

## **How to Protect our Rivers and Streams**

### **Suggestions for Churches and Homeowners**

Avoid using chemical pesticides and fertilizers.

Preserve established trees and shrubs - they soak up rainwater.

Plant trees and shrubs that filter pollutants and reduce runoff.

Use non-toxic alternatives to home cleaning chemicals.

Don't cut your grass too short.

Recycle used motor oil.

Do not dump paints or solvents - take them to a hazardous waste facility.

Sweep driveways and patios instead of hosing them off.

Learn about eco-roofs and bioswales.

Plant native plants that require little fertilizer or extra water.

Use an electric or push mower on your lawn.

Use compost and mulch in your garden to preserve moisture.

Use non-phosphate soap to wash your car.

Don't dump trash or spill fuel from your boat.

Kill English ivy.

Help on a streambank restoration project.