



Tired of all the trash along the streams in the area? The Maumee RAP was also, so they started the Maumee Watershed Clean Your Streams Day. Since 1997 the Maumee RAP along with other organizations, such as the Duck and Otter Creeks Partnership, coordinate this event in early September each year.



Generous contributions from local businesses and individuals help to provide volunteers with all the materials needed to participate in the clean up (i.e. gloves, bags, etc.). An Appreciation Picnic is held for the volunteers following the clean up. At the picnic volunteers are given t-shirts and provided with some cleanup results. The winner of the Youth Group Challenge is also awarded.

Ohio's Coastweeks cleanups are held in conjunction with the International Coastal Cleanup conducted annually by The Ocean Conservancy. Debris collected is recorded on to data cards and submitted to Ohio's state coordinator, the Ohio Lake Erie Commission. Data is compiled from Ohio's cleanups and is sent to The Ocean Conservancy for publication in National and International Coastal Cleanup Results books. 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!**

<b>2002 Results</b>		
<b>Total Number of Participants:</b>		
Duck & Otter Creeks	26 volunteers	5 land sites
Ottawa River	143 volunteers	5 land sites
		3 boater sites
Swan Creek	42 volunteers	4 land sites
<b>Estimated Total Weight Collected:</b>		4300 lbs.
<b>Peculiar Items Found:</b> fire extinguishers(5), car battery, checkbook, safe door, computer monitor, van seat, traffic cones, rear view mirror w/dice & beaded necklace attached		