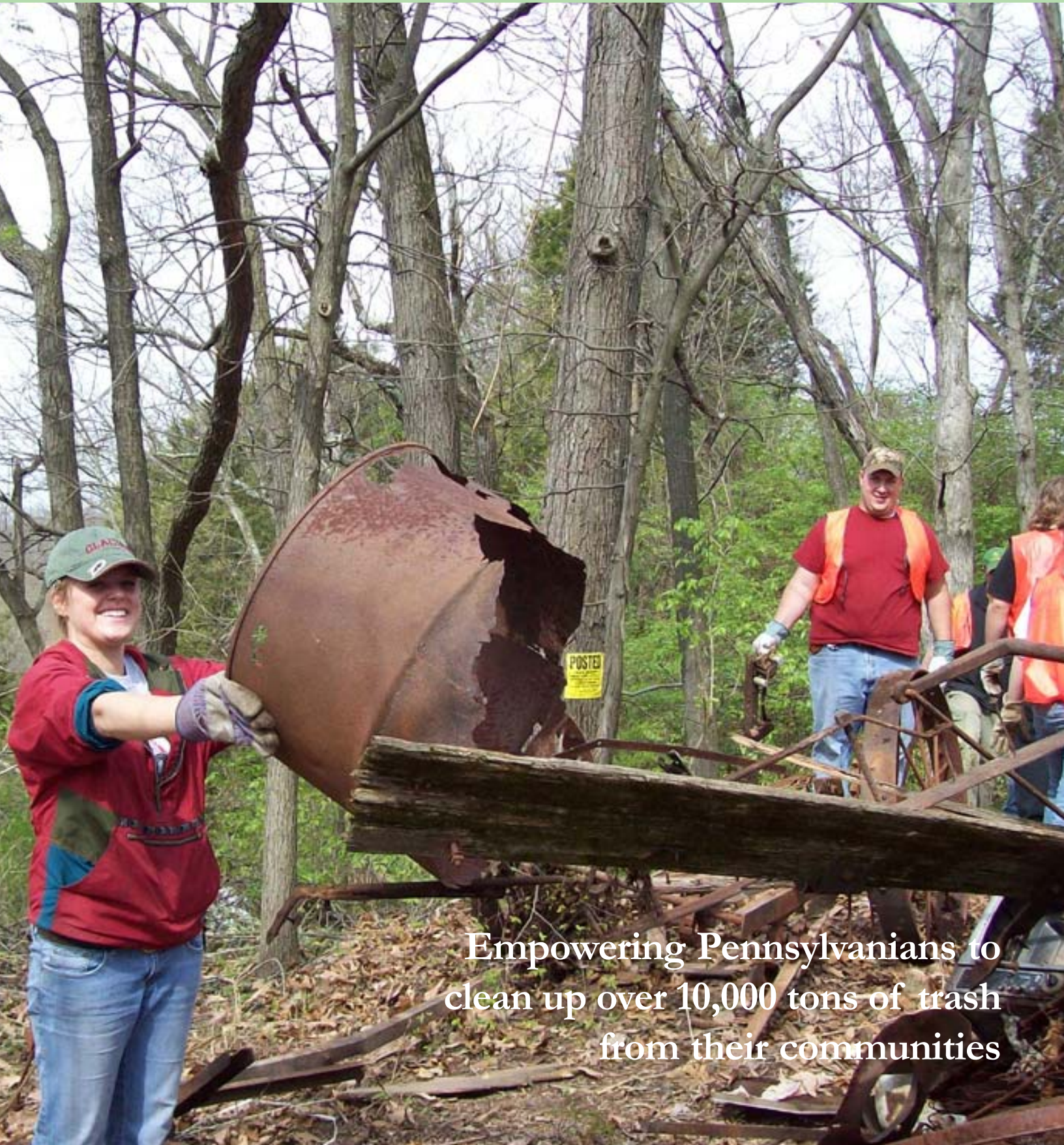




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## Letter from the President

When thinking about places where people might dump, one might think of a secluded 2 lane road in a rural area, a road where a car or two might travel every few hours. An area where curbside trash removal isn't available and residents need to arrange to pay for their own trash pickup or to take their trash to a landfill for proper disposal.

