Partners for Clean Streams (PCS) and community partners hosted the 23rd Annual Clean Your Streams Day on Saturday, September 21st, 2019. 932 volunteers came out to our seven kickoff sites to participate in the largest cleanup in Northwest Ohio. Together, they removed over 18,000 pounds of marine debris that would have otherwise polluted Toledo-area waterways. To thank them for all their hard work, volunteers were invited to a free Appreciation picnic. They received an event t-shirt, pizza, interacted with educational booths from PCS partners, submitted surveys for door prizes, and learned more about marine debris and our local efforts to combat it. Brian Beard MC-ed the picnic and presented the Challenge Award winners at the end.

Clean Your Streams (CYS) is the largest single-day cleanup in northwest Ohio, as well as the largest cleanup in Ohio for the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC). The impact can be measured within 9 local watersheds, including the Ottawa River, Swan Creek, Maumee River, and Maumee Bay tributaries. The data cards filled out by volunteers will be totaled and submitted for this year’s ICC database. As part of the 2018 International Coastal Cleanup, over 1 million volunteers removed more than 23 million pounds of trash from waterways around the world. CYS contributes to those numbers each year, visibly demonstrating this regions’ impact on the global issue of marine debris.

Generous contributions from local businesses and individuals helped provide the necessary resources and materials for this stream cleanup. Special thanks to our Community Partners: O-I Charities Foundation, LyondellBasell and the University of Toledo Office of the President; CYS Underwriters: First Solar, Toledo Waterways Initiative, Kwest Group, City of Toledo Environmental Services, Lucas County Storm Water Utility, and City of Oregon; CYS Contributors: Johns Manville, Hull Inc., Tetra Tech, Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc., The Andersons and First Energy; and CYS Supporters: Strategically Digital, LLC., Waste Management, Monroe Street United Methodist Church, The Olander Park System, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, City of Perrysburg, Walmart Giving, and The Mannik & Smith Group. Generous grant support was provided by the NOAA (from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative). Tires were recycled by Bridgestone as part of their Tires4Ward program.

PCS is a local non-profit organization that partners with various organizations to deliver a wide range of programs, projects, and community outreach efforts to keep our rivers and streams clear, clean, and safe. To learn how you can support local rivers by supporting the organization that keeps them healthy, visit www.PartnersForCleanStreams.org. We hope you will return as Partners with us again next year and do your part to Clean Your Streams!

### Clean Your Streams 2019 Results

#### Total Number of Participants and Sites

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#### Estimated Weight Collected
18,455 pounds, including 124 tires

#### Distance Cleaned
35.037

#### Peculiar Items Found
Check, College Grad Photo, Laptop, AC unit, Grill, Tripod, Wheelchair w/rosary, Jeep Power Wheel, 2 Mattresses, Diving Goggles, Map of Oregon, Coconut, Circuit Board, Message in a Bottle

#### Challenge Competition Winners

**Youth Challenge**
- Battle of the Bags: Toledo Early College High School
- Awesome Effort: Toledo ZOOTeens
- Most Volunteers: Toledo Early College High School

**Collegiate Challenge**
- Battle of the Bags: BGSU Environmental Service Club
- Awesome Effort: BGSU Environmental Service Club
- Most Volunteers: BGSU Environmental Service Club

**River Partner Certificate Winners**

**Watershed Warrior** (50 or more volunteers): First Solar

**River Guardian** (30-49 volunteers): Cub Scout Pack 43

**Stream Protector** (10-29 volunteers): O-I, Monroe Street United Methodist Church, Ohio EPA Northwest District Office, LyondellBasell, Johns Manville, Westside Montessori

**Creek Crusader** (1-9 volunteers): Toledo Divisions of Environmental Services & Water Reclamation, Toledo Correctional Institution – Woman in Corrections, Toledo Campus Ministry
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