



Is there a coffee can in your creek or a diaper in your ditch?

The Maumee RAP can help with its annual Clean Your Streams Day. The

Maumee RAP has coordinated this event in early September since 1997. Clean Your Streams is a part of Ohio's Coastweeks cleanups which are held in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC). Over 100 countries participated in the ICC in 2002.



Generous contributions from local businesses and individuals help provide resources for planning the event and materials needed for the clean up. Special thanks to our 2003 major contributors: BP Amoco, DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, and the Duck & Otter Creeks Partnership.

Volunteers sign in at one of four kickoff locations and are placed on a team to cleanup a site along one of our area waterways, including Ottawa River, Swan Creek, Duck Creek or Otter Creek. Our volunteers remove litter and record what they find on data cards. An Appreciation Picnic is held for the volunteers



following the clean up. At the picnic volunteers are treated to lunch, thanked with an event t-shirt and told cleanup results. This event is perfect for groups and community service, as several awards are presented at the picnic, including the Battle of the Bags Youth Challenge, Best Effort, and Most Volunteers.

The data cards from the cleanup are collected and submitted to the Ohio Lake Erie Commission. The data compiled from Ohio's cleanups is published along with other cleanup data in the *International Coastal Cleanup Results*. Clean Your Streams Day is a part of this large international effort to raise awareness of pollution, identify the sources, and then work to eliminate them. Please do your part to help . . .

CLEAN YOUR STREAMS!

2003 Results			
Total Number of Participants:			
Ottawa River	207 volunteers	11 land sites	3 boater sites
Swan Creek	21 volunteers	7 land sites	1 boater sites
Duck & Otter Creeks	24 volunteers	5 land sites	24 land/4 boater
	252 volunteers		
Estimated Total Weight Collected: 7000 lbs.			
Peculiar Items Found: stove, car engine, flooring, bike wheel, plastic dog house, computer monitor, hammer, rubber bath mat, lawn mower blade, Chinese newspaper			