We all know this is not the case. Through our Illegal Dump Survey Program, we are finding that dumping occurs in rural, suburban, and urban areas. Since we started the program in 2005, we have surveyed many urban areas across the state. Recently, we just surveyed the City of Pittsburgh and found 279 dumpsites with an estimated 676 tons of trash. We also just surveyed Lackawanna County, and in Scranton we found 21 dumpsites with an estimated 71.5 tons of trash. In 2006, we did the Dauphin County survey and found 35 dumpsites in Harrisburg containing an estimated 145.5 tons of trash. These numbers don't include private dumps, where people are dumping or littering on their own properties.



The illegal dumping in our cities is a great concern to many and is not an easily solved problem. People are not only dumping in a remote area like a greenway, they are dumping in vacant lots, abandoned structures, around city steps, even near schools. We have assessed sites that are on sidewalks and even in the street. The "broken window theory", developed by James Q. Wilson and George Kelling, suggests that when illegal dumping in neighborhoods and communities becomes status quo, quality of life is impacted and low-level property crime often increases.

To compound the situation even more is that cities provide weekly curbside trash collection and curbside recycling, unlike most rural areas. Yet, in Pittsburgh, of the 276 dumpsites identified, 54% contained recyclables, 64% contained bagged trash, and 73% contained household trash.

These dumpsites have a heavy impact on tax paying residents. In 2007, the Philadelphia Daily News reported the city of Philadelphia spent \$1.9 million cleaning up illegal dumpsites the previous year. Tax payer dollars could be going to street repairs, public transportation, etc., but instead are going to proper trash disposal of illegally dumped waste.

Illegal dumpsites can also impact property values, can be a liability for property owners, and affect property purchases and transfers.

How bad would the problem be in Pittsburgh without the efforts of organizations like Allegheny Cleanways, Redd up Pittsburgh, the Clean Pittsburgh Commission, the Pennsylvania Resources Council, and all of the various neighborhood groups doing cleanups? Additionally, the City of Pittsburgh Department of Public Works does cleanups every spring and fall only to repeatedly find dumping occurring soon thereafter.

A goal of our surveys is to provide the quantitative data necessary to begin addressing the problem through public policy, resource allocation, community education, and cleanups. The "broken window theory" proposes that neighborhood strategies help deter and reduce crime by the fast cleanup of illegally dumped items, litter, and spilled garbage, and by the prompt removal of disposed items. Through PA Cleanways surveys of our various cities across the state, this is occurring and is helping to increase the quality of life for residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Shannon Reiter, President

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# Illegal Dumping & West Nile Virus

Illegal dumpsites are host to a number of negative impacts to our environment, our community, and our health, including the threat of West Nile Virus. Dumpsites all across Pennsylvania offer prime breeding opportunities for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of West Nile Virus. Many items found at dumpsites such as tires, tarps, containers, plastic cups, waste leaves, brush, etc., can capture and hold the small amount of stagnant, standing water needed for mosquito larvae to reach adulthood. Furthermore, dumpsites do not offer the presence of natural mosquito predators such as fish and predaceous aquatic insects.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, West Nile Virus is a potentially serious illness, primarily spread by infected mosquitoes. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. The majority of people infected with West Nile Virus will not show any symptoms. Twenty percent will develop West Nile Fever, which includes symptoms of a fever, headache, tiredness, body aches, skin rash on the trunk of the body, and swollen lymph glands. A very small percentage will develop a more serious form of West Nile Virus, which can include symptoms of a high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness, and paralysis. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days or for several weeks, and in most cases there are no permanent health effects.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, Pennsylvania averaged 14.6 confirmed human cases per year from 2004 to 2008. A multi-agency effort led by the Pennsylvania State Departments of Health, Environmental Protection, and Agriculture, has created a comprehensive program to try to limit the impact of a West Nile Virus outbreak in the Commonwealth.

One of the main objectives of the program is to reduce potential mosquito production. Eliminating places for mosquitoes to breed, i.e. dumpsites, is the preferred solution to mosquito control, and collaboration between government agencies, nonprofit organizations, communities, families, and individuals is needed to achieve the best prevention of West Nile Virus. Luckily, PA CleanWays and its Affiliates, Chapters, and volunteers are doing just that!

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## Illegal Dump Cleanup Trainings

In conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection and their Community Illegal Dump Cleanup Grant, PA CleanWays presented illegal dump cleanup trainings throughout the month of March. The trainings were held at the following DEP Regional Offices across the state; Pittsburgh, Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, and Norristown.

