PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful along with twelve volunteers from Marienville ABRAXIS and Clarion County Probation participated in removing illegally dumped trash from a rural road alongside the scenic Clarion River. The river is 110 miles in length with 51.7 miles designated as a national wild and scenic river. The Clarion River meanders through narrow valleys of hardwood forest and rock outcrops providing habitat for various fish as well as other wildlife including river otters, bald eagles, osprey, and black bear. The river is also popular for family canoeing and fishing for the trophy brown trout and smallmouth bass.

It is hard to believe that with all this beauty and rich wildlife habitat, in 1909 the Carnegie Institute labeled the river as the most polluted river in Pennsylvania due to the lumber, mining, chemical plants, and paper mills in the area. Today the river is coming back to its pre-industrial age grandeur. This turn about is due to the concerned citizens who took a stand to save and preserve the Clarion River and PA CleanWays is glad to be a part of that grass roots movement to keep Pennsylvania beautiful for all to enjoy.

"These kids have really enjoyed coming out here to help. It gives us a really good feeling to know we have made a difference."

Yvette Carrano
ABRAXIS