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## City Announces New Adopt-A-Storm Water Pond Program

Citizens who want to make a difference in their neighborhoods while protecting water quality are invited to participate in the City of Rochester's new Adopt-A-Storm-Water-Pond program. There are over 100 storm water management ponds in Rochester that can be adopted by interested groups, businesses, and individuals.

Interested volunteers should contact Mike Kraszewski ([mkraszewski@rochestermn.gov](mailto:mkraszewski@rochestermn.gov) or 328-2431) to inquire about adoptable locations. The City will provide aerial photos of each site, trash bags and stickers, a sign to recognize your efforts, and recognition on the storm water website. Participants will be responsible for collecting litter at least 3 times each year and reporting their pond's conditions to the Public Works Department.

Storm water ponds are designed and constructed to hold and clean storm water runoff. These ponds provide numerous benefits including:

- ❖ Control of storm water discharge rates
- ❖ Treatment of storm water pollutants through natural processes
- ❖ Reduction of flooding
- ❖ Prevention of downstream erosion
- ❖ Creation of wildlife habitat

It is not advisable to use storm water ponds for recreational purposes including fishing, swimming, and ice skating.

For more information on this and other storm water related topics, visit [www.rochesterstormwater.com](http://www.rochesterstormwater.com)

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