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### **Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Essex Stream Cleanup**

Essex, VT - Chittenden County Stream Team and the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District are seeking volunteers for our upcoming stream cleanup effort on Wednesday, September 28th.

Every year, trash illegally discarded or swept downstream, litters the floodplains and substrates of our streams and rivers. In an effort to protect and preserve these important riparian habitats, the state formally recognized September as Vermont's River Clean Up month. Chittenden County Stream Team (CCST) has chosen to take part in this effort by hosting a stream clean up in Essex!

The Stream Team will be joined by Essex's Center for Technology natural resource class, who will help facilitate the cleanup effort. Work will take place along the banks of Indian Brook in front of Essex High School between 10:30 am - 12 pm. The meeting place will be at the western-most parking lot in front of the school (parking details TBD). The CCST will have an informational table set-up for easy navigation to the site. Light refreshments, gloves, and trash bags will be provided.

CCST will also be coordinating a stormwater-related community project in Essex next summer, during the cleanup staff will provide details about this exciting opportunity. In addition, participants will get to visit a "Trees for Streams" riparian planting that was implemented on Indian Brook earlier this spring by the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District through an ERP Grant provided by VTDEC.

For more information on the stream cleanup event and to signup please contact Holly at: [holly@winooskinrcd.org](mailto:holly@winooskinrcd.org) for more information about the CCST please visit: <http://ccstreamteam.org>

The Chittenden County Stream Team engages citizens across an eight town area (Burlington, Essex, Essex Junction, Milton, Shelburne, South Burlington, Williston and Winooski) to participate in hands-on activities that reduce non-point source pollution and stormwater volume at the local level. The Chittenden County Stream Team is managed by the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District. For more information on projects and services provided by the WNRCD please visit: [www.winooskinrcd.org](http://www.winooskinrcd.org)

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