**Doo Good**

Pick up dog doo. Protect streams.

_Dog doo can pollute stormwater. Rain and melting snow flows across yards and trails, collecting in stormdrains that lead directly to streams (without being treated!)_

**Bacteria Problems**
A single gram of dog doo can contain 23 million fecal coliform bacteria and can spread diseases like Giardia and Salmonella. Bacteria from dog doo accounts for up to **20%** of the bacteria in urban waterways.

**Nutrient Problems**
Nutrients like nitrogen and phosphorus that are found in dog doo act like a fertilizer in streams. They cause algae to grow which reduces the available oxygen for fish. The more poop, the bigger the potential problem. Locally there are **90,000** dogs that make **11,700** tons of poop a year.

**Be a “Doo Gooder”**
You can make a difference by being a responsible pet owner/guardian. Being a “Doo Gooder” means being a model for others and picking up your dog doo. Here are **5** tips every Doo Gooder should know:

• Be prepared: carry poop bags with you.

• Take extra bags so you don’t run out (and you can help someone in need).

• Make sure the bag ends up in a trash can.

• When you hike, never leave a bag on the trail – there’s nobody designated to pick them up!

• Pick it up at home (or hire someone to do it) to keep your yard healthy and to protect streams.

**PICK IT UP**
Dog waste has been cited as the **3rd** largest contributor of bacterial pollution in urban watersheds. Keep the poop from washing into stormdrains. Pick it up and Keep it Clean!