



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 26-104**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*  
**DATE:** April 8, 2026  
**SUBJECT: Adopt-a-Shoreline Program**

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The purpose of this Letter to the Commission (LTC) is to inform the City Commission of the newly established Adopt-a-Shoreline Program that will start in April 2026.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is proud to partner with residents, civic associations, businesses, and organizations to help preserve the natural beauty of our waterways. The Adopt-a-Shoreline Program is more than a cleanup initiative, it is a community effort to protect wildlife, build connections and keep our waterways vibrant for generations to come.

The program is intended to protect the environment by providing volunteers with resources needed to protect and clean waterways within the City of Fort Lauderdale. The Adopt-a-Shoreline program requires that interested parties commit to hosting at least three (3) waterway cleaning activities per year. In exchange, the City will provide litter grabbers, gloves, and garbage bags as well as provide civic associations with Green Your Routine (GYR) program credits.

The City website ([ftlcity.info/cwo](http://ftlcity.info/cwo)) includes an Adopt-a-Shoreline program overview and application form. Interested parties should submit an online application to become a program participant. Upon receiving an application, City staff will meet with the applicant to review the program requirements, including an executed waiver of liability form.

Once onboarded into the program, City staff will coordinate with program participants to provide the appropriate City resources to support each cleaning activity.

The Adopt-a-Shoreline program will be promoted through established City social media outlets and e-mail newsletters.

For further information, please contact Todd Hiteshew, Deputy Public Works Director, at 954-828-5609 or [THiteshew@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:THiteshew@fortlauderdale.gov).

Attachment:

1. Adopt-a-Shoreline Flyer

c: Shari McCartney, City Attorney  
David R. Soloman, City Clerk  
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor  
City Managers Office  
Department Directors



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# Adopt-a-Shoreline

Join the movement to  
protect our waterways!



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*Every cleanup strengthens our community and creates a healthier environment for all.*



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## THE PROGRAM PROVIDES:

- ✓ Litter grabbers
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Garbage bags
- ✓ Green Your Routine points for participating neighborhoods

## GET INVOLVED:

- ✓ Adopt a shoreline, canal, or lake section and host at least 3 cleanups per year
- ✓ Notify the City 14 days in advance of each cleanup
- ✓ Dispose of trash responsibly



Learn more and apply  
today at [ftlcity.info/cwo](http://ftlcity.info/cwo)