



The Partners for Clean Streams hosted the *15th Annual Clean Your Stream Day* on Saturday, September 17, 2011. *Clean Your Streams* (CYS) started with comfortably cool temperatures, but got warmer and nicer as the day moved on. As a part of Ohio's Coastweeks, our 726 CYS volunteers will be counted with the other worldwide participants in the 26th Annual International

Coastal Cleanup (ICC) effort. In 2010, 615,407 volunteers removed over 8.7 million pounds from shorelines/waterways in 117 countries, including 46 US states.

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. 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 University of Toledo Scott Park Campus and were treated 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 and materials needed for the clean up. Special thanks to our major event sponsors: BP-Husky Refining, Perstorp Polyols, Johnson Controls, The University of Toledo, Toledo Refining and The Andersons; and to our major service providers: City of Toledo, Waste Management, Lucas County, 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. We hope you will join us next year on September 15, 2012 and do your part to help . . . **CLEAN YOUR STREAMS!**



Results from 2011 Clean Your Streams



<u>Total Number of Participants</u>			<u>Challenge Competition</u>	
Ottawa River	485 volunteers	16 land sites	<u>Youth Challenge</u>	
		0 boater site	Battle of the Bags	Toledo ZooTeens
Swan Creek	148 volunteers	9 land sites	Awesome Effort	Toledo ZooTeens
		1 boater site	Most Volunteers	Cub Scout Pack 153
Maumee River	93 volunteers	15 land sites	<u>Collegiate Challenge</u>	
& Bay Tributaries		0 boater site	Battle of the Bags	Owens Environmental Club
	<u>726 volunteers</u>	<u>40 land/1 boater</u>	Awesome Effort	Owens Environmental Club
			Most Volunteers	UT Habitat for Humanity
<u>Estimated Total Weight Collected</u>			<u>Corporate Challenge</u>	
13,185 lbs of garbage & 142 tires = 15,315 lbs.			Most Volunteers	First Solar
<u>Peculiar Items Found</u>			<u>Organization Challenge</u>	
soiled underwear, plastic pickle, pitch fork, vampire teeth, steering column, MCO ID card, gas meter, glucometer, auto fuel tank, 40 gal hot water tank, breaker boxes, lawn mower deck, fire pit, front of old radio, Toledo Blade box			Most Volunteers	Ohio EPA Northwest District Office
			<u>FirstGiving Challenge</u>	
			Top Fundraiser	Paige Sloma

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