Attendees learned how to assess and reduce the amount of solid waste that is discarded illegally within their own communities. The PA CleanWays' county-based illegal dump survey reports were also reviewed. Access to PA CleanWays' program and educational tools and resources was also presented. Attendees received a Guideline to Illegal Dump Cleanup booklet that provides step-by-step directions on how to coordinate a safe and successful illegal dump cleanup.

Total attendance, including representatives from many of the PA CleanWays chapters, was well over 100. Attendees, including code enforcement officers, township officials, watershed specialists, county recycling coordinators, county solid waste managers, various DEP officials, biologists, attorneys, and waste haulers, to name a few, were able to connect with concerned citizens and other regional organizations to join forces on difficult illegal dumping issues in their community. Enforcement information was presented by DEP and their stories of successful prosecutions.

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is empowering people  
to eliminate illegal  
dumping and littering  
in Pennsylvania.**

# Chapter & Affiliate Highlights

## PA CleanWays Chapters

PA CleanWays of Bedford County  
PA CleanWays of Blair County  
PA CleanWays of Cambria County  
PA CleanWays of Cumberland County  
PA CleanWays of Elk County  
PA CleanWays of Fayette County  
PA CleanWays of Fulton County  
PA CleanWays of Huntingdon County  
PA CleanWays of McKean County  
PA CleanWays of Mifflin County  
PA CleanWays of Perry County  
PA CleanWays of Royal Gardens in Morris Park - West Philadelphia  
PA CleanWays of Somerset County  
PA CleanWays of Venango County  
PA CleanWays of Washington County

## PA CleanWays Affiliates

Allegheny CleanWays  
Clinton County CleanScapes  
PA CleanWays of Butler-Lawrence Counties  
PA CleanWays of Greene County  
Westmoreland Cleanways

*For more information about a chapter or affiliate or to contact a chapter or affiliate go to [www.pacleanways.org](http://www.pacleanways.org).*

## Pharmaceutical Waste

### PA CleanWays of McKean County



One year ago, PA CleanWays of McKean County partnered with Penn State Extension and the local Conservation District to survey local medical facilities to help identify the scope of the problem of pharmaceutical flushing. The findings led to the initiation of an annual pharmaceutical collection. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, PA CleanWays of McKean County held its first unwanted household medication collection at Bradford Hospital in the City of Bradford. In four hours, the chapter collected 750 pounds of prescription and over-the-counter drugs. The controlled medications (narcotics) were escorted by the sheriff's department to the Hamot Medical Center in Erie to be incinerated. The chapter contracted with Environmental Enterprises, Inc. based in Cincinnati, Ohio, to take the uncontrolled medications. The collection was advertised in local papers and chapter members gave educational talks to local senior centers to promote the collection. Bradford Hospital provided an outdoor site for the collection and their head pharmacist sorted the medications as they were brought in. Over 70 people participated in the collection, including some doctors' offices. Participants filled out a brief survey to help with planning future collections. The chapter had a Household Hazardous Waste Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection to help cover costs of the collection and the chapter provided refreshments and lunch for the volunteers.

The issue of proper disposal of unused, unneeded, and expired medication has been on the rise as trace amounts of pharmaceutical waste has been detected in drinking water supplies. To find out about collections near you contact your county's recycling coordinator.

## Chapters Receive Cleanup Grants

PA CleanWays recently received a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection's Community Cleanup Program. The community cleanup program is a partnership among community organizations, environmental groups, local businesses and industry, and local, county and state governments. The program brings together these partners to identify illegal dumps, prioritize and coordinate cleanups, and provide surveillance and enforcement. When possible, PA CleanWays home office submitted grants on behalf of local chapters. PA CleanWays will provide technical assistance to the chapters when needed.

The following is a list of chapters and the sites they will be restoring: PA CleanWays of Blair County - Sugar Run in Allegheny Township (Completed on May 16<sup>th</sup>); PA CleanWays of Cumberland County - Lisburn Community Fire Company in Lower Allen Township - Scheduled November 2009; PA CleanWays of Huntingdon County - Dirt Mountain Road in Cass Township - Scheduled Fall 2009; PA CleanWays of Huntingdon County - Fulcomer Lane in Warriors Mark Township - Scheduled Fall 2009; PA CleanWays of McKean County - Looker Mountain Trail in Foster Township - Date To Be Announced; PA CleanWays of Royal Gardens in Morris Park, West Philadelphia - Mt. Moriah Cemetery in Yeadon Township, Delaware and Philadelphia Counties - Scheduled Summer & Fall 2009.

