

Annual Maumee Watershed Clean Your Streams Day

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	TOTALS
Total Volunteers	60	87	65	106	244		562
- <i>Duck & Otter Creeks Kickoff</i>	-	-	-	-	-	<i>NEW for 2002</i>	-
- <i>Ottawa River Kickoff(s)</i>	42	72	35	70	169		388
- <i>Swan Creek Kickoff</i>	18	15	30	36	75		174
Number of Sites	10	11	9	11	13		54
- <i>Duck Creek Sites</i>	-	-	-	-	-	<i>NEW for 2002</i>	-
- <i>Maumee River Sites</i>	1	-	2	-	-		3
- <i>Ottawa River Sites</i>	5	7	5	8	8		33
- <i>Otter Creek Sites</i>	-	-	-	-	-		-
- <i>Shantee Creek Sites</i>	-	1	-	-	-		1
- <i>Swan Creek Sites</i>	4	3	2	3	5		17
Total Weight Collected	4000 lbs (estimate)	1950 lbs (estimate)	6840 lbs (estimate)	4500 lbs (estimate)	4600 lbs (estimate)		21,890 lbs
Peculiar Items Found	car seat, tailgate, toilet, grocery carts, aquarium, antique sewing machine	film negative, bathing cap, pregnancy test, bowling ball, campaign signs, lottery tickets	circuit board, electric outlet, pipette beads, day planner, VCR tape, stroller, cooler	Big Wheel, pacifier, full-length mirror, sheet music, shingles, Christmas bell	luggage (fully packed), fingerprint strip, Ken doll, dog dish oil collection booms(8),		

The Maumee Watershed Clean Your Streams Day began in 1997 as a part of Ohio's Coastweeks Celebration. The Maumee RAP along with other organizations coordinate this event each year. Through generous contributions from local businesses and individuals, volunteers are provided with all the materials needed to participate in the clean up (i.e. gloves, bags, etc.). Appreciation for the volunteers is shown with an Appreciation Picnic following the clean up. At the picnic lunch volunteers are given t-shirts as a thank you for their work. They are also provided with some results from the cleanup, including number of volunteers in each watershed, peculiar items collected, and the winner of the Youth Group Challenge is awarded.

All of the Coastweeks cleanups are held in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup conducted annually by The Ocean Conservancy (f.k.a. Center for Marine Conservation). All of the debris collected is recorded on to data cards and submitted to Ohio's state coordinator, the Ohio Lake Erie Commission. Data is compiled from all of Ohio's cleanups and send it to The Ocean Conservancy for publication in National and International Coastal Cleanup Results books. The Maumee Watershed Clean Your Streams Day is just a small part of the large cleanup effort to raise the awareness of the problem of water pollution. Please do your part to help . . .

CLEAN YOUR STREAMS.