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West Michigan Environmental Action Council's Adopt-A-Stream City of Grand Rapids Bid Discount Program

In order to qualify for the City of Grand Rapids' Annual Bid Discount Program through the Equal Opportunity Department, construction companies must show proof of active annual participation with the West Michigan Environmental Action Council's (WMEAC) Adopt-A-Stream Program (AAS).

Businesses that sign-up to participate in the Adopt-A-Stream Program must designate a staff person as their AAS contact person with whom WMEAC will make arrangements. Additionally, Businesses must designate a supervisor for each of the field work events.

The businesses that participate in the AAS program must fulfill the following requirements:

1. Businesses will be expected to complete two (2) stream clean up events OR macroinvertebrate monitoring events over the calendar year, with the last one to be completed **before November 15th** in order to be eligible for the City's bid discount in the following calendar year.
2. Initially, the participating Business will be expected to identify a segment of stream to adopt. (If the Business does not have a stretch of stream under consideration, WMEAC can appoint a segment of stream.) Eligible streams include Brandywine/Indian Mill Creek, Coldbrook Creek, Plaster Creek, Lamberton Creek, and the Grand River.
3. Businesses will be responsible for identifying and contacting any landowners along the creek to obtain permission for crossing property.
4. WMEAC must be contacted **at least 3 weeks prior** to your plans to do a stream clean up. At this time, the business will be expected to provide WMEAC with:
 - a. A list of the cleanup participants and the name of the person who will be supervising the event;
 - b. Evidence of a \$1,000,000 General Liability Insurance policy with West Michigan Environmental Action Council and the City of Grand Rapids named as additional insured;
 - c. Liability waiver forms signed individually by each participant.

These forms can be emailed to the WMEAC contact or dropped off at the WMEAC office.



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5. On the day of the event, Business volunteers will be expected to remove any trash from the stream and the stream banks. Volunteers will be responsible for providing their own waders, boots, and gloves.
6. Business volunteers will be expected to leave trash at a pre-designated location. (WMEAC will make the necessary arrangements with the City for trash pickup.) It is important to let WMEAC know **at least a week in advance** what time the stream cleanup will be completed and where the bags will be located. This will enable WMEAC and the City of Grand Rapids to coordinate the trash pickup most effectively. Additionally, it is important for the business volunteers to **only use the orange City of Grand Rapids trash bags** unless they are disposing of the trash themselves. The orange bags can be picked up at WMEAC.
7. Businesses are encouraged to provide digital photo documentation of the cleanup and the trash collected. Any other written documentation is strongly encouraged to be submitted to WMEAC electronically. WMEAC may use these photos or documentation for organizational materials, such as newsletters or the Annual Report.
8. Businesses will be required to pay an annual fee of \$500 to WMEAC **prior to the first clean up event**. This fee reflects WMEAC's cost of staff and program administration, site review, fuel charges, program evaluation, report review, and follow up.

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