collection**

Nominee has ...

- Consistently collected AAS QA/QC quality data.
- Diligently renewed QA/QC certification(s).
- Demonstrated the importance of data integrity in their monitoring program.

### **Nymph Award**

Nominee has participated in the AAS program for at least one full year and has excelled in meeting its goals and promoting improvement and protection of water quality.

### **Beyond Borders** *(volunteer or professional)*

Nominee has gone beyond the call of duty to improve water quality and meet AAS goals outside the state of Georgia. This can be a paid or unpaid trainer, volunteer, coordinator, or watershed group.