

# ADOPT A STORM DRAIN



*This initiative is a partnership between the Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM) and the Borough of Carlisle to help keep the LeTort Spring Run clean and healthy. By adopting storm drains, volunteers play an active part in maintaining the health of the LeTort Spring Run and mitigating street flooding.*

## WHAT ARE STORM DRAINS?

Storm drains are found on streets at corners or along the curb. During a rainfall or snowmelt event, storm drains divert water from streets to reduce flooding and minimize the time that water flows over land. Carlisle has a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), which means that water that goes down storm drains empties into the LeTort Spring Run untreated.



## WHY DO WE NEED TO ADOPT THEM?

Litter and debris clogging storm drain inlets makes them act *impervious*, meaning that water cannot penetrate the mat of debris. This not only increases flooding of streets, but also causes water to flow further over land and pick up more pollutants before it runs into the LeTort. This is especially a problem in the fall, when leaves fall and gather on top of the storm drains.

## ADOPT A STORM DRAIN CAMPAIGN

Adopt a Storm Drain volunteers are responsible for regularly maintaining their selected storm drains for a year. See our volunteer guide for more details on participation. ALLARM will hold supply pick-ups once three to four times a year where you will be provided with the necessary materials. Sign up to adopt a storm drain and locate storm drains near you with [Your Adopt a Storm Drain Profile](#).



Thank you for your help protecting the LeTort!

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