



Partners for Clean Streams (PCS) and community partners hosted the 23rd Annual Clean Your Streams Day on Saturday, September 21st, 2019. 932 volunteers came out to our seven kickoff sites to participate in the largest cleanup in Northwest Ohio. Together, they removed over 18,000 pounds of marine debris that would have otherwise polluted Toledo-area waterways. To thank them for all their hard work, volunteers were invited to a free Appreciation picnic. They received an event t-shirt, pizza, interacted with educational booths from PCS partners, submitted surveys for door prizes, and learned more about marine debris and our local efforts to combat it. Brian Beard MC-ed the picnic and presented the Challenge Award winners at the end.

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 2018 International Coastal Cleanup, over 1 million volunteers removed more than 23 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**: O-I Charities Foundation, LyondellBasell and the University of Toledo Office of the President; **CYS Underwriters**: First Solar, Toledo Waterways Initiative, Kwest Group, City of Toledo Environmental Services, Lucas County Storm Water Utility, and City of Oregon; **CYS Contributors**: Johns Manville, Hull Inc., Tetra Tech, Civil and Environmental Consultants, Inc., The Andersons and First Energy; and **CYS Supporters**: Strategically Digital, LLC., Waste Management, Monroe Street United Methodist Church, The Olander Park System, Metroparks of the Toledo Area, City of Perrysburg, Walmart Giving, and The Mannik & Smith Group. Generous **grant support** was provided by the NOAA (from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative). Tires were recycled by Bridgestone as part of their Tires4Ward program.

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. We hope you will return as Partners with us again next year and do your part to Clean Your Streams!

Clean Your Streams 2019 Results

Total Number of Participants and Sites

Middlegrounds Metropark Kickoff	29 volunteers	6 sites
Perrysburg Kickoff	154 volunteers	13 sites
Oregon Municipal Kickoff	94 volunteers	10 sites
Olander Park Kickoff	99 volunteers	7 sites
University of Toledo Kickoff	213 volunteers	6 sites
Monroe St. UMC Kickoff	167 volunteers	8 sites
Side Cut Metropark Kickoff	162 volunteers	19 sites
Picnic	14 volunteers	
Total	932 volunteers	69 sites

Estimated Weight Collected

18,455 pounds, including 124 tires

Distance Cleaned

35.037

Peculiar Items Found: Check, College Grad Photo, Laptop, AC unit, Grill, Tripod, Wheelchair w/rosary, Jeep Power Wheel, 2 Mattresses, Diving Goggles, Map of Oregon, Coconut, Circuit Board, Message in a Bottle

Challenge Competition Winners

Youth Challenge

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

Collegiate Challenge

Battle of the Bags	BGSU Environmental Service Club
Awesome Effort	BGSU Environmental Service Club
Most Volunteers	BGSU Environmental Service Club

River Partner Certificate Winners

Watershed Warrior (50 or more volunteers): First Solar
River Guardian (30-49 volunteers): Cub Scout Pack 43
Stream Protector (10-29 volunteers): O-I, Monroe Street United Methodist Church, Ohio EPA Northwest District Office, LyondellBasell, Johns Manville, Westside Montessori
Creek Crusader (1-9 volunteers): Toledo Divisions of Environmental Services & Water Reclamation, Toledo Correctional Institution – Woman in Corrections, Toledo Campus Ministry

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