

So where does the rain go? Making Pleasant Valley Stream healthier.

STRUCTURE INFORMATION

Please observe and fill in the following.

If you haven't completed the following by the time you introduce yourself, ask: "If you don't mind, let me get a little information about where we are standing right now."

- Street address _____
- Type of structure - Single Family Residence, Multi-family
- Visible downspouts from observable point
 - How many are visible? _____
 - Connected? _____
 - Disconnected? _____
- Flow pattern from downspout
 - Into impervious driveway _____
 - Into walkway _____
 - Into lawn or shrubs _____
 - Into pervious materials - crushed stone, brick or pervious concrete _____
 - Other _____
- Observable existing water diversion or infiltration on-site structures
 - Rain barrel
 - Pervious driveway
 - Rain garden
 - Other _____
- Oil leaks on driveway?
 - Yes No Don't know
- Existing landscape
 - Natural swales
 - Lawn
 - Planting beds
 - Other

"Hi. My name is _____ I'm with the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council. We are doing a survey as part of our program to help clean up Pleasant Valley Stream. You may have heard something about this project - we are going to install some tree filters, offer a "make your own rain barrel workshop" for residents, and change the flow of the water from downspouts - all of this is to improve the quality of Pleasant Valley Stream. We are looking for residents to take advantage of this program. Here is a map of our target work area. This is where we are right now (Point to map). This survey is the first step to find out if people are interested in the program. Do you have a few minutes to help me out? Great...Thank you...This won't take long."

SURVEYOR QUESTIONS

First and last name (this will be used to get in touch with you later if you like)

Name _____

How long have you lived here? _____

Do you own your home?
Yes No Other

What happens to rainwater when it runs off your roof or lawn?
It goes into a sewer and is sent to a wastewater treatment plant
It soaks into the ground
It goes directly into Pleasant Valley Stream
Don't know

The Problem

Are you aware that Pleasant Valley Stream is in the neighborhood?
Yes No Other

(Surveyor shows a map of the area and the stream if the respondent doesn't know the location of the Stream.)

“While the stream is small and narrow, this is one of the few visible Streams in all of Providence. This Stream flows into the Woonasquatucket River (Woony River) and Water Place Park and eventually Narragansett Bay.”

(If YES surveyor asks the following)

What do you do at the Stream?

“We are trying to get a sense on how the community feels about the stream.

How concerned are you about the water quality of the Stream?
Very concerned
Somewhat concerned
It doesn't bother me

Inform and ask ALL of the descriptions listed below

Here are some common practices that affect the water quality of the stream:

- Washing car with soapy water & watching it flow into drain or gutter
- Blowing/hosing leaves or dirt into gutters & drains
- Dumping motor oil into trash can, into ground, or into drain or gutter

“What do you do to clean up or prevent pollution?”

Solution

“As part of making the Pleasant Valley Stream cleaner, we will be doing some demonstrations of stream-friendly techniques, maybe at your home if you are interested. This would be at no cost to you (Show photos to discern interest)

Here are some things that could make your home Stream Friendly.

Lots of interest Some interest No interest

Can we do a follow-up evaluation?

Yes Maybe (tell me more) No

Would you be willing to have us place a sign on your property if you participated in this program?

Yes. I'd like to do that Some interest Little interest No interest

Rain Barrel workshop - learning how to make your own

Yes. I'd like to do that Some interest Little interest No interest

Participation

“Sometimes we may send out information about the stream, or community meetings, or free workshops on learning about the Pleasant Valley Parkway Stream.”

“What is your preferred method for receiving information about the Pleasant Valley Stream?”

- Social Media
- email
- phone
- USPS mail

What is your contact information?

Phone: _____

Email: _____

“That was great! Thank you for helping us out. I'd like to leave you some information. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at wrwc.org”

“From the survey you are interested in the project, would you be willing to talk with your landlord or the home owner about helping out with the project?”

Present a handout at the end