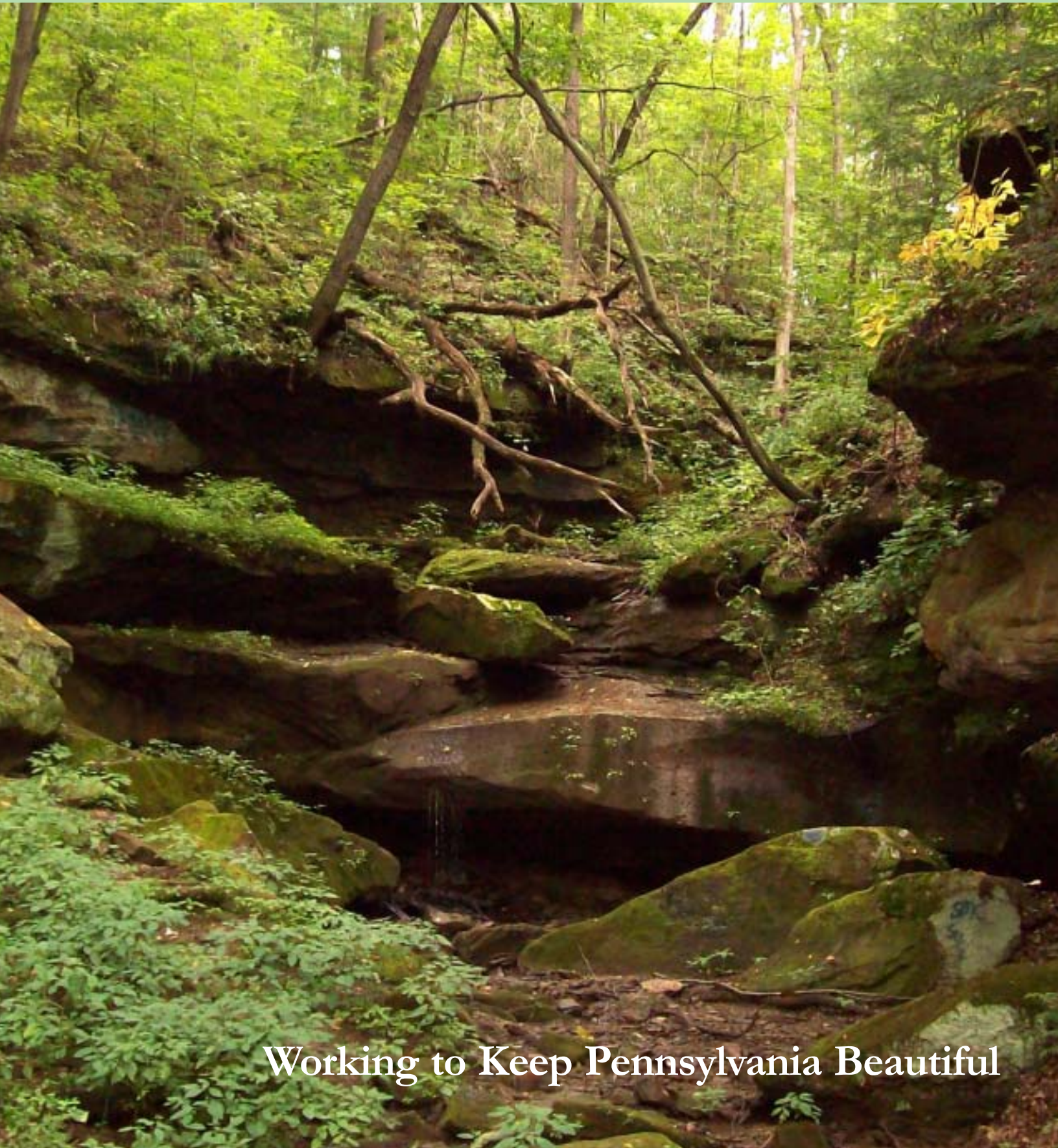


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Letter from the President

My last letter to you in the winter ended with me saying, "2010 promises to be a very busy year for PA CleanWays and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful! I am looking forward to the many opportunities ahead for our shared mission as we continue to build what will prove to be a stronger, more effective and sustainable organization for Pennsylvania citizens and our environment." Six months later, I can say everyone within the organization has invested themselves and more in achieving this goal.

