



Partners for Clean Streams (PCS) and our community partners hosted the **19th Annual Clean Your Streams Day** on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015. 971 volunteers came from various youth groups, clubs, organizations, and corporations, but on that day, they became Partners for Clean Streams. Together, they removed 13,528 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 eight kickoffs and fanning out to one of the 68 cleanup sites. Once at the site, they removed trash from the rivers and recorded what they found on data cards. After a few hours, volunteers gathered for an Appreciation Picnic to celebrate their hard work toward improving local waterways with t-shirts, lunch by Deets BBQ, Group Challenges, educational activities, early results and a group photo.

Clean Your Streams is the largest cleanup in Ohio's Coastweeks program and the impact can be measured by the broad impact in 9 local watersheds focused in the Ottawa River, Swan Creek, Maumee River, and Maumee Bay tributaries. Our 971 *Clean Your Streams* volunteers and the trash they removed will be counted in the 30th International Coastal Cleanup. As part of the 2014 International Coastal Cleanup, over half a million volunteers removed more than 12 million pounds of trash from shorelines and waterways around the world. This illustrates how our local success contributes to the larger global picture.

Generous contributions from local businesses and individuals helped provide the necessary resources and materials for this stream cleanup. Special thanks to our major event sponsors: BP-Husky Refining, Perstorp Polyols, Johnson Controls, The University of Toledo, Lucas Co. Storm Water Utility, GreenSweep, Charles Boyk Law, Deets BBQ, City of Toledo and First Solar. Our major service providers include: Waste Management, Lucas County Engineer's Office, The Olander Park System, Cities of Oregon & Toledo, Hull & Associates, Bridgestone-Firestone Tire4ward, and the Lucas County Fairgrounds. Generous grant support was provided by the Toledo Community Foundation, Ohio EPA and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation.

PCS is a local non-profit organization that partners 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. We hope you will return as Partners with us again next year and do your part to **CLEAN YOUR STREAMS!**

Clean Your Streams 2015 Results

Total Number of Participants and Sites

UTMC Kickoff	108 volunteers	8 sites
International Park Kickoff	108 volunteers	9 sites
Three Meadows Kickoff	58 volunteers	4 sites
Oregon Municipal Kickoff	117 volunteers	11 sites
Olander Park Kickoff	89 volunteers	9 sites
University of Toledo Kickoff	246 volunteers	10 sites
Monroe St. UMC Kickoff	88 volunteers	7 sites
Johns Manville Kickoff	115 volunteers	10 sites
Appreciation Picnic	42 volunteers	--
Total	971 volunteers	68 sites

Estimated Weight Collected

13,528 lbs. including 61.5 tires

Distance Cleaned

33.9 river miles

Peculiar Items Found

Spray paint, power drill, coconuts, non-opened beer can, tablet, seat from an old car, watch, radio, sled, duck decoy, wheel barrel, wooden train whistle, toaster oven, construction barricade, 50 aluminum cans, spark plugs, traffic cone, Bible, bullet box, bike wheel, inhaler, 97 baseballs, wig, mattress, 10 shopping carts, computer chip, dirty diapers



Challenge Competition Winners

Youth Challenge

Battle of the Bags	Toledo ZOOTEens
Awesome Effort	Toledo ZOOTEens
Most Volunteers	Toledo Early College High School

Corporate Challenge

Most Volunteers	Johns Manville
Battle of the Bags	Johns Manville
Awesome Effort	Owens Illinois

Collegiate Challenge

Battle of the Bags	Lourdes University
Awesome Effort	UT Enviro. Science Undergrad. Society
Most Volunteers	Lourdes University

Organization Challenge

Most Volunteers	Ohio EPA Northwest District Office
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Change for Change

Fundraising Challenge	Toledo Environmental Services
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