

Clean Pets, Clean Water

Small messes can lead to
big problems.

Pet waste is a serious problem for Athens-Clarke County. While most pet owners clean up after their pets, many do not.



Cleaning up after your pet is a dirty job, but one that is necessary for protecting our water and our health. A little effort goes a long way to keeping our water clean.



Let's work together for healthy
streams, healthy people and a
healthy community.



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What's the problem?

Dogs are animals, so isn't their waste just part of nature?

Nope! Rain carries the waste directly into our water. Athens' many dogs create more waste than would occur naturally, leading to problems.



1.

Pet waste **lowers** water quality, sometimes even killing fish.



2.

Pet waste carries **pathogens** and **parasites**, which can lead to illness.



3.

Pet waste can make water **unfit** for fishing, swimming and recreation.

4.

Highly polluted water is **more costly** and **difficult** to treat.



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How can I help?

When it comes to water, every drop counts.

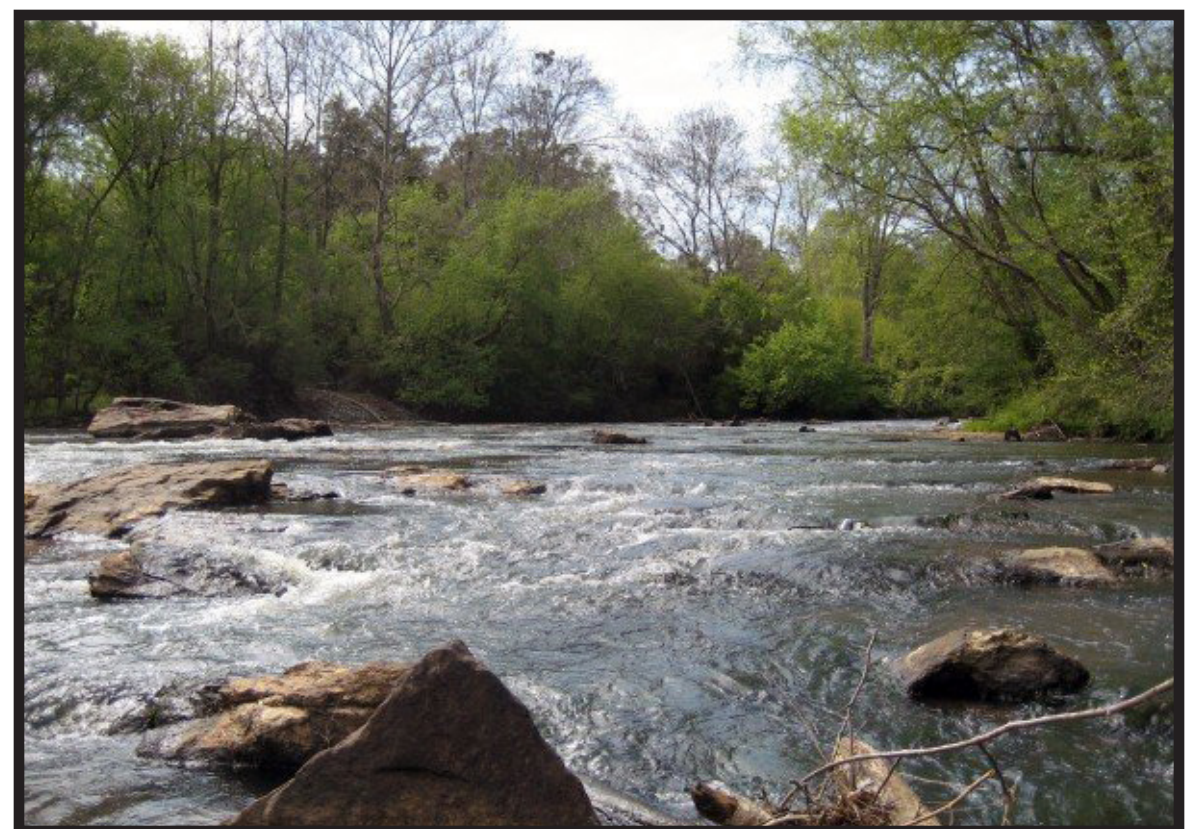


You can make a big difference. Here's how:

1.
Sign our pledge.
2.
Pick up your pet's waste using a bag or shovel.
3.
Toss it in the **trash**, and wash your hands.

By cleaning up after your pets, you will:

1.
Protect **nature**.
2.
Keep your yard and neighborhood **clean**.
3.
Be a **good** neighbor.



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