In the beginning of March, we held a roundtable meeting with chapters, affiliates, and key stakeholders such as Keep America Beautiful to discuss resources available and what the needs were for the organization at the national, state, and local levels. The turnout was terrific and the feedback and openness was even better. The sentiment coming out of the meeting was that this new organization needs to still focus on the component that has made it unique from others in our field, its grassroots network and local viability. What was also evident was the opportunity to get more resources to the network in a way to make them more effective and sustainable.

Our Board of Directors has also been a huge asset moving the organization forward. The aspects of merging organizations are varied and complex. Bylaws, personnel policies, and other human resource materials need evaluated and rewritten. Committees have been formed to facilitate action on these issues along with others such as branding. We have gone through an extensive search following strict protocol to determine the proper firm to lead us to an opportunity to develop a new branding package and logo to reintroduce ourselves to Pennsylvanians as the new Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Through a grant from the Richard King Mellon Foundation, we will be able to tackle this initiative over the summer and early fall. We will have a final product to be introduced at the annual meeting at the end of October. I, along with the Board of Directors, share the knowledge of the importance and magnitude of the decisions to come over the next few months that will direct the organization in the years to come.

The staff of the organization has also been tremendous throughout this entire process. Like those throughout the organization, many staff members have been with PA CleanWays for a long time. All of the staff has a deep devotion to the organization and the people it serves. The staff has been kept up to date about the process since the first meeting 18 months ago and has contributed feedback, ideas, and support. They, as well, understand the importance of this process and making the organization more sustainable moving forward.

For many, including me, seeing the name PA CleanWays no longer at the state level will be difficult. It is a name that has been linked to so many great efforts across the state to cleanup and beautify; to educate and empower others to believe they could make a difference in their community. While the name may be different, that drive will not go away and the opportunities to make that difference will increase as the message and mission gets to more people. We will continue to work diligently in this effort and I look forward to the outcome and its presentation when we come together at the Fred Rogers Center in Latrobe, PA, in October.



Shannon Reiter, President
PA CleanWays -
Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful



Keep America Beautiful



Keep America Beautiful, Inc. is the nation's largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. With a network of nearly 1,000 affiliate and participating organizations, Keep America Beautiful forms public-private partnerships and programs that engage individuals to take greater responsibility for improving their community's environment.

As a recognized leader in community improvement, Keep America Beautiful is guided by the following principles: **Education:** This is the key to encouraging positive behaviors toward community improvement; **Individual Responsibility:** Improving communities, their environment, and quality of life all begins with personal responsibility — individuals becoming more engaged as citizens and stewards of the environment; **Public-Private Partnerships:** Broad-based community alliances are essential to achieve sustainable community improvement; **Volunteer Action:** By engaging volunteers we extend the reach of our education and multiply the impact of our actions.

Keep America Beautiful changes behaviors and improves communities through a focus on: **Litter Prevention:** Defining litter, identifying the causes, and reducing it by organizing cleanups and promoting proper handling of discarded waste in our communities; **Waste Reduction and Recycling:** Reducing the impact of solid waste in our communities through integrated programs including responsible consumerism, source reduction and reuse, recycling and education about landfills, and composting and waste-to-energy; **Beautification:** Improving the visual aspects of our communities through programs that beautify and naturally clean our environment including community gardens, restoring vacant lots, highway and shoreline beautification, urban forests, native and wildflower plantings, and graffiti prevention and abatement. (Taken from www.kab.org)

Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania



Duncan Road, Madison Township, Armstrong County.



Michelle Dunn, PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, presents a leaf blower to Michael Edwards from the Connellsville Cultural Trust.