# Chapter Liberates Area of Last Known Dumpsite

## PA CleanWays of Royal Gardens in Morris Park, West Philadelphia



Nicole Chandler tends to a garden in the PA CleanWays Community of Royal Gardens.

A section of Morris Park of Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, referred to as Royal Gardens, has been adopted by local residents since 2007. These local residents, lead by Nicole Chandler, the administrator of PA CleanWays of Royal Gardens in Morris Park Chapter, West Philadelphia, have been systematically eliminating illegal dumpsites ever since. The group can take a well deserved respite as the last known illegal dumpsite was removed this spring. First a contractor removed 14.1 tons of trash, 45 tires, and 0.75 tons of scrap metal from a steep bank located off of the Ruskin Road section of Morris Park. The job was finished on May 16<sup>th</sup> when 55 volunteers collected an additional 47 bags of trash along Pennwood and Ruskin Road, and 109 bags along Haverford Avenue in addition to 5 bulky items. A native seed mixture was planted to stabilize the bank. This cleanup was coordinated in conjunction with the home office of PA CleanWays who secured funding from the Department of Environmental Protection's Coastal Zone Management Program. Fairmount Parks Commission donated disposal for the volunteer portion of the cleanup.

*In addition to Royal Gardens being a PA CleanWays Community, local residents have also adopted three roads, one park, and one waterway through the PA CleanWays Adoption Program.*

## PA CleanWays Welcomes New Chapters

### PA CleanWays of Fulton, Perry, and Washington Counties



Licking Creek, Fulton County

In March, PA CleanWays welcomed two new chapters to the growing network, PA CleanWays of Fulton County and PA CleanWays of Perry County. It didn't take them long to get into the swing of things as they each did 2 cleanups this spring.

PA CleanWays of Fulton County was developed with the support of the Fulton County Conservation District. Their first cleanup was on Frank Road in Thompson Township on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Ten volunteers removed and properly disposed 2.9 tons of trash and recycled 50 tires. Then, over the course of three days in April, the chapter organized a cleanup along Licking Creek, also in Thompson Township, and removed and properly disposed 3.04 tons of trash and 20 tires.



Boots Hollow Road, Perry County

PA CleanWays of Perry County was developed with the support of the Perry County Commissioners and the Perry County Conservation District. They held two cleanups this spring along Boots Hollow Road in Saville Township. Fifty-six volunteers removed and properly disposed 3.01 tons of trash. They also removed 834 tires which were recycled.

PA CleanWays of Washington County Chapter joined the growing network in July. The chapter was developed with the support of the Washington County Conservation District, Washington County Watershed Alliance, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation, and the Chartiers Creek Watershed Association.

# Cleanup Highlights

For a comprehensive list of cleanups completed from December 1, 2008, through May 31, 2009, see page 9. For a list of cleanups happening in your area go to our websites Calendar of Events.



**Isle of Q in Upper Paxton Township, Dauphin County** - On April 25<sup>th</sup>, 17 hard working volunteers hustled to remove 11.52 tons of trash, 3.31 tons of scrap metal, and 60 tires from an old community farm dump along the Wiconisco Creek. The dumpsite included a huge pile of used oil filters and rusted car parts removed from a steep hillside that looked down on the creek. Upper Paxton Township provided equipment and the Foundation for Enhancing Communities provided the funding for the cleanup. The property owner reseeded the site to prevent erosion into the creek.



**Greg's Woods in Walker Township, Juniata County** - On April 4<sup>th</sup>, twenty-nine dedicated volunteers braved a blustery and cold Saturday morning to help clean up an illegal dumpsite in the Gregory Alan Grening Preserve, which is owned by the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy. The volunteers removed illegally dumped tires, 1.11 tons of scrap metal, and 4.24 tons of trash. An abandoned car was removed prior to the cleanup. A second cleanup will be held in the fall to remove the remainder of the trash. The cleanup was made possible by a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

*Greg's Woods is dedicated to the Mexico, PA, native who loved the woods behind his house and suffered a tragic death at the age of 22.*



**Deibler's Gap in Upper Paxton Township, Dauphin County** - On April 27<sup>th</sup>, a cleanup crew from Millersburg Area High School and Wiconisco Creek Restoration Association worked tirelessly in the heat to remove 2 tons of trash and 60 tires from Deibler's Gap located on the Mahantango Mountain. This was the third phase of a cleanup that netted nearly 8.5 tons of trash and recycled 1.53 tons of scrap metal and more than

600 tires. Support for this project was provided by Upper Paxton Township, local businesses, and the Foundation for Enhancing Communities.

