



The Alice Ferguson Foundation  
Trash Free Potomac Watershed Initiative Visible Trash Survey

**Site Description Form**

Please complete each of the following sections for your site.

**Site  
Number**

AFF-provided site number: For office use only.

Is this survey site a past AFF Potomac River Watershed Cleanup Site?

Yes       No       Don't Know

Is this survey site a past AWS Earth Day Cleanup Site?

Yes       No       Don't Know

Is this survey site part of a different organization's cleanup?

Yes       No       Don't Know

If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Site  
Information**

AFF-provided site name: For office use only.

**Size of your site should measure 200 feet long by 20 feet wide.**

**Select a starting location and count the trash you see within that area.**

Sub-watershed:  
(Example: Anacostia River) \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest body of water:  
(Example: Watts Branch) \_\_\_\_\_

Nearest outfall, if visible:  
(Example: Storm drain) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the land use:  
(Example: Near mall, residential) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Site  
Location**

Place Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be as  
detailed as  
possible.  
We need the  
ability to find  
the site and  
retrace your  
steps for future  
trash monitoring  
surveys.**

Please enter the coordinates for your location as degrees, minutes and seconds (DD.MM.SS) if available to you:

Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

Method used to identify the Latitude and Longitude:

GPS       Google Earth       Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain how to locate your site's exact starting location in reference to the coordinates or the address you provided. Or indicate "exact" if the coordinates mark the starting spot exactly.

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**Local  
Type**

Please indicate the type of local that BEST describes your site:

Water body bank (stream, river or creek; include water body name)

Land (if your site is located more than 200 feet from a water body such as a park)

Roadway      Type of Roadway: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please indicate the most compatible roadway type acronym from the table below)

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Roadway Type	Acronym	Description
Rural Freeways and Toll Roads	RFT	Interstate highways, non-interstate toll roads and limited access highways located outside of urban areas.
Other State Rural Highways	OSR	U.S. and State highways located outside of urban areas without limited access.
Rural Local Roads	RLR	Public roads outside of an urban area that are locally maintained (e.g. city, county)
Urban Freeways and Toll Roads	UFT	Interstate Highways, non-interstate toll roads and limited access highways located within an urban area.
Vacant, Industrial or Un-maintained Street Frontages	VIU	The edge of an urban street in front of a vacant lot, industrial site or a lot with a building and or landscaping which is not maintained.
Commercial Street Frontage	COM	The edge of an urban street in front of a business such as stores, restaurants and shopping centers.
Public Facility Street Frontage	PUB	The edge of an urban street in front of a government or quasi-public use building such as a courthouse, park, school or public library.
Residential Street Frontage	RES	The edge of an urban street in front of homes on neighborhood streets.
Waterways & Beach Fronts	WBF	Public roads located either inside of outside of an urban area adjacent to a waterway (pond, river) or beach/ocean front.
Parks & Recreational Areas	PAR	Public roads located either inside of outside of an urban area located within a park or recreational area.

**Last Cleanup** If you know when this particular site was last cleaned, please record the approximate date here: \_\_\_\_\_

**Day of Survey Information** Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time \_\_\_\_\_ Finish Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's Weather.**

NOAA's website is helpful for completing this section [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please list in degrees Fahrenheit)

Full Sun     Partly Cloudy    Estimated percent of cloud cover: \_\_\_\_\_     Completely Overcast

Precipitation:     Yes     No    If yes, please describe in what form: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated amount of precipitation in the past 12 hours:

Light (< 0.5")     Moderate (0.5" to 1.5")     Heavy (>1.5")

**Yesterday's Weather**

NOAA's website is helpful for completing this section [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com)

Temperature: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please list in degrees Fahrenheit)

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Full Sun    Partly Cloudy   Estimated percent of cloud cover: \_\_\_\_\_    Completely Overcast

Precipitation:    Yes    No   If yes, please describe in what form: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated amount of precipitation in the past 12 hours:

Light (< 0.5")    Moderate (0.5" to 1.5")    Heavy (>1.5")

Please describe any weather conditions over the past week that are notable/unusual or which would have affected the distribution of trash in your site area. (Example: Hurricane force winds yesterday blew all the trash away)

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**Ground Cover** Please indicate the ground cover types that apply to your site from the list below, estimating the percentages of each for the site. (Example: 50% Grass, 10% Sidewalk, 40% Gravel)

Sidewalk \_\_\_\_\_ Grass \_\_\_\_\_ Loose Soil \_\_\_\_\_ Shrub/Brush \_\_\_\_\_  
Wooded \_\_\_\_\_ Sand \_\_\_\_\_ Gravel \_\_\_\_\_ Large Rocks \_\_\_\_\_

**Bodies of Water**

If your site contains a stream, creek or river, please check off the conditions that apply to the water itself:

Clear    Somewhat Murky    Completely Clouded

Is your water tidal?    Yes    No   If so, please indicate the tide level:    High    Low

Please describe how your site looks. Be sure to include information about the conditions of the bank, estimated depth of the water, whether you saw any storm drains or other outfalls, and the surrounding tree cover.

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**Pictures**

Please include a photo if one is available. If you **do not** have the capability for taking a photograph of your site, please sketch your site on a separate piece of paper and be sure to include your site number on the sketch.

Please email your photos, along with an identifying site name and/or number to [potomaccleanup@fergusonfoundation.org](mailto:potomaccleanup@fergusonfoundation.org) with Trash Survey in the subject line.

Please call 202-518-7415 or 301-292-5665 with any questions.

**Surveyor Information**

Please complete the information below for each surveyor involved with conducting this survey on your site.

**Surveyor #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

**Surveyor #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax:: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments** Please include any relevant information that you feel was not already covered in this site questionnaire on the lines below.

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**Thank you for your time and effort!**