

ADOPT-A-REACH



PLACE-BASED LEARNING AND COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP!

The Adopt-a-Reach program allows students to become stewards of rivers, lakes and streams near their school! Classes who adopt a waterway or stream segment (called a “reach”) near their school receive training, testing supplies, and clean-up supplies to monitor the waterway several times a year, and to conduct volunteer clean-up events.

The goal of the program is to help students understand the path trash takes from our streets, through storm sewers, into creeks and streams that eventually flow into to the Ohio River. By seeing these connections, students can then understand how the pollutants we don’t see also make their way into our waterways through stormwater runoff.

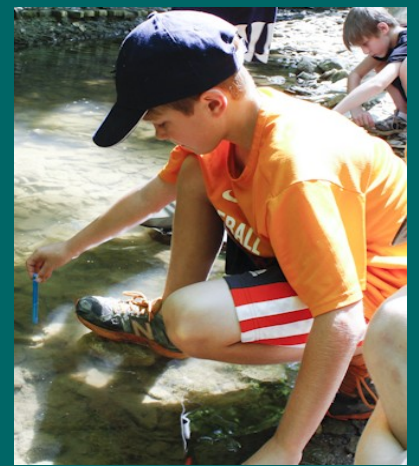
Students also get their feet wet in STEM concepts by performing regular stream monitoring activities. Teachers receive the benefit of hands-on training and testing supplies that will allow them to conduct place-based learning at their school!

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“The supplies provided for our river monitoring activities were very useful and more than sufficient to get the students familiar with the activities.”

Thank you to the staff at FORE. You gave us an educational and recreational experience that will last a lifetime!”

*Teacher
Ludlow Middle School*



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The Adopt-a-Reach program is available for middle school classes that are located near a river, lake or stream with accessible monitoring sites.



FORE will provide hands-on training on water quality monitoring, as well as testing supplies that can be kept in the classroom for as long as the teacher monitors three times per year.



FORE will also provide on-site assistance to teachers and classes for one monitoring event each year. Classes can submit data to FORE, which will publish the data on our website.



Additional curriculum materials will be provided to teachers to provide in-class preparation and activities.



FORE, in conjunction with ORSANCO's River Sweep program, will provide plastic bags, gloves and other supplies for classes to conduct clean-up events at or near the waterway.



The cost to participate in this program is FREE.



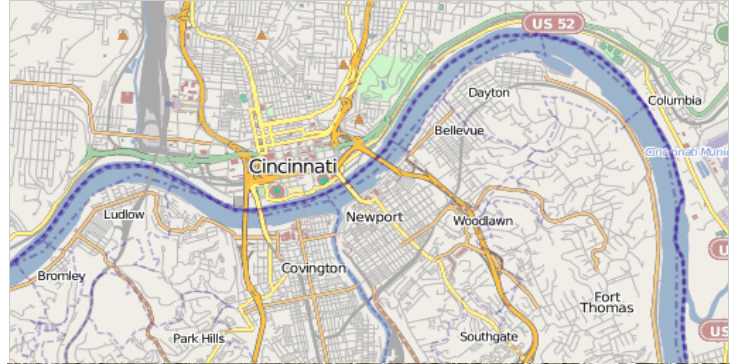
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Additional information about the Adopt-A-Reach program can be found at: <http://fore.orsanco.org/rec/program.asp>

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"The teachers reported that the training was excellent, very relaxed and interesting."

-SOAR Director, Ludlow Middle School



Education empowers communities to value and protect their watersheds. The Foundation for Ohio River Education teaches people of all ages in the Ohio River Basin to become environmental stewards through hands-on programs that get people on the water and engaged in preserving the cultural, ecological, and economic value of our rivers. FORE is the Educational Foundation of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO).

