Why should we care about storm drains?

Most of the storm drains in Roosevelt empty directly into the nearest creek, stream, river, or wetland - without treatment. So whenever it rains, anything we've left on the ground like litter, vehicle fluids, dirty car wash water, dog poop, and even the stuff we can't see like yard chemicals, travels through our storm drainage system and pollutes our water.

However, there is a simple way you can help protect the water around you.

You can pledge to adopt a storm drain. When you pledge to adopt a drain within the Assunpink watershed, you are doing something good for yourself, your community, and the ecosystem surrounding you. Adopting a drain means that you promise to clean a storm drain of your choosing, closest to your home after a weather event and monitor it for debris and buildup.

Here is what you will need:

- **Work gloves**
- **A broom and/or shovel**
- **A disposable bag**

How To's:

1. Clean only the surface of the storm drain grate and the area around it. Don't attempt to clean the inside. If the drain seems to be plugged or have any problem, contact Roosevelt Public Works.

2. Be mindful of your safety! There could be something sharp or otherwise harmful near the drain, so wear work gloves to protect your hands and be careful when removing debris. You might want to use a trash grabber if available. Set up orange cones, wear reflective clothing to make sure you are visible to cars and bring a friend to look out for traffic.
3. Dispose of the trash in your trash can.

Instructions:

1. Access the storm drain chart on the borough of Roosevelt website underneath the Environmental Commission tab: https://rooseveltnj.us/boards-commissions/environmental-commission.
2. Choose a storm drain convenient to your location and note its number on this form. That will be your drain to take care of.
3. Sign the form and remit to the drop box in the borough hall. No postage is needed.
4. You can begin caring for your drain right away!

Borough of Roosevelt Storm Drain Adoption pledge

By adopting this storm drain, I pledge to follow the motto, "Don't Trash Our Waterways" and I promise to abide by the following principles:

- I will not litter anywhere
- I will not dump anything down a storm drain
- I will do my part to keep plastic bags and styrofoam out of waterways
- I will clean my adopted storm drain(s) when conditions are safe and when maintenance is needed.
- I will educate others that trash that is left on the ground, eventually blows into a storm drain and ultimately ends up floating in our waterways which affects people and wildlife.

Name:

Address:

Storm Drain #:

Signature:

Street	Closest house/building #	Storm Drain Number
Pine Drive	2	1
	13	2
	18	3
	In between 21 & 23	4
	34	5
	38	6
	60	7
	Wooded side across from 60	8
	In between 70 & 72	9
	Wooded side across from 60	10
Cedar Court	3	11
	4	12
Tamara	1	13
	In between 1 & 3	14
	In between 8 & 10	15
	13	16
	15	17
	18	18
	35	19
	37	20
Elm Court	None	
School Lane	1	Not for adoption
Brown St	117	21
South Rochdale Ave	20	22
	21	23
	23	24
	17	25
	15	26
North Rochdale Ave	33	Not for adoption
	36	27
Homestead Lane	in between 1 & 3	28
	In between 2 & 4	29
	8	30
	In between 10 & 12	31
	In between 10 & 12	32
	13	33
	35	34
	37	35
North Valley Rd	North side of NV	36
	35	37
	35	38
	25	39

	29	40
	In between 20 & 22	41
	19	42
	10	43
	In between 13 & 15	44
	In between 7 & 1	45
	4	46
	5	47
South Valley Rd	36 (Lake)	48
Oscar Dr	None	
Farm Lane	37	49
	32	50
	31	51
	31	51
	28	53
	27	54
	2	55
	1	56
Lake Dr	1	57
	2	58
	9	59
	11	60
	In between 9 & 11	61
	17	62
	17	63
	28	64
	25	65
Spruce Ln	59 (Lake)	66
	59 (Lake)	67
Clarksburg Rd	?	Not for Adoption