



Partners for Clean Streams and our community partners hosted the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Clean Your Streams Day** on Saturday, September 21, 2013. That day, 941 volunteers became Partners for cleaner rivers by removing 16,366 pounds of trash from the banks of our extraordinary rivers in and around Toledo. *Clean Your Streams* volunteers began their day by signing in at one of seven kickoff locations and spreading out to one of 57 cleanup sites. Once at the site, they removed trash and recorded what they found on data cards for reporting to the International Coastal Cleanup and to Ohio's Coastweeks program. After a few hours of picking up trash, volunteers gathered for the Appreciation Picnic to celebrate their achievements in improving local waterways with early results, t-shirts, lunch, friendly Group Challenges, and a group photo.

*Clean Your Streams* is the largest cleanup in Ohio's Coastweeks program and the impact can be measured by the amount of trash that was removed in each of these local watersheds: Ottawa River (6,516 lbs.), Swan Creek (4,185 lbs.), Maumee River (3,335 lbs.), and Maumee Bay tributaries (2,330 lbs.). Our 941 *Clean Your Streams* volunteers, and the trash they removed, will be counted with the other cleanups worldwide in the 28<sup>th</sup> International Coastal Cleanup effort. As part of the 2012 International Coastal Cleanup, 561,633 volunteers removed over 10 million pounds of trash from shorelines/waterways in 90 countries. This is a demonstration of how our local success contributes into a larger global picture.

Generous contributions from local businesses and individuals helped to provide the necessary resources and materials for our stream clean up. Special thanks to our major event sponsors: BP-Husky Refining, Perstorp Polyols, Johnson Controls, The University of Toledo, Lucas Co. Storm Water Utility, and First Solar; and to our major service providers: City of Toledo, Waste Management, Firestone Complete Auto Care, Ohio EPA, and the Lucas County Agricultural Society.

Partners for Clean Streams (PCS), is a local non-profit organization. We partner with various organizations to deliver a wide range of programs, projects, and community outreach efforts to protect local rivers and streams in our community. To learn how you can support local rivers by supporting the organization that keeps them healthy, visit [PartnersForCleanStreams.org](http://PartnersForCleanStreams.org). We hope you will return as Partners with us again next year and do your part to **CLEAN YOUR STREAMS!**

## Clean Your Streams 2013 Results

### Total Number of Participants and Sites

Highland Park Kickoff	47 volunteers	13 sites
International Park Kickoff	40 volunteers	6 sites
Sidecut Metropark Kickoff	154 volunteers	5 sites
Oregon Municipal Kickoff	151 volunteers	9 sites
Olander Park Kickoff	126 volunteers	7 sites
University of Toledo Kickoff	284 volunteers	10 sites
Monroe St. UMC Kickoff	119 volunteers	7 sites
Appreciation Picnic	20 volunteers	
<b>Total</b>	<b>941 volunteers</b>	<b>57 sites</b>

### Estimated Weight Collected

16,366 lbs. including 96.5 tires

### Peculiar Items Found

Hair weave, sewing machine, boat anchor, bait worm containers (40), sled, butter knife, rubber duck, dream catcher, EKG pad, cash register, hockey stick, light saber, TV(2), suitcase, circuit board, air hockey paddle, shot gun shells, wedding veil, Easter egg, car seat



## Challenge Competition Winners

### Youth Challenge

Battle of the Bags	Toledo ZOOTEens
Awesome Effort	Toledo ZOOTEens
Most Volunteers	YWCA Teen Outreach Program

### Corporate Challenge

Most Volunteers	First Solar
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### Collegiate Challenge

Battle of the Bags	UT Habitat for Humanity
Awesome Effort	UT Theta Tau
Most Volunteers	UT Habitat for Humanity

### Organization Challenge

Most Volunteers	Ohio EPA Northwest District Office
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# 2013 17th Annual Clean Your Streams



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