



Clean Your Streams 13 was held on a perfect sunny fall day in the metro-Toledo area. As a part of Ohio's Coastweeks cleanups, Clean Your Streams (CYS) is included in the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) effort. In 2008, the ICC involved over 390,000 volunteers who picked up over 6.8 million pounds of garbage in 104


countries, including 42 U.S. states. Ohio has contributed to this effort since 1992. Locally this year, 649 CYS volunteers represented 71% of Ohio's volunteers & 81% of the estimated weight collected.

The *Clean Your Streams* volunteers began their day by signing in at one of eight kickoff locations. They were placed on teams to clean up sites along area waterways, including the Maumee and Ottawa rivers, as well as Swan, Duck, and Otter creeks. Volunteers removed litter and recorded what they found on data cards for reporting to the ICC. After a few hours of picking up trash, volunteers from all sites gathered at the Lucas County Fairgrounds ~ new Appreciation Picnic site for 2009. Shankland's Catering, again, treated participants to a free hot lunch. Volunteers were thanked with a *Clean Your Streams* t-shirt and provided with cleanup results. The awards for the Challenge Competitions were also presented at the picnic.

Generous contributions from local businesses and individuals helped to provide the resources for planning the event and for the materials needed for the clean up. Special thanks to our major event sponsors: BP-Husky Refining, Perstorp Polyols, Johnson Controls, The University of Toledo, and First Solar; and to our major service providers: City of Toledo, Waste Management, Lucas County, Fondessy Enterprises, Ohio EPA, and Shankland's Catering.

Clean Your Streams is coordinated by a local non-profit organization, Partners for Clean Streams (PCS), and many of its community partners. PCS works to deliver a wide range of programs, projects, and community outreach efforts to improve our area streams and make our water safe for all. To learn more about how you can support this great effort, visit the PCS website listed below.

Join us on September 18, 2010 and do your part to help . . . **CLEAN YOUR STREAMS!**

| Results from 2009 Clean Your Streams | | |  | |
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| <u>Total Number of Participants</u> | | | <u>Challenge Competition</u> | |
| Ottawa River | 445 volunteers | 27 land sites 0 boater site | <u>Youth Challenge</u> Battle of the Bags Toledo ZooTeens Awesome Effort Adelante Most Volunteers Toledo ZooTeens | |
| Swan Creek | 70 volunteers | 7 land sites 1 boater site | | |
| Maumee River & Bay Tributaries | 134 volunteers | 11 land sites 0 boater site | <u>Collegiate Challenge</u> Battle of the Bags Toledo Campus Ministries/Theta Tau Awesome Effort Toledo Campus Ministries/Theta Tau Most Volunteers UT Habitat for Humanity | |
| | <u>649 volunteers</u> | <u>45 land/1 boater</u> | <u>Corporate Challenge</u> Most Volunteers Lockrey Manufacturing | |
| <u>Estimated Total Weight Collected</u> 15,675 lbs of garbage & 160 tires = 18,075 lbs. | | | <u>Organization Challenge</u> Most Volunteers Ohio EPA Northwest District Office | |
| <u>Peculiar Items Found</u> no dumping sign, upright piano, Star Wars bobblehead, fence w/beer cans attached, home plate, x-ray film, stress ball, tail pipe, industrial hot water heater, kitchen drawer, 2006 & 2007 UT parking tickets, door knobs | | | <u>FirstGiving Challenge</u> Top Fundraiser Patrick Lawrence | |

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