



Clean Your Streams 14 was a cloudy and overcast day, but it stayed dry for most of the event. The extra large rain drops came to dampen our group photo and awards at the end of the Appreciation Picnic, but it did not dampen the enthusiasm. As a part of Ohio's Coastweeks, our 665 Clean Your Streams (CYS) volunteers will be counted


with the other worldwide participants in the 25th Annual International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) effort. In 2009, 498,818 volunteers removed over 7.4 million pounds from shorelines/waterways in 108 countries, including 45 US states. Ohio has contributed to this effort since 1992, and CYS since 1997.

The *Clean Your Streams* volunteers began their day by signing in at one of eight kickoff locations. They were placed on teams to clean up sites along area waterways, including the Maumee and Ottawa rivers, as well as Swan, Duck, and Otter creeks. Volunteers removed litter and recorded what they found on data cards for reporting to the ICC. After a few hours of picking up trash, volunteers from all sites gathered at the Lucas County Fairgrounds. Shankland's Catering, again, treated participants to a free hot lunch. Volunteers were 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.

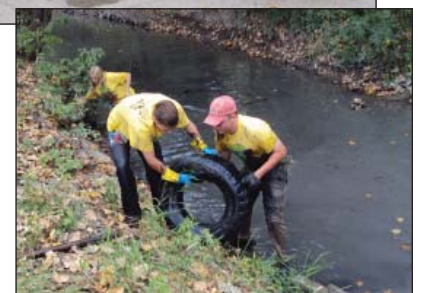
Generous contributions from local businesses and individuals helped to provide the resources for planning the event and for the materials needed for the clean up. Special thanks to our major event sponsors: BP-Husky Refining, Perstorp Polyols, Johnson Controls, The University of Toledo, and First Solar; and to our major service providers: City of Toledo, Waste Management, Lucas County, Ohio EPA, and Shankland's Catering.

Clean Your Streams is coordinated by a local non-profit organization, Partners for Clean Streams (PCS), and many of its community partners. PCS works to deliver a wide range of programs, projects, and community outreach efforts to improve our area streams and make our water safe for all. To learn more about how you can support this great effort, visit the PCS website listed below.

Join us on September 17, 2011 and do your part to help . . . ***CLEAN YOUR STREAMS!***

| Results from 2010 Clean Your Streams | | |  | |
|--|----------------|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <u>Total Number of Participants</u> | | | <u>Challenge Competition</u> | |
| Ottawa River | 442 volunteers | 26 land sites 0 boater site | <u>Youth Challenge</u> | |
| Swan Creek | 89 volunteers | 10 land sites 1 boater site | Battle of the Bags | Toledo ZooTeens |
| Maumee River & Bay Tributaries | 134 volunteers | 14 land sites 0 boater site | Awesome Effort | Toledo School for the Arts |
| | 665 volunteers | 50 land/1 boater | Most Volunteers | Cub Scout Pack 153 |
| <u>Estimated Total Weight Collected</u> | | | <u>Collegiate Challenge</u> | |
| 18,700 lbs of garbage & 276 tires = 22,840 lbs. | | | Battle of the Bags | UT Am Inst of Chemical Engineers |
| <u>Peculiar Items Found</u> | | | Awesome Effort | UT Am Inst of Chemical Engineers |
| gun safe, prom dress, 18' boat w/motor, pipe organ, 1988 hunting license, antique ringer washing machine, parking tickets (5), Employee of the Month award, 1973 Pepsi can, koala statue, book bag w/anatomy & biology books | | | Most Volunteers | UT Habitat for Humanity |
| | | | <u>Corporate Challenge</u> | |
| | | | Most Volunteers | BP-Husky Refining |
| | | | <u>Organization Challenge</u> | |
| | | | Most Volunteers | Ohio EPA Northwest District Office |
| | | | <u>FirstGiving Challenge</u> | |
| | | | Top Fundraiser | Patrick Lawrence |

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