

Program Details

Volunteer groups are needed to adopt certain sections of the Rio Grande in the Las Cruces/El Paso stretch of the river.

- The minimum commitment requires conducting 2-3 cleanups each year.
- Adopted sections are 2 miles long.
- Volunteer groups sign an agreement with USIBWC for 2 years.
- Volunteer groups provide their own gloves and trash bags.
- Volunteers coordinate their own cleanups and notify Adopt-a-River coordinators before the cleanup.
- Volunteers leave filled trash bags on the USIBWC levees, and USIBWC will pick up and dispose of the trash.
- Signs recognizing volunteer groups will be posted along adopted areas.

For more details or to sign up your volunteer group, contact a USIBWC Adopt-a-River Coordinator.



Cleanup with the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers on the Border, March 2017

International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S. Section

Adopt-a-River Program

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Boy Scouts Troop 2, March 2017

*Promoting a Litter-Free
Rio Grande*



Trash collected during an Adopt-a-River cleanup in El Paso, Texas

Why Adopt?

The Rio Grande provides drinking water and irrigation to residents of Las Cruces, NM and El Paso, TX. For a variety of birds, wildlife, insects, and plants, the river provides habitat unlike any other in this arid region. In addition, the river flows more than 1,200 miles down Texas before it reaches the Gulf of Mexico, all the while providing drinking water and farm water for millions of people in both the U.S. and Mexico. Trash such as bottles, cigarette butts, tires, used oil containers, grocery bags, and more can pollute the water and the environment. Stormwater also carries trash and pollutants into the river. Volunteer groups can work towards cleaning up the tons of trash that contaminate the rivers and its floodplain by adopting a section of the river.



Children learn the value of community service through cleanups



Adopted Sections of the Rio Grande in Southern New Mexico and West Texas

USIBWC's Adopt-a-River Program
 Promoting a Litter-Free Rio Grande