From March 1st through May 31st, Pennsylvanians joined an ambitious statewide effort to remove trash and litter from the state's roads, streams, parks, and neighborhoods. PA CleanWays – Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful partnered with PennDOT in administering the statewide program in which there were 4,822 events covering all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties. An impressive 186,487 volunteers removed 603,537 bags of trash, or 12,070,740 pounds, from Pennsylvania's landscape. Troy-Bilt, a national sponsor of Keep America Beautiful, graciously donated two backpack leaf blowers and two trimmers. The items were presented to randomly selected Great American Cleanup of Pennsylvania registered participants.

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PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's mission is empowering people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Pennsylvania.

Chapter & Affiliate Highlights

PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Chapters

PA CleanWays of Bedford County
PA CleanWays of Blair County
PA CleanWays of Cambria County
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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 - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful 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.

Keep America Beautiful and Anheuser - Busch Help Clean Up

PA CleanWays of Washington County



These volunteers are proud of a job well done.

On April 14th, PA CleanWays of Washington County partnered with PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful home office staff to organize and clean a stretch of road near Finleyville in Peters Township. Extra assistance provided by Lawver Tire Disposal at the site helped remove 64 tires, a large refrigerated display case and rolls of heavy, wet carpeting. Peters Township provided man power and dump trucks to load and haul

the 1.4 tons of collected waste to the landfill. A vehicle battery and several buckets of paint residue were handled by DEP prior to the cleanup.

Despite the changing landscape of nearby community development this area still maintains its rural country setting as evidenced by the wild turkey, white-tailed deer, and red fox seen that day. Most of the debris removed was older, but adoption by an interested group to ensure continued stewardship is needed.

“Dump Busters” Respond Quickly

Allegheny CleanWays



Gil Gillman, often keeps some of the neat things he finds.

Removing the trash swiftly, before there is a chance for it to grow, sends the message that someone is watching and caring for that area and most often deters subsequent dumping. In response to this philosophy, Allegheny CleanWays has formed an A-Team of dumpsite eradicators. Known as the “Dump Busters,” this rapid response team currently consists of a small band of eight committed volunteers who are ready at short

notice to tackle small dumpsites quickly, without organizing a community event. If the site is a known, active dumpsite, the police are notified and additional surveillance of the area is requested. There is a \$10,000 fine for illegally dumping trash in the city of Pittsburgh.

The Dump Busters latest project was removing 2 tons of roofing material, a dump truck full of brush and logs, and a pick-up load of trash, rugs, and a toilet that was dumped behind the West Penn field parking lot. The group has asked the property owner to monitor the site for new dumping. They will continue to help keep the site clean.

“Ideally, we would like to prevent this dumping from occurring in the first place, but having the site eradicated immediately by the Dump Busters is the next best thing,” Bob McKinly, Allegheny CleanWays Executive Director.

News and Notes

PA CleanWays Chapters & Affiliates

PA CleanWays of Cambria County

PA CleanWays of Cambria County received a grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies to support their Fugitive Tire Program. This funding, along with chapter funding, allowed two Boy Scout troops to remove over 1,500 tires from Cambria County's landscapes. Boy Scout Troop 115, who has participated in the program for years, collected 1,000 tires from sites in Barr, Elder, Susquehanna, and West Carroll Townships. Boy Scout Troop 11, a first-time participant, picked up a total of 539 tires from a site on Swiggle Mountain Road in Jackson Township. Both Boy Scout Troops are already looking forward to participating in the program next year.

PA CleanWays of Mifflin County

PA CleanWays of Mifflin County was honored by the Mifflin County Planning Commission at their annual dinner on April 1, 2010. They received the Community Planning Award for the work they have done to rid the county of illegal dumps. The chapter focuses on organized cleanups of illegal dumps, special collection events of items such as tires, the promotion of recycling, and educating the public about illegal dumping and littering. Since its inception in 2001, PA CleanWays of Mifflin County has held 61 cleanups that removed and properly disposed 174.65 tons of trash. Additionally, the chapter has recycled over 4,000 tires.

PA CleanWays of Venango County

PA CleanWays of Venango County was invited to present at the 14th Annual Northwest Pennsylvania Forests & Forest Landowners Conference at Penn State University Behrend College. The topic of the presentation was the impact of illegal dumping on private landowners. Erik Johnson, chapter administrator, and Sue Urchek, PA CleanWays Program Specialist, were the presenters. In additional news, the chapter received a grant of \$250 from their local Wal-Mart store to help with cleanup expenses.

