Partners for Clean Streams invites you to support the

Annual Clean Your Streams Day



If you are tired of all the trash along the streams in the area, you can be part of the difference. In the last twenty+ years, volunteers for *Clean Your Streams* have removed over 150 tons of trash from our local stream banks. *Clean Your Streams* is ideal for any organization, business associates, school groups, and university students wanting to get involved and give back to their community in a very visible and highly impactful way. An average of 1,000 volunteers of all ages clean our local rivers and we celebrate their achievements with an Appreciation Picnic. In addition to removing the trash from our rivers, all items were recorded and the data collected is used for further research with various state and international organizations. You can be part of the action and show your support for clean rivers by being a part of this year's *Clean Your Streams*!

Donor Level	Amount of Contribution	Recognition for Your Company	
Partners for Clean Streams Community Partner	\$5000	Recognition by Logo on Event Posters for all PCS events Recognition by Logo on Event T-shirts for PCS events (as available Recognition by Logo on Appreciation Posters at PCS Events Recognition by Logo on PCS web pages Verbal Recognition at PCS Events	
CYS Underwriter	\$1000	Recognition by Logo on CYS Event Posters Recognition by Logo on CYS Event T-shirts (as available) Recognition by Logo on Appreciation Posters at CYS Event Recognition by Logo on CYS event web page Verbal Recognition at CYS Event	
CYS Contributor	\$500	Recognition by Small Logo on CYS Event T-shirts Recognition by Small Logo on Appreciation Posters at CYS Event Recognition by Small Logo on CYS web page Verbal Recognition at CYS Event	
CYS Supporter	\$250	Recognition by Name on CYS Event T-shirts Recognition by Name on Appreciation Posters at CYS Event Recognition by Name on CYS web page	
CYS Patron	Any product or service donation	Recognition by Name on Appreciation Posters at CYS Event Recognition by Name on CYS web page	

Note: Over 500 event posters and flyers will be distributed around the community, event t-shirts will be printed for all cleanup volunteers (approximately 900), and Appreciation Posters will be at all kickoff locations and the Appreciation Picnic.

Partners for Clean Streams is a local non-profit 501(c) 3 organization and is dedicated to improving the health of our local waterways. PCS has a significant presence in the community as a moderate, vibrant, and active environmental organization. By sponsoring **Clean Your Streams**, your business will be linked to our positive reputation within the community as a trusted and active environmental organization working towards clean, clear, and safe rivers for all.



Your donation should be made payable to Partners for Clean Streams and sent to: P.O. Box 203, Perrysburg, Ohio 43552-0203 Or can be made online at:

http://partnersforcleanstreams.org/event-promotion

Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Proceeds, above and beyond direct expenses from CYS, will be used by PCS to further its mission of improving our area waterways. If you have questions or would like to discuss your contribution, please contact Kris Patterson at 419-874-0727. Thank you in advance for your support for this important event.



Partners for Clean Streams Invites you to support the 27th Annual Clean Your Streams Day Saturday, September 30th, 2023

Every year, over 500 volunteers care for our waterways throughout the greater Toledo area with Clean Your Streams. After a morning of removing approximately 20,000 pounds of trash from rivers, streams and ditches, we celebrate clean water with an Appreciation Picnic, including friendly Challenge Competitions, door prizes, free lunch, and more. With your donation to this river cleanup, not only will you be demonstrating your commitment to a better community and cleaner waterways, but your business or organization will also receive recognition depending on the value of the donations.

Specifically, we are seeking cleanup supplies, door prizes and picnic food we can use throughout the day. Below is a more detailed list of needed items. We understand if you are unable to provide the full quantity for an item, so please feel free to donate only a portion of the quantity needed. Please arrange for pickup/delivery to Partners for Clean Streams by September 22nd to be recognized on promotional items (posters, banners, website etc.). Please send/ deliver all items to:

Partners for Clean Streams 132 W Second St., Suite C Perrysburg OH, 43551

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of clean, clear and safe rivers. For questions, please call 419-874-0727, email admin@PartnersforCleanStreams.org or visit PartnersforCleanStreams.org. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please also let us know if your company has specific paperwork necessary to request product donations.

We are currently seeking the following items:

Supplies

- First Aid supplies including: antibiotic cream (single use packets), antimicrobial wipes, band aids, ice packs, ace bandages, 2" Cohere-Wrap (self-adherent wrap), medical tape, gauze pads (2x2" and 4x4"), poison ivy wipes, bee sting wipes, scissors, splint boards, small hand sanitizers
- Reusable Water Bottles (can include your logo)
- Gift cards to purchase other needed items, especially volunteer breakfast
 - o Examples include Kroger, Panera Bread, Walmart, Meijer, Office Depot
- Clipboards (10-12)

Door Prizes for the Picnic (examples only) (can include your business logo)

- Ecologically friendly items: reusable shopping bag, green cleaners, solar radio etc.
- Reusable Water Bottles
- String Backpacks
- Gift Cards to local events, restaurants, stores, activities, etc.
- Camping/Outdoor Gear
- Stainless Steel Water bottles
- Hand crank radio or flashlight, other emergency kit items
- Gift Baskets from local or home-based vendors
- Large raffle items of \$100 value or more
- Very large auction items, such as kayak, canoe, fishing gear, outdoor experiences, etc.

