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## Clean your Streams Day — Tons of Success

### *Challenge winners, curious finds*

Each year for the last 15 years, people and groups have worked together to help clear litter and debris from local waterways. This September, the net result was 15,315 pounds removed from local streams and rivers. And a heartfelt thank you goes out to each and every one of the 726 participants in this year's cleanup.

Part of the fun was seeing just what you might find! Here are some of this year's oddities:

- water heater
- no polluting sign
- kitchen sink
- grass skirt
- Mardi Gras beads

Another part of the fun is the friendly group challenges. The Challenges were broken into Youth Challenges, Collegiate Challenges, Corporate Challenges and Organization Challenges. There was also a First Giving Challenge. Congrats to all the winners!

The winning groups from the challenges this year were:

### Youth Challenges

#### ***Battle of the Bags***

1st Rotating Plaque & Gold Certificate

Toledo ZOOTEens (97)

#### ***Awesome Effort***

1st Rotating Plaque & Gold Certificate

Toledo ZOOTEens (3.73)

#### ***Most Volunteers***

1st Rotating Plaque & Gold Certificate

Cub Scout Pack 153 (34)

### Collegiate Challenges

#### ***Battle of the Bags***

1st Rotating Plaque & Gold Certificate

Owens Environmental Club (77)

#### ***Awesome Effort***

1st Rotating Plaque & Gold Certificate

Owens Environmental Club (5.92)

#### ***Most Volunteers***

1st Rotating Plaque & Gold Certificate

UT Habitat for Humanity (40)

### Corporate Challenge

#### ***Most Volunteers***

1st Rotating Plaque & Gold Certificate

First Solar (44)

## Organization Challenge

### *Most Volunteers*

1st Rotating Plaque & Gold Certificate

Ohio EPA NW District Office (16)

## FirstGiving Challenge

### *Top Individual Fundraisers*

1st Gold Certificate

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For the complete list, visit our Facebook page.

## Annual General Meeting and Reception on Nov. 3

See 2011 in review and get a download on plans for 2012 during the Annual General Meeting. This is a great time to join or renew as a voting member to participate in electing our 2012 Board of Directors. Bring a guest and plan to socialize, enjoy a few appetizers and bid during the silent auction.

Have an idea for the board? Want to nominate a new Board member? Send your nomination ASAP to Dr. Patrick Lawrence at [patrick.lawrence@utoledo.edu](mailto:patrick.lawrence@utoledo.edu).

### Annual General Meeting and Reception

Thursday, Nov. 3

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Olander Park, Nederhouser Community Hall

6930 Sylvania Ave.

Sylvania, OH 43560

RSVP for the AGM by Wednesday, Oct. 26 at [419.874.0727](tel:419.874.0727) or [registration@partnersforcleanstreams.org](mailto:registration@partnersforcleanstreams.org)

## Local Waterways Efforts Get Boost from US EPA

Partners for Clean Streams will administer a program that will create about 26 jobs for unemployed workers — and help restore the local waterways habitat. The \$800,000 grant is part of the remaining 2010 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding, and will create jobs in the Maumee Area of Concern. The team of workers, dubbed the Maumee Corps, will reflect a mini-version of the historic civilian conservation corps so instrumental in this area during the 1930s and 40s.

NOAA was awarded the grant and selected Partners for Clean Streams to oversee its success in the Maumee AOC. To compile a list of projects for NOAA, Partners for Clean Streams worked with local groups and property owners, including The Metroparks of Toledo, City of Toledo and the University of Toledo. The group developed a list of significant projects in the area to restore stream bank habitat, manage aggressive and non-native plants, replace plants with more local, native plants, and provide a more diverse habitat for people and wildlife to enjoy.

Most of the work, including hiring, won't begin until spring 2012. More information and criteria will be released as it becomes available.


Watch the story on CBS-Channel 11:

<http://www.wtol.com/story/15608097/lake-erie-restoration-projects-expected-to-create-80-jobs>

Read about it in *The Blade*:

<http://www.toledoblade.com/local/2011/10/03/U-S-EPA-awards-Lake-Erie-project-funds.html>

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## Water Saving Tip

Is your pooch a doggone polluter? If you don't clean up after him, he is! Pet waste that is not properly disposed of washes into storm drains or nearby rivers and streams where it will raise bacteria levels, just like human waste. Do your doody duty and clean up after your pets! For more water-saving tips, visit the [Partners for Clean Streams publications page](#).

## Every drop in the bucket improves water quality.

Can you donate even \$5 this month? We can track the amount you give over the course of the year! [Donate now!](#)



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