




Clean Your Streams 12 was one for the record books. One year, maybe two, out of the last eleven years were cold and a little drizzily, but this year was the first time we ever had rain . . . and we had lots of it! In spite of the wet weather, we had over 150 more volunteers than ever before - 768!

Clean Your Streams also grew by kickoff sites. This year volunteers could sign in at one of eight kickoff locations and were placed on teams to clean up sites along area waterways, including the Maumee and Ottawa rivers, Swan, Duck, and Otter creeks. Volunteers removed litter and attempted to record what they found on data cards, however the rain made this very difficult. After a few hours of picking up trash, volunteers from all sites gathered at Ottawa Park for an Appreciation Picnic where they were treated to a free hot lunch, 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, Sunoco, Johnson Controls, and The University of Toledo, and to our major service providers: City of Toledo, Waste Management, Fondessy Enterprises, 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. Photos on the other side show how much fun you can have making this a safer, cleaner place to live.

Join us on September 19, 2009 and do your part to help . . . ***CLEAN YOUR STREAMS!***

Results from 2008 Clean Your Streams				
<u>Total Number of Participants</u>			<u>Challenge Competition</u>	
Ottawa River	504 volunteers	31 land sites 0 boater site	<u>Youth Challenge</u>	
Swan Creek	104 volunteers	6 land sites 1 boater site	Battle of the Bags	Toledo ZooTeens
Maumee River & Bay Tributaries	160 volunteers	13 land sites 0 boater site	Awesome Effort	Boy Scout Troop #104
	768 volunteers	50 land/1 boater	Most Volunteers	Timberstone Jr High School
<u>Estimated Total Weight Collected</u>			<u>Collegiate Challenge</u>	
17,960 lbs of garbage & 200 tires = 20,960 lbs.			Battle of the Bags	UT Habitat for Humanity
<u>Peculiar Items Found</u>			Most Volunteers	UT Habitat for Humanity
light bulb, headless goose statue, portable toilet, toy gun, tent, CD player, grill, sled, 50" LCD TV, 4 door sedan car			<u>Corporate Challenge</u>	
			Most Volunteers	Sunoco & Associated Businesses
			<u>Organization Challenge</u>	
			Most Volunteers	Toledo Div. of Environmental Services

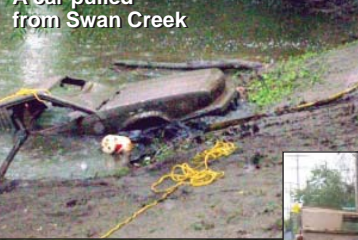
2008 12th Annual Clean Your Streams



It was WET!



A car pulled from Swan Creek



Sunoco at Oregon Kickoff



Cleaning up Wood County



Great food, Terry!



Wet fun at the Picnic