## PA CleanWays Statewide Statistics 1990-June 30, 2009

<b>10,587</b>	Tons of Trash Properly Disposed
<b>383,384</b>	Tires Properly Disposed
<b>25,336</b>	Appliances Recycled
<b>2,174</b>	Tons of Scrap Metal Recycled
<b>44,986</b>	Number of Volunteers
<b>194,404</b>	Number of Volunteer Hours



**Stony Brook in Orange Township, Columbia County** - The June 2006 flood left behind tons of flood debris in the trees and fields above the confluence of Stony Brook with Fishing Creek. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, neighbors donated equipment and joined forces with twenty-five volunteers to collect, sort, and drag the 17.15 tons of debris that included broken piers, appliances, water and propane tanks, and a boat, out of the woods and through the long field to the dumpsters. This cleanup was funded by the Utilities Programs - United States Department of Agriculture.



**Back Branch Road in Mt. Pleasant Township, Columbia County** - Despite past attempts by neighbors to clean and restore the area, the dumping continued along this state route road. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 3.04 tons of trash and 100 tires were cleared from the site by 18 volunteers from Bloomsburg University. PA CleanWays is seeking volunteers to adopt the area to keep it trash-free. Mt. Pleasant Township disposed of the tires. Utilities Programs - United States Department of Agriculture provided funding for this cleanup.



**Lovers Leap in Nicholson Township, Fayette County** - Beautiful, rugged terrain with rocky outcroppings that drop into steep, breathtaking ravines carved out by rushing streams make Lovers Leap the perfect place for sightseeing or for dumping trash. Construction debris, tires, furniture, children's toys, and daily household trash have been a part of the view and landscape for decades. Beginning on December 9, 2008, 86.6 tons of trash and tires have been pulled from the site by a contractor. The cleanup is scheduled to be completed this summer. Nicholson Township will construct a barrier to prevent easy access to the edge of the site to help abate future dumping. Funding for this cleanup was provided by the Richard King Mellon Foundation, Community Foundation of Fayette County, Utilities Programs - United States Department of Agriculture, Wal-Mart, PA CleanWays of Fayette County, and Four-Star Resources.



## Volunteers Turn Out for 2009 Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania

The 2009 Great American Cleanup of PA turned out to be another very successful year for the statewide event held March 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Overall, there were 4,837 events with 171,940 volunteers. Every county in the state had events. Volunteers collected 344,021 bags of trash or 6,880,420 pounds. They cleaned 16,498 miles of roads, railroad tracks, trails, waterways, and shorelines, and 6,986 acres of park and or wetlands. Additionally, volunteers planted 6,264 trees, bulbs, and plants in an effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful. Through education and awareness events, over 20,500 people were reached. It was a tremendous effort by constituents and communities of Pennsylvania!

# Cleanup Highlights

## PA CleanWays Cleanups - December 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009

### **Allegheny**

Ridge Road and McCorkle Road, South Park Twp.  
Tireless Event - Millvale, Pittsburgh City  
Tireless Event - South Side, Pittsburgh City  
Tireless Event - South Side Riverfront Park, Pittsburgh City  
Tireless Event - Strip District Trail, Pittsburgh City

### **Armstrong**

Glade Run Road & Milton Road, Wayne Twp.

### **Bedford**

Graybill Road, King Twp.

### **Blair**

Altoona City Authority Watershed Cleanup, Allegheny Twp.  
Sugar Run, Allegheny Twp.

### **Butler**

Butler Area School District Athletic Field, Butler City  
Connequenessing Creek Cleanup, Forward Twp.  
State Game Lands #95, Parker Twp.

### **Cambria**

Cemetery Road, Portage Twp.  
Willow Beach Road, Summerhill Twp.

### **Clarion**

Whitmer Road & Henry Road, Licking Twp.

### **Clearfield**

Cooper Two & Peale Roads, Cooper Twp.  
Mountain Run Road - T 338 & Nolan Road, Huston Twp.

### **Clinton**

West Branch Susquehanna Riverbank in Renovo, Renovo Borough

### **Columbia**

Back Branch Road, Mount Pleasant Twp.  
Stony Brook, Orange Twp.

