

28TH ANNUAL CLEAN YOUR STREAMS SEPTEMBER 28, 2024



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Streams

— 28 years of —
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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



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Results by Kickoff

	Volunteers	Sites	Pounds of 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
- 3 BSA Troop 66

Awesome Effort

- 1 BSA Troop 66
- 2 Toledo ZOOTEens
- 3 Ottawa Hills School District

Battle of the Bags

- 1 BSA Troop 66
- 2 Toledo Early College
- 3 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
Creskide Retreat
Directions Credit Union
Fort Industry Chapter - DAR
General Motors
Monroe St. UMC
NSG Group
Oak Openings Region Conservancy
Perrysburg Country Garden Club
William Vaughan Company

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.