

Clean Your Streams

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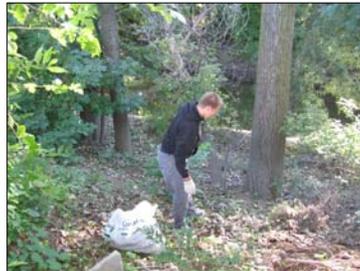


Clean Your Streams is an annual event that brings together community groups, businesses, organizations and individuals in the Lower Maumee River watershed (northwest Ohio) to clean stream banks and adjacent floodplains. Cleanup sites are selected along Maumee River, Swan Creek, Ottawa River, Shantee Creek, Duck Creek, and Otter Creek. Clean Your Streams is a cleanup effort aimed at raising community awareness on water pollution.

Clean Your Streams is coordinated by Partners for Clean Streams a local environmental non- profit organization and many community partners.

Background:

The Maumee began in 1997 as Celebration. All conjunction with the conducted annually compiled from this Conservancy for International local non-profit



Watershed Clean Your Streams Day part of Ohio's Coastweeks Coastweeks events are held in International Coastal Cleanup by the Ocean Conservancy. Data event is sent to The Ocean publication in National and Coastal Cleanup Results books. A organization, Partners for Clean

Streams, and many of its community partners coordinate Clean Your Streams. The City of Toledo plays a key role as one of the organizing partners and event supporters.

The day begins before 8 am where volunteers are remove litter and attempt to data cards. After a few volunteers from all sites they are treated to a free Streams t-shirt.



am at eight kick-off locations placed on teams. Volunteers record what they found on hours of picking up trash, gather at a local park where hot lunch and Clean Your

Results:

Over 56 tons of trash has been collected from local stream banks. Over the years the Clean Your Streams event has grown in the number of sites cleaned, volunteers and participating groups. In 2008 a record 768 volunteers were recorded, which was 150 more than those who participated in previous years. Volunteers cleaned 51 sites, including a boat crew, along Swan Creek. Interesting items such as a compass, gas can, necklace, seat from a car, Lego man, computer, respirator, baby bottle, golf club, dog kennel, pillow, lampshade, 18" concrete pony, hospital mask, brief case, bowling ball, old school desk, and Big Wheel tricycle were found and hauled away for proper disposal.



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