

## Watersheds in Jefferson County

Cahaba
Shades Creek
Cahaba River
Upper Black Warrior
Black Warrior
Valley Creek
Locust
Locust Fork
Five Mile
Village Creek

To view a larger map of watersheds and streams within Jefferson County, visit the website: www.jcdh.org

**Turkey Creek** 

# Jefferson County Department of Health Watershed Protection Program

1400 Sixth Avenue South Birmingham, AL 35233

#### Storm Water Hotline

(205) 930-1999

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Jefferson County Department of Health

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# What is the Jefferson County Department of Health Watershed Protection Program?

The Storm Water Management Authority has contracted with JCDH to perform storm water monitoring, sampling, laboratory analysis, erosion inspection, and education. Storm Water Management Authority members are required by the 1972 Clean Water Act to protect watersheds within their city limits.

## JCDH Watershed Protection Program Activities

- Conduct water sampling to monitor prohibited pollutant discharges from entering a storm drain or stream
- Analyze water samples to identify 'Hot Spots'
- Map high-risk areas in order to develop long term strategies
- Monitor residential and commercial construction sites for proper erosion control
- Educate the citizens of Jefferson County on watershed protection

#### What is a watershed?

A watershed is the area that drains to a common waterway such as: streams, lakes or oceans.

### What can I do to protect my watershed?

 Recycle used motor oil at participating service stations or car maintenance shops

- Pick up after your pets. Leaving pet waste on the ground may cause harmful bacteria to wash into the storm drain
- Clean out septic tanks every 3-5 years
- Sparingly use fertilizers in landscaping projects
- Use caution when applying pesticides These chemicals will wash into your local stream

# **You can** play a part in protecting our streams and rivers by eliminating and reporting pollution in surface waters.

#### **Use Your Senses**

- ... if a creek, stream, river, lake or other water body is discolored or an odor is present
- ... if untreated sewage or washing machine waste is present on the ground
- ... if mud from a construction site is entering into the storm drain or stream

#### Then call

# ...the Jefferson County Department of Health's Storm Water Hotline: (205) 930-1999

All messages will be investigated and referred to the proper agency.

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# Storm Water Management Authority Members:

**Adamsville Brookside Brighton Center Point** Clay **Fairfield Gardendale Graysville** Homewood Hueytown **Irondale** Lipscomb **Maytown** Midfield Mulga **Mountain Brook** Pinson **Pleasant Grove Tarrant Trussville** 

Vestavia Hills