Picnic Services & Goods

We will be serving at least 500 volunteers. The food could be donated by a single caterer or by several different restaurants. Donations of individual items in large quantities are also welcome.

Examples of breakfast items:

- Donuts
- Bagels
- Juice
- Bananas
- Coffee

Examples of picnic food items:

- Subs
- Pizza
- Bar-b-que sandwiches & sides
- Apples
- Chips

Miscellaneous Picnic Items

Paper Cups & Plates (no Styrofoam)

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26th Annual Clean Your Streams

Partners for Clean Streams (PCS) and community partners hosted the 26th Annual Clean Your Streams Day on Saturday, September 24, 2022. For the third year, volunteers had the option to participate via the Remote Kickoff, cleaning a waterway site at a time and location of their choosing.

Across both the in-person and remote kickoffs, 652 volunteers removed 13,594.5 pounds of trash from 62 sites along 29 river miles of Northwest Ohio's rivers, streams, creeks, and ditches.

What is Clean Your Streams?

Clean Your Streams (CYS) is a watershed cleanup program where volunteers remove trash and record citizen science data on the items they collect. CYS is the largest cleanup in Ohio that contributes marine debris data to the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) database. Volunteers impact watersheds across our region, including the Ottawa River, Swan Creek, Maumee River, and Maumee Bay tributaries. Over the past 26 years of CYS, more than 15,500 volunteers have removed over 382,000 pounds of marine debris.

CYS 26 Sponsors

<u>Grant Funder:</u> Greater Toledo Community Foundation Sisters of St. Francis Donor Advised Fund <u>Community Partners:</u> BP, O-I Charities Foundation

<u>Underwriters:</u> Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund, City of Oregon, City of Toledo Environmental Services, First Solar, Kwest Group, Lucas County Storm Water Utility, NSG Glass North America, OmniSource, University of Toledo

<u>Contributors</u>: The Andersons, Civil & Environmental Consultants, Heritage Environmental Services, Tetra Tech, Verdantas

<u>Supporters:</u> The Mannik & Smith Group, Monroe St. UMC, Oak Openings Region Conservancy



Results by Kickoff	Volunteers	Sites	marine debris
Remote Kickoff	111	21	2089.6
Side Cut Metropark Kickoff	122	12	2426
Toledo Early College HS Kickoff	101	2	1043
Oregon Kickoff	69	5	705
International Park Kickoff	55	4	2320
Perrysburg Kickoff	55	7	1210
University of Toledo Kickoff	53	3	1385.4
Monroe St. UMC Kickoff	50	3	1564
Secor Metropark Kickoff	28	5	850
Volunteer appreciation picnic	8		<u> </u>
Total	652	62	13,954.5

Strange Items Found

Crashed drone, toilet, rubber ducky with a rainbow unicorn mane, fire extinguisher, plastic succulent plants, air mattress, circular saw, kitchen playset, and five e-bikes.

Challenge Awards

Youth Challenge Awards

Most Volunteers

- 1 Toledo Early College HS
- 2 BSA Troop 66
- 3 Whitmer Science and Environmental Club

Awesome Effort

- 1 Toledo ZOOTeens
- 2 BSA Troop 66
- 3 BSA Troop 62

Battle of the Bags

- 1 Toledo Early College HS
- 2 Toledo ZOOTeens
- 3 BSA Troop 66

River Partner Certification

River Guardian (30-49 volunteers)
First Solar

Creek Crusader (1-9 volunteers)

Heritage Environmental Services Jones & Henry Engineers

Collegiate Challenge Awards

Most Volunteers

- 1 UT Environmental Law Society
- 2 UT Engineering Council (UTEC) with Clean Water for the World
- 3 UT Phi Sigma Rho

Awesome Effort

- 1 UT Environmental Law Society
- 2 UTEC & Clean Water for the World
- 3 UT Phi Sigma Rho

Battle of the Bags

- 1 UT Environmental Law Society
- 2 BGSU Thompson Scholars
- 3 UT Phi Sigma Rho

Stream Protector (10-29 volunteers)

Civil & Environmental Consultants Monroe Street UMC NSG Glass North America Ohio EPA Northwest District Office Toledo Div. Environmental Services Verdantas

About Partners for Clean Streams

PCS is a Northwest Ohio-based nonprofit working with local and state governments, schools, civic organizations, and other community groups to deliver a wide range of programs, projects, and outreach efforts to keep our water clear, clean, and safe. To learn more, visit us at PartnersForCleanStreams.org and follow @PCSMaumee on social media.