### **Cumberland**

Creekside Drive, East Pennsboro Twp.  
Georgetown Crossing, Silver Spring Twp.  
Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg Borough  
Wertz Run Road, North Middleton Twp.

### **Dauphin**

Deibler's Gap Phase III, Upper Paxton Twp.  
Isle of Q Road/Rife Dumpsite, Upper Paxton Twp.

### **Elk**

North Paul Road, St. Marys Borough

### **Fayette**

Allison Road, Davidson Siding & East Ave., Luzerne Twp.  
Baker Hill Road, German Twp.  
Braznell Hill Road, Jefferson Twp.  
Bukovitz Farm Road, German Twp.  
Craig Lane, North Union Twp.  
Duck Hollow, South Union Twp.  
Fallen Timbers Road, Springhill Twp.  
Fawn Ridge Road, Georges Twp.  
Ferguson Road, Dunbar Twp.  
Lovers Leap/Laramins Mill Road, Nicholson Twp.  
Pechin Road, Dunbar Twp.  
Redstone Creek, Gallatin, Penn & Locust Street, Uniontown City

Reservoir Road, Perry Twp.

Shady Side, Georges Twp.

### **Fulton**

Frank Road, Thompson Twp.  
Licking Creek, Thompson Twp.

### **Greene**

North Hills Cleanup #1 & #2, Morris Twp.  
Pettit Road, Washington Twp.  
Turkey Knob Road, Greene Twp.

### **Huntingdon**

East Branch Road Cleanup, Miller Twp.

### **Indiana**

Barkley, Swisco & Kennedy Roads, Conemaugh Twp.  
Bethel Church Road and Hilltop Road, Center Twp.  
Bethel Church & Ream Roads, Center Twp.  
Black Lick Township, Black Lick Twp.  
Deckers Point Road, East Mahoning Twp.  
Hoodlebug Trail Extension, Center Twp.  
Hoodlebug Trail (between Omni and Floodway Park), Center Twp.

Hutchinson Hollow Road, East Wheatfield Twp.

Pepley Road, Washington Twp.

Ray Road, Cherryhill Twp.

### **Jefferson**

Mahoning Shadow Trail - Indian Street to Water Street Punxsutawney Borough

### **Juniata**

Greg's Woods, Walker Twp.

### **Lawrence**

Ewing Park & Ellwood Area Cleanups, Ellwood City Borough

Lee Avenue Ballfield, New Castle City

Slippery Roack Creek, Slippery Rock Twp.

### **Luzerne**

Hayfield & Deer Park Roads, Lehman Twp.

### **Lycoming**

Licking Creek Riverbank Cleanup, Williamsport City

### **McKean**

Riterville Road/Mt. Alton to Roberts Road, Lafayette Twp.

State Game Lands #301, Eldred Twp.

Taintor Road to Bighshanty Road, Lafayette Twp.

### **Mifflin**

Big Ridge Road & Strodes Run Road, Granville Twp.

Church Lane (to Brown Twp. Line), Armagh Twp.

Church Lane, Brown Twp.

Dormantown Road, Decatur Twp.

Fairview Road, Oliver Twp.

Havice Valley Road, Derry Twp.

Jacks Mountain, Oliver Twp.

Kistler Road, Wayne Twp.

Ort Valley Road, Derry Twp.

Peach Orchard Road, Granville Twp.

Strodes Run Road, Granville Twp.

### **Monroe**

Barton Road, Pocono Twp.  
West End Regional Park, Chestnut Hill Twp.

### **Northumberland**

Hickory Corners (T370), Lower Mahanoy Twp.

### **Perry**

Boots Hollow Road I & II, Saville Twp.

### **Philadelphia**

75th & Lansdowne Avenue, Philadelphia City  
Comcast Cares Day, Philadelphia City  
Drezel University & PYAP, Philadelphia City  
Greater Philadelphia Cares, Philadelphia City  
Martin Luther King In-Service Day, Philadelphia City  
Mayor Philly Cleanup, Philadelphia City  
Morris Park Volunteer Cleanup, Philadelphia City  
Morris Park/West End Drive & Ruskin Road, Philadelphia City

PA CleanWays Illegal Dump Day, Philadelphia City

Philadelphia Cares about Fairmount Park Day, Philadelphia City

Rhawn Street - Lexington to Cresco Avenue, Philadelphia City

Royal Gardens in Morris Park, Philadelphia City  
University of Penn Wharton Community, Philadelphia City

### **Venango**

Deep Hollow Road Site I & II & Aires Hill Road, Cranberry Twp.

