




Saturday, September 17, 2005 was a drizzly, cloudy day, but that didn't stop nearly 550 people from helping the environment. *Clean Your Streams* volunteers signed in at one of five kickoff locations and were placed on teams to cleanup sites along one of our area waterways, including the Maumee River, Ottawa River, Swan Creek, Duck Creek, and Otter Creek.

Volunteers removed litter and recorded what they found on data cards. After 2½ to 3 hours of picking up trash, volunteers from all sites gathered at Ottawa Park for an Appreciation Picnic. At the picnic volunteers 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 for 2005: BP Amoco, DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, General Motors, Toledo Metroparks, and The University of Toledo.

The Maumee RAP has coordinated the annual *Clean Your Streams* Day since 1997. Each year the event gets bigger and better with more volunteers and more trash removed from our area streams. The photos on the other side show how good you can feel doing something to help the environment while making it a safer, cleaner place. *Clean Your Streams* Day is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, an effort to raise awareness of pollution, identify the sources, and work to eliminate them. Join us on September 16, 2006 and do your part to help . . . **CLEAN YOUR STREAMS!**

2005 Clean Your Streams Results				
<b><u>Total Number of Participants</u></b>			<b><u>Challenge Competition Results</u></b>	
Ottawa River	376 volunteers	16 land sites 3 boater sites	<u>Youth Challenge</u>	
Swan Creek	65 volunteers	6 land sites 1 boater site	Battle of the Bags	Toledo Zoo Teens
Maumee Bay Tribs. & Otter Crk	105 volunteers	13 land sites 0 boater site	Awesome Effort	Mountain Mentors
	<u>546 volunteers</u>	<u>35 land/4 boater</u>	Most Volunteers	Sylvania Cub Scout Packs 154/153
<b><u>Estimated Total Weight Collected</u></b>			<u>Collegiate Challenge</u>	
9,200 lbs.			Battle of the Bags	UT Theta Tau
<b><u>Peculiar Items Found</u></b>			Most Volunteers	UT Habitat for Humanity/TCM
construction barrier, downspouts, eviction notice, weed trimmer, lawnmower blade, hospital tag, toilet seat			<u>Corporate Challenge</u>	
			Most Volunteers	Sunoco & Associated Businesses
			<u>Organization Challenge</u>	
			Most Volunteers	Ohio EPA Northwest District Office

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