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**clean your streams**



Partners for Clean Streams (PCS) along with community partners, hosted the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Clean Your Streams Day on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. This year, **910** volunteers from across Northwest Ohio convened in the heat to clean the rivers. They removed a total of **23,789** pounds of trash and debris from the riverbanks in the greater metropolitan Toledo area. The day began with an orientation and check in at 8 different kick-off locations. Then, each group spread out to one of the 69 cleanup sites assigned to them. At the site, volunteers removed litter from the rivers and land and recorded their findings onto data cards. After the cleanup, volunteers had the opportunity to attend the Appreciation Picnic to celebrate their efforts toward improving local waterways. To show our gratitude, volunteers received a CYS 21 t-shirt, Marco's pizza for lunch, educational activities, a paid raffle, and a door prize raffle. Fred LeFebvre from 1370 WSPD MC-ed the event and announced the Challenge Awards winners.

Clean Your Streams (CYS) is the largest single-day cleanup in northwest Ohio, as well as the largest cleanup in Ohio for the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC). The impact can be measured within 9 local watersheds, including the Ottawa River, Swan Creek, Maumee River, and Maumee Bay tributaries. The data cards filled out by volunteers will be totaled and submitted for this year's ICC database. As part of the 2016 International Coastal Cleanup, over 500,000 volunteers removed more than 18 million pounds of trash from waterways around the world. CYS contributes to those numbers each year, visibly demonstrating this regions' impact on the global issue of marine debris.

Generous contributions from local businesses and individuals helped provide the necessary resources and materials for this stream cleanup. Special thanks to our Community Partners: University of Toledo and O-I; our Underwriters: First Solar, Perstorp, Toledo Waterways Initiative, Kwest Group, City of Toledo, Lucas County Storm Water Utility, and City of Oregon; our Contributors: Davey Resource Group, Hull Inc., Tetra Tech, and ERG Environmental Services; and our Supporters: Bridgestone Tires 4Ward Program, Jones and Henry Engineers, Ltd., Mannik & Smith Group, Inc., and Monroe Street United Methodist Church. Generous grant support was provided by the Ohio EPA (from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative at US EPA).

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 keep our rivers and streams clear, clean, and safe. To learn how you can support local rivers by supporting the organization that keeps them healthy, visit [www.PartnersForCleanStreams.org](http://www.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 2017 Results

### Total Number of Participants and Sites

UTMC Kickoff	46 volunteers	4 sites
Middlegrounds Metropark Kickoff	118 volunteers	8 sites
Perrysburg Kickoff	57 volunteers	6 sites
Oregon Municipal Kickoff	118 volunteers	13 sites
Olander Park Kickoff	39 volunteers	4 sites
University of Toledo Kickoff	223 volunteers	15 sites
Monroe St. UMC Kickoff	120 volunteers	7 sites
Side Cut Metropark Kickoff	171 volunteers	12 sites
Appreciation Picnic	18 volunteers	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>910 volunteers</b>	<b>69 sites</b>

### Challenge Competition Winners

#### Youth Challenge

Battle of the Bags	YWCA NOW Teen Outreach Program
Awesome Effort	Boy Scout Troop 110
Most Volunteers	Toledo Early College High School

#### Collegiate Challenge

Battle of the Bags	Lourdes University
Awesome Effort	Lourdes University
Most Volunteers	UT American Society of Civil Engineers

### Estimated Weight Collected

**23,789 pounds**, including 94 tires

### Distance Cleaned

25.57 miles

### Peculiar Items Found

Pregnancy test, false teeth, 80 baseballs, iphone, Virgin Mary statue, crime scene tape, 1920s medicine bottles, typewriter, pink confetti, tablet, mailbox, football helmet, and hot tub lid

### River Partner Certificate Winners

**Watershed Warrior (50 or more volunteers):** First Solar

**River Guardian (30-49 volunteers):** O-I

**Stream Protector (10-29 volunteers):** Hull Inc., Ohio EPA, Toledo Environmental Services, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., Monroe St. UMC, Toledo Edison

**Creek Crusader (1-9 volunteers):** Mannik & Smith Group, UT Safety & Health Dept., Toledo Waterways Initiative, HSN

# 2017 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Clean Your Streams



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