West End Pond, Oil City

### **Washington**

Dog Run Road (Sites 1-4), Donegal Twp.

Old Washington Road, Peters Twp.

### **Westmoreland**

Beaver Road, Hempfield Twp.  
Buffenmyer Road/Beatty Flats Road/Carney Road Ext., Unity Twp.

Bulltown Road, Murrysville Borough  
Calumet-Mammoth Road/Klejka Road, Mount Pleasant Twp.

Derry Borough Community Cleanup, Derry Borough  
Freeman Falls Road, Mount Pleasant Twp.

Gaither Way, Greensburg City

Hills Church Road, Murrysville Borough

Lattanzio Road Cleanup, Derry Twp.

Lewis Road, Unity Twp.

Matt Shield & Tipple Row Roads, Hempfield Twp.

Moore's Grove Road, Hempfield Twp.

Hill Road, St. Clair Twp.

Old Salem Road, Greensburg City

Old William Penn Highway - Rt. 22 to School Road, Murrysville Borough

Parente Boulevard, Monessen City

Theatre Street, Wildcat Drive, Cat Curve Road, Unity Twp.

Thompson Road, Donegal Twp.

Sardis Road, Murrysville Borough

## Join PACW for International Coastal Cleanup Day

With the help of community volunteers and local businesses, **27.49 tons of trash and 8.56 tons of scrap metal have been removed from the Delaware estuary** by PA CleanWays since our participation began in 2005. For the third year, PA CleanWays is not only participating but serving as cleanup coordinator for southeastern Pennsylvania. If you are interested in coordinating or participating in a cleanup in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, or Philadelphia counties, contact Michelle Dunn at [mdunn@pacleanways.org](mailto:mdunn@pacleanways.org) or 724-836-4121 ext. 113. For assistance in coordinating or participating in events in all other counties in Pennsylvania, contact Leni Herr, statewide coordinator, at 610-451-9058.

Last year's world-wide cleanup engaged nearly 400,000 volunteers who collected more than 6.8 million pounds of trash. There was participation from 104 countries and 42 U.S. states during the 2008 International Coastal Cleanup. **Be a part of the world's largest waterway cleanup and join us on September 19<sup>th</sup> in the fight against litter.** More than 50 percent of debris in our oceans originates inland. Protecting our local waterways is the first step in protecting our oceans. For more information about ICC Day go to [www.oceanconservancy.org](http://www.oceanconservancy.org).



# Adoption & Survey Highlights

## Adopting Greenways Hinkston Run Dam, Cambria County

In fall 2008, with a grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Program, PA CleanWays erected informational signs at selected greenways across the state. The goal of the signs is to educate the public about Pennsylvania's developing greenway system and to seek volunteers to adopt and care for each area. The message is being heard! PA CleanWays was contacted by Jim Buday, a Program Supervisor from the Alternative Community Resource Program (ACRP) in Johnstown. Jim saw the sign at Hinkston Run Dam in Middle Taylor Township and thought that an adoption would be a great fit for the youth who participate in their work service program that strives to create positive change in the community and the environment. ACRP also adopted Patterson Road in Barr Township this year. In 2008, 6.41 tons of trash and 374 tires were removed from Patterson Road. Thanks to ACRP, the site will remain trash free.

*PA CleanWays extends many thanks to Tom Kakabar and the Cambria Somerset Authority. Tom not only granted permission to erect signs at Hinkston Run Dam and Wilmore Dam, but also installed the signs for us. We are currently looking for volunteers to adopt Wilmore Dam.*

## 2009 Illegal Dump Surveys Released

PA CleanWays has released reports for 13 counties, along with the City of Pittsburgh, from their Illegal Dumpsite Survey Program. The following counties were surveyed for dumpsites this past fall and spring; Adams, Armstrong, Centre, Clarion, Forest, Franklin, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Perry, Montgomery, Snyder, Warren, and Westmoreland. Since 2005, PA CleanWays has surveyed 37 counties, locating 4,159 dumpsites with a total estimated tonnage of 14,493 tons.

Funding for this latest round of surveys was provided through grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Richard King Mellon Foundation, the Laurel Foundation, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, and the Community Foundation of Westmoreland County.

With the completion of this round of surveys, the Pennsylvania portions of the Potomac River Watershed and Allegheny National Forest, have been surveyed.

