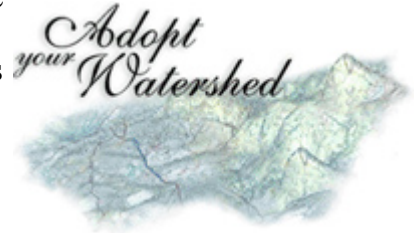


5. Adopt Your Watershed

Finding information about existing watershed efforts helps connect people who are interested in watershed issues. Forging partnerships will produce benefits from economies of sharing resources (e.g., membership databases or the knowledge base of those who have already worked with state agency programs). The Adopt Your Watershed database contains more than 2,600 watershed groups that are involved in watershed and water resource monitoring and protection activities such as volunteer water monitoring, stream cleanups, and storm drain marking.



- 5.1 On the **Watershed Profile** page within the Surf Your Watershed Web site, notice the first link on the page, **Citizen-based Groups at Work in this Watershed**. Click this link. A listing of groups in the Adopt Your Watershed database for that watershed appears.

How many groups are listed? _____

- 5.2 An existing organization in the Adopt Your Watershed database can update their information by clicking the **Request Update** button next to the Group Name. Click **Submit** after updating the organization's information.



- 5.3 Within the blue, left-hand sidebar, click the **Add Your Watershed Group** link. The online form that appears will allow you to add information to the database. By clicking **Submit** at the bottom of the form, your organization's information will be added to the Adopt Your Watershed database.
- 5.4 The [Adopt Your Watershed](#) site also includes a watershed stewardship toolkit for volunteers.