# **28TH ANNUAL** CLEAN YOUR STREAMS SEPTEMBER 28, 2024







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# 28th Annual Clean Your Streams

Partners for Clean Streams (PCS) and community partners hosted the 28th Annual Clean Your Streams Day on Saturday, September 28, 2024. For the fifth year, volunteers also had the option to participate in a Remote Kickoff, cleaning a waterway site at a time and location of their choosing.

Across both the in-person and remote kickoffs, 649 volunteers removed 10,000+ pounds of trash from 49 sites along more than 21 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 28 years of CYS, more than 16,880 volunteers have removed 407,775 pounds of marine debris.

# **CYS 28 Sponsors**

**Grant Funder:** Greater Toledo Community Foundation Sisters of St. Francis Donor Advised Fund **Community Partner:** Lucas County Storm Water Utility, Cenovus, O-I Affiliate: University of Toledo **Underwriters:** City of Toledo, Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, City of Oregon, NSG Group, The Andersons, Jones & Henry Engineers, Arcadis, OmniSource **Contributors**: Civil & Environmental Consultants, First Energy, Verdantas, Tetra Tech, First Solar Supporters: The Mannik & Smith Group, Monroe St. UMC, Oak Openings Region Conservancy, Metroparks Toledo, City of Perrysburg, Vito's Pizza, The

**Patterson Family** 







Pounds of

Results by Kickoff	Volunteers	Sites	marine debris
Side Cut Metropark Kickoff	134	14	3,308
Perrysburg Kickoff	78	9	1,780
Monroe St. UMC Kickoff	47	5	1,545
Glass City Metropark Kickoff	50	4	1,175
University of Toledo Kickoff	33	2	700
Remote Kickoff	105	5	564 🖣
Oregon Kickoff	65	4	440
Toledo Early College Kickoff	96	2	421
Secor Metropark Kickoff	41	4	242
Total	649	49	10,175

## Strange Items Found

Vintage 7Up Bottle, 30lb clump of fishing equipment (lead sinkers, lures, line), 659 golf balls at former BG Golf Course

# Challenge Awards

### Youth Challenge Awards

#### **Most Volunteers**

1 Toledo Early College

2 Northwood Pack 244

BSA Troop 66

#### **Awesome Effort**

1 BSA Troop 66

2 Toledo ZOOTeens

Ottawa Hills School District

#### Battle of the Bags

BSA Troop 66

Toledo Early College

Whitmer Environmental Science

### **Participating Collegiate Groups**

BGSU Environmental Service Club BGSU Campus Sustainability UT Engineering Leadership Institute UT Environmental Law Society UT Society of Environmental Advocates

**Special Shoutout: Collegiate Champions**BGSU Environmental Service Club

## River Partner Certification

## River Guardian (30-49 volunteers)

Ottawa River Kleanup Association

#### Stream Protector (10-29 volunteers)

Ande Bees (The Anderson's Inc.)

Cenovus Energy

Civil and Environmental Services

First Solar

Jones & Henry Engineers

Mannik & Smith Group Inc.

Ohio EPA

Toledo Division of Environmental Services Verdantas

### Creek Crusader (1-9 volunteers)

Arcadis

City of Perrysburg

Creekside Retreat

**Directions Credit Union** 

Fort Industry Chapter - DAR

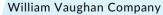
General Motors

Monroe St. UMC

**NSG Group** 

Oak Openings Region Conservancy

Perrysburg Country Garden Club



## **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 clean, clear, and safe. To learn more, visit us at PartnersForCleanStreams.org and follow @PCSMaumee on social media.

