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**Get the Lead Out Flyer**

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Caught up with Get the Lead Out!



The "weight" is over. Get the Lead Out is back and better than ever! Join us by removing derelict fishing gear from the Maumee River post walleye run. We have over 3 miles of the Maumee River between Perrysburg and Maumee to cover removing fishing line, lead, lures and hooks that have been left behind from the anglers during Walleye Season this spring. Just last year, PCS volunteers collected 176 pounds of lead sinkers from this 3 miles stretch of the river shattering previous records. This event made local and international news last year for its unusual impact on the environment and public engagement.

During Get the Lead Out, groups or individuals go out into the Maumee River starting early June (water level depending) and continuing until mid August. Everyone is welcome! Bring friends, family, kids, significant others, co-workers, cousins, aunts, uncles and neighbors. Plan to walk in the Maumee River and along its banks, sometimes over logs, through tall grasses and over rocks collecting lead and line that has gotten snagged on rocks, branches and in grass. PCS is planning for multiple large group, staff organized outings in June and July. These events are open to everyone, all experience levels welcome. Stay tuned for more details.

But what happens after we collect the lead and line? It gets recycled, of course! All the lead will be reused by ZAP Lures while the fishing line is recycled with Berkley Fishing and Bass Pro Shops. If you independently collect fishing line or lead and would like it to be recycled, we are happy to process and recycle it for you.

To sign your group up for Get the Lead Out, register with Ava at [Ava@PartnersForCleanStreams.org](mailto:Ava@PartnersForCleanStreams.org) or by calling 419-874-0727. All volunteers are required to fill out a liability form to participate. Liability forms can be found on our [Get the Lead Out!](#) page or by clicking [here](#). Check out the informational poster [here](#)!

We've gotten hooked on Get the Lead Out, have you?

Manhattan Marsh Clean Up



Poison Ivy, ticks, sweat and trash. Sounds miserable, right? That is what about 50 4th-7th grade students from Chase Elementary School and Owens Corning volunteers endured to remove about five dumpsters of trash and two of just tires from Manhattan Marsh. On Thursday and Friday, May 16th and 17th, these dedicated volunteers removed all types of trash from Manhattan Marsh behind Chase Elementary School during the Owens Corning Day of Caring. Previously a dumping site for industries and private individuals, this marsh was degraded with various types of trash ranging from tires, part of boats, industrial waste to everyday household items such as beverage bottles, food wrappers and plastic bags. Lead by Owens Corning, Partners for Clean Streams, Toledo Metroparks, City of Toledo, Citizens for Buckeye Basin, United North and many other partners, these volunteers took on cleaning up the marsh in addition to installing a rain garden and a bird sanctuary for the school. Manhattan Marsh is 70 acres and home to various uncommon plants and animals but is surrounded by urban homes, businesses and busy roads making the marsh a sanctuary for wildlife. Soon, the Chase Elementary School will be able to use the marsh as a powerful learning tool. Being in nature, caring for it and learning from it has been proven to reduce stress, increase focus, boost grades and many other provide many positive benefits for all ages of students. This is in addition to hands on learning and applying textbook theories to real life examples. This is also great opportunity for the community as a future park and green space. We are grateful that Owens Corning took on this project and wish them the best of luck in the future.



Urban Rivers Federal Partnership



On Tuesday, May 14th, a few lucky people got a sneak peak at the newest Toledo Metropark, Middle Grounds, for an exciting announcement about the Urban Waters Federal Partnership. This complex partnership connects several federal, regional and local agencies with the purpose of not only restoring rivers but bringing people closer to waterways by encouraging the economy with involvement and improved health of our community around our rivers. The Western Lake Erie Basin has been selected as one of

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11 new sites for reconnecting urban communities to our river ways along with other sites across the country. At the press conference on Tuesday, May 14th, guest speaker Marcy Kaptur and several other speakers discussed how important rivers are to this community and how the Urban Waters Federal Partnership promotes efficient and effective use of federal resources. It does this by recognizing and building on local efforts and leadership, working with local officials and local organizations for resources to boost our economy and integrating lessons from the past for future successes. Lead agencies for the Urban Waters Federal Partnership are US EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers and USDA. In addition, many other federal, regional and local agencies are looking forward to the working together to bring us, as a community, together to rally around our rivers, which is truly something to celebrate. To learn more, visit <http://www.urbanwaters.gov/pdf/WLakeErieBasinBackgrounder.pdf>.

Rallying for Rivers



As staff, most of our time is spent in the office, staring at a computer writing reports, writing grants, organizing events or writing newsletter articles. Sometimes, however, we get to go out and learn from the rivers and other people. Recently, we (Paige and Ava) got to do just that. We went the National River Rally in St. Louis where we met with hundreds of professionals (certified smart people) to learn techniques for creating communities that rally for and around rivers. While we normally deal with people in the Toledo area who have brilliant ideas and incredible experience, this time we went to workshops and meetings, listened to inspirational speakers, went on canoe trips and connected with bunches of people from around the country. No doubt you will see changes (for the better) in how PCS plans events, develops projects, hosts fundraisers and ultimately cares for our rivers. We came back with renewed ownership, dedication and passion for restoring and preserving our local waterways. Most places around the world don't have enough water to drink, let alone water plants, take showers and go swimming. We are blessed to live and care for the largest river going into the largest body of freshwater (the Great Lakes) in the world. Sometimes it takes getting away to realize the gem the we have here. Ask us what we learned at River Rally, we would love to share! Some stories are too good to not share.



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