PA CleanWays of Washington County

PA CleanWays of Washington County was awarded a \$1,500 grant from Keep America Beautiful through its Cigarette Litter Prevention Program. With this funding, the chapter purchased and installed cigarette receptacles at various locations at Canonsburg Lake, which is in Peters and North Strabane Townships. They also purchased hundreds of portable ashtrays to hand out to fisherman and other visitors to the lake. The chapter did a cigarette butt count this spring prior to the receptacles being installed and will do another count at the end of August with the goal of finding less butts on the ground. Canonsburg Lake is a 76-acre lake that is used for fishing, boating, and other recreational activities. There are many species of fish in the lake, including bass, bluegills, crappies, and trout.

Westmoreland Cleanways

In honor of Earth Day's 40th anniversary, Westmoreland Cleanways sponsored and exhibited at one of the state's largest Earth Day celebrations at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe. This family focused event draws the surrounding community to enjoy information and activities provided by more than 80 exhibitors, representative of nonprofit groups and state and federal organizations all working to protect, restore, and enhance the local environment. The celebration included walking tours, watershed exhibits, demonstrations, kid's activities, and plenty of information on keeping the environment clean and beautiful.

Keep America Beautiful Affiliates in Pennsylvania

Keep Allentown Beautiful

During the Great Allentown Cleanup, 900 volunteers collected 450 bags of trash, 100 tires, and planted 200 flowers.

Contact: Ann Saurman
Email: saurman@allentowncity.org
Phone: (610)437-7582

Keep Lancaster County Beautiful

1,090 volunteers participated in various events during the Great American Cleanup, including collecting 11.9 tons of trash from local roads, parks, and trails.

Contact: Barb Baker
Email: bbaker@lcswwa.org
Web Site: www.lcswwa.org
Phone: (717)397-9968

Keep Philadelphia Beautiful

During Philadelphia's Great American Cleanup kick-off event, 11,313 volunteers helped collect 670 tons of trash, and 70 tons of recyclable material.

Contact: Phoebe Coles
Email: pcoles@algxmail.com
Web Site: www.keepphiladelphiabeautiful.org
Phone: (215)477-0235

Keep York Beautiful

During the Keep York Beautiful neighborhood spring litter cleanup, 258 volunteers collected 3.4 tons of trash.

Contact: Michael Miller
Email: Mmiller1947@comcast.net
Phone: (717)852-1529

Reading Beautification, Inc.

Volunteers picked up 150 tires and over 50 tons of trash during the Great American Cleanup.

Contact: Dale Gresh
Email: dalegresh@gmail.com
Phone: (484)256-8369

Cleanup Highlights

For a comprehensive list of cleanups completed from December 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, see page 8. For a list of cleanups happening in your area go to our website's Calendar of Events at <http://www.pacleanways.org/calendar.html>.



Little Boston Road, Miller Township, Perry County

On May 14th, volunteers braved hot and humid conditions and monstrous amounts of poison ivy to clean up an illegal dumpsite along Little Boston Road. Volunteers removed 219 tires and 0.69 tons of furniture, mattresses, construction and demolition materials, vehicle parts, recyclables, carpeting, and household trash. Volunteer Nevin Rice donated the use of his tractor and winch. Cocolamus Creek Disposal Service provided a reduced dumpster and hauling rate, and PennDOT donated gloves, garbage bags, and safety vests. The cleanup was also part of the Great American Cleanup of PA. Located next to the mouth of Shermans Creek and the Susquehanna River, the dumpsite threatened water quality, flora, and fauna. In addition, the area provides birding, boating, canoeing, and other recreational opportunities. This cleanup was funded by the Utilities Program, United States Department of Agriculture.

"I am so encouraged when I see what big things can be accomplished by a small group of determined volunteers. The trashed sites seemed to be miraculously transformed with a few hours of hard work led by PA CleanWays and township staff."

