

Pollution Prevention In The Community

Keys To Success



Organization

Watershed protection is a complex, long-term proposition. This section of the guide aims to ease the process of implementing projects by offering tips, checklists and handouts to help your group attain success.

Partnerships

Because everyone in the watershed must be informed and involved to prevent pollution, water quality agencies are usually eager to work with many groups. Most counties or regions throughout the state have resources that are either free or inexpensive for your group.

Community Involvement

Well run projects often include:

- ✓ Adequate preparation;
- ✓ Meaningful service the meets a real need;

- ✓ Opportunities to discuss and reflect on goals and experiences;
- ✓ Possibilities of working with a variety of organizations and agencies concerned with obtaining the same end results.

Groups cannot do it alone. Invaluable on-site supervision and planning help can be provided by a variety of contacts. They can include:

- ✓ Senior citizens groups
- ✓ Agency staff and board members
- ✓ Lake associations
- ✓ Hunters and sportsmen's groups
- ✓ College students
- ✓ Lions, Rotary and other civic-minded groups
- ✓ Church youth groups, 4-H and Boy/Girl Scouts

Putting Together A Community Pollution Prevention Project

While individual decisions and actions are critical for preventing water pollution, the community (schools, civic groups, homeowner associations, youth and student organizations and local governments) also has a vital role to play. Programs, activities, and projects are available to formally and informally organized groups of people to help prevent water pollution.