The reports can be viewed and downloaded from the PA CleanWays website at [http://www.pacleanways.org/IDS/ids\\_index.html](http://www.pacleanways.org/IDS/ids_index.html).

Pennsylvanians have been adopting local roads, parks, trails, waterways, city blocks, and even whole communities since 1990 through the PA CleanWays Adoption Program. Our adoption program is a long-term solution to the problem of illegal dumping and littering. We extend our sincere gratitude to all of the adoption volunteers as well as the municipalities and park personnel who make these adoptions possible.



# Education Highlights

## Sue Wiseman Scholarship Awarded



The recipient of this year's \$1,000 Sue Wiseman Scholarship is Jane Hallinan from Altoona Area High School, Blair County. Jane's goal was to create a recycling program that was efficient and easy to use by the 1,800 students and 100 faculty members. As part of her project, Jane educated the student body about the importance of keeping recyclables separate from the trash.

Previous attempts to recycle at the school were unsuccessful because of contamination. Jane arranged for the paper to be picked up and delivered to the local municipality where it would be baled and sold to companies in need of raw materials for new products.

When asked if this project has changed her environmental views, Jane responded, "This program has only fueled my desire to make more of a change in my daily life and community." Jane is attending the Art Institute of Pittsburgh where she plans to pursue interior design. Her goal is to become LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified.

Applicants were judged on initiative and self-motivation, ability to demonstrate leadership, commitment to the environment, use of local resources, partnerships formed, and the project's ability to educate the public. PA CleanWays extends many thanks to our judging team: Sue Wiseman, founder of PA CleanWays; Tim Savisky, PA CleanWays board member and professor of biology

## PA CleanWays Recognizes Youth

Nearly 100 kids from across the state participated in the Litter Hawk Youth Award Program this year. Entries were judged on creativity, the project's ability to convey the chosen subject, and steps taken to educate the public. PA CleanWays is proud to offer a program that gives children and teens an opportunity to express their thoughts and concerns about caring for the environment in a creative way. Below are the winners of this year's program.

### Age group 10 and Under

**Visual Arts Category:** Jessica Socko from Fishing Creek Elementary School in York County submitted a sculpture made entirely of recycled materials. The sculpture is of a cardinal that is angry and about to fly away because her environment has too much litter in it.

**Language Arts Category:** Emma Teed and Jaymie Harclerode from Windber Area Elementary in Somerset County composed a play titled "Litter Patrol" about a young girl who thoughtfully urges a peer not to litter. After careful consideration, the peer realizes that keeping the environment clean is cool and the two girls become the best of friends.

**Community Outreach:** Teah, Nolan, and Nakai Bussell, Rebecca, Sophie, and Xenia Meholick, and Ayden Cherico from Dubois, Clearfield County, organized a community cleanup. These homeschoolers picked up litter in yards, parking lots, and the nearby woods, and even created posters to educate the neighborhood residents about the importance of putting litter in its place.

### Age Group 11-18

**Visual Arts:** Sam White from Infinity Charter School in Harrisburg, Dauphin County, created a thoughtful sculpture using one week's worth of recycling. Sam's sculpture illustrates a large volume of items that could and should be recycled but are not, as opposed to the smaller quantity of items that actually make it to the recycling facility.

**Language Arts:** *No entries received*

**Community Outreach:** The Environmental Stewardship Club from West Perry High School in Landisburg, Perry County, performed many educational and stewardship programs as part of their project. The club organized a poster contest for the elementary schools in the district where the winning entry was printed on a placemat and used at a local diner, conducted a school-yard trash pick up, and instituted a recycling program.

Winners in the 10 and under age group received a gift card in the amount of \$75, while winners in the 11-18 age group received a gift card in the amount of \$100. They were encouraged to use the gift cards in a manner that would enhance their environmental knowledge.

## Volunteer Spotlight



PA CleanWays would like to recognize Bill Nace from Millersburg for his endless energy, strength, and general support at PA CleanWays events. In addition to participating in the Isle of Q farm dump cleanup on Earth Day, Bill has volunteered for three cleanups at Deibler's Gap in Dauphin County where

he was committed to working with the local property owners to get them onboard. Without the property owner's permission, a cleanup could not have taken place. He also helped coordinate the 22-mile Wicinisco Creek cleanup in April, 2007. Bill is a strong example of how PA CleanWays programming works. It is often a local committed resident who empowers others in the community to effect change. Bill is also very active with the Wicinisco Creek Restoration Association and the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Arts.

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