*Sharon McDonald, Volunteer
Hollow Road, Perry County
April 21, 2010*



Rand Farm, McKean Township, Erie County

On Saturday, October 24th, twenty-one dedicated volunteers made an impressive start in eliminating several inactive, illegal dumpsites located on the Lake Erie Region Conservancy's Rand Farm in McKean Township, Erie County. Participating volunteers from the local community, Abraxas Youth Service, Penn State University's Behrend Campus, Lake Erie Region Conservancy, Pennsylvania Sea Grant, and Mercyhurst College removed and properly disposed 3.82 tons of trash. Rand Farm, a 46-acre property, is a vital part of the Elk Creek natural greenway system and offers the largest and most popular fishing stream in the county – Elk Creek, which is nationally recognized for its world-class steelhead fishing. Cleanup funding was provided by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

"PA CleanWays assistance removing the wastes that had been dumped on the property over the years is a tremendous public service. Thank you."

*Richard Strawn, Volunteer
Rand Farm, Erie County
October 24, 2010*

International Coastal Cleanup



Tallying results in Montgomery County.

PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is proud to partner with the Ocean Conservancy for the 25th annual International Coastal Cleanup, an event that brings together hundreds of thousands of volunteers from countries all over the world to remove debris from our beaches and waterways. Because trash travels to the ocean by way of storm drains and waterways, cleanups are also coordinated inland, along lakes, streams, and rivers. Be a part of the world's most astounding grassroots cleanup effort and join us on September 25th as we help coordinate cleanups in Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties by contacting Michelle Dunn at mdunn@pacleanways.org or 877-772-3673. For information about cleanups in Erie County contact Don Benczkowski of DEP's Coastal Resources Management Program at 814- 217-9634 or dbenczkows@state.pa.us. For assistance with events in all other counties in Pennsylvania, contact Leni Herr, statewide coordinator, at 610-451-9058. For more information about ICC Day go to www.oceanconservancy.org.



Diehl Road, Napier Township, Bedford County

On April 27th, REI, Inc., PA CleanWays of Bedford County, and PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful partnered to clean up an illegal dumpsite located along Diehl Road in Napier Township. As a celebration of Earth Week and part of the Great American Cleanup of PA, twenty-four employees from the REI Bedford Distribution Center worked to remove 4.61 tons of trash and 118 tires from a 0.6 mile stretch of Diehl Road. WSI Sandy Run Landfill, Inc., donated proper disposal of the trash, and the tires were recycled at Penn Turf, Inc., in Hollidaysburg. PennDOT also donated gloves, bags, and safety vests. REI, Inc., provided funding for the cleanup.



Licking Creek, Thompson Township, Fulton County

On April 4th, PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and PA CleanWays of Fulton County pooled resources to coordinate the second volunteer cleanup of a site located along Licking Creek. Local volunteers and community partners removed a total of 9.85 tons, 120 tires, 84 bags of recyclables, and 1 ton of scrap metal from the site in eastern Fulton County where Licking Creek joins the Potomac River near Hancock, Maryland. Residents of Fulton County were asked to monitor the site and report subsequent dumping in an effort to keep the area clean. Cleanup funding was provided by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.



Josephine Street, City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

On April 17th, PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, Allegheny CleanWays, Pennsylvania Resources Council, Duquesne University, and various businesses from the South Side kicked off World Environment Day by removing trash and graffiti throughout the South Side. Volunteers from Phi Kappa Theta/Duquesne University and local supporters removed 40 bags of trash, 40 tires, and 2 tons of scrap metal from the steep slope at the intersection of Josephine Street and Arlington Avenue. Volunteers received complimentary Pittsburgh Pirate tickets and enjoyed tasty treats from various restaurants from the South Side. Funding for the cleanup was provided by Keep America Beautiful, Anheuser-Busch, with local support from Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale Company.

Pittsburgh was selected the North American host city by the United Nations Environment Programme to join the World Environment Day 2010. Area government officials, businesses, organizations, and individuals scheduled events that fit the theme "Biodiversity – Ecosystems Management and the Green Economy."

PA CleanWays Statewide Statistics 1990 - June 30, 2010	
12,037	Tons of Trash Properly Disposed
415,315	Tires Properly Disposed
25,983	Appliances Recycled
2,272	Tons of Scrap Metal Recycled
53,224	Number of Volunteers
230,720	Number of Volunteer Hours

Cleanup Highlights

PA CleanWays Cleanups - December 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Adams

Bittle Road, Germany Twp.
Cold Springs Road Site 1, Hamiltonban Twp.
Cold Springs Road Site 2, Hamiltonban Twp.
District Road, Hamiltonban Twp.
High Rock Road, Hamiltonban Twp.
Newman Road, Hamiltonban Twp.

Allegheny

Diaz Way, Pittsburgh City
Duquesne Heights, Pittsburgh City
Heidelberg Borough
Planet Street, Pittsburgh City
Pocusset Street, Pittsburgh City
Sylvan Avenue, Pittsburgh City
Tireless Event - South Side Monongahela
Riverfront, Pittsburgh City
Tireless Friday Chateau Trail, Pittsburgh City

Armstrong

Duncan Road, Madison Twp.
Greengate Road/Bish Lane, Madison Twp.
Hemlock Road, South Bend Twp.
Village Road T630, Plumcreek Twp.

Bedford

Bob's Creek Annual Cleanup, Lincoln Twp.
Diehl Road, Napier Twp.
Sweet Root Road, Bedford Twp.

Blair

Eastview Street, Blair Twp.
River Road, Blair Twp.

Bucks

Bradford Reservoir, Warrington Twp.

Butler

Darlington Road/Miller Road, Cranberry
Twp.
Ritts Park, Butler City

Cambria

Cemetery Road, Portage Twp.
Cemetery Road, Adams Twp.
Eastbourne-Bloom Dump, Cambria Twp.
Hinkston Run Dam Area, Middle Taylor Twp.
Hockenberry Road, Elder Twp.
Hufford Hill Road, Portage Twp.
Patterson Road, Barr Twp.
Pike Road, Jackson Twp.
River Road, Patton Borough
St. Joe's Road, West Carroll Twp.
Willow Beach Road, Summerhill Twp.
WPA Road, Adams Twp.

Centre

Gilltown Trailhead Phase 2, Snow Shoe Twp.
Old Mountain Road, Haines Twp.

Clarion

Black Fox Road Phase 2, Perry Twp.
Concord Church Road Phase 2, Perry Twp.

Clearfield

Mountain Run Road, Huston Twp.
Nolan Road, Huston Twp.

Clinton

Fishing Creek Streambank Cleanup, Mill Hall
Borough
Glen Road, Allison Twp.

Cumberland

Lisburn Community Fire Co., Lower Allen
Twp.

Wertz Run Road, North Middleton Twp.

Delaware

Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Yeadon Borough and
Philadelphia City

Elk

North Paul Road, St. Marys Borough
Oknefski Road, Ridgway Twp.

Erie

Rand Farm Sites 2 & 3, McKean Twp.

Fayette

Allison Road/Davidson Siding, Luzerne
Twp.
Baker Hill Road, German Twp.
Cole Road, Wharton Twp.
Colvin Road, Redstone Twp.
Craig Lane, North Union Twp.
Derry Hill Road, Georges Twp.
Duck Hollow, South Union Twp.
Elliotsville Road, German Twp.
Leckrone-Highhouse Road, German Twp.
New Geneva Back Road, Nicholson Twp.
Newcomer Road, Redstone Twp.
Redstone Creek, Gallatin, Penn & Locust
Street, Uniontown City
Reservoir Road, Perry Twp.
River Road, Perry Twp.

Fulton

Licking Creek Phase 2, Thompson Twp.

Greene

Pettit Road, Washington Twp.
Turkey Knob Road, Greene Twp.

Huntingdon

Alexandria Pike, Porter Twp.
Dirt Mountain Road, Cass Twp.

Indiana

Barkley, Swisco & Kennedy Roads, Conemaugh
Twp.

Buterbaugh Road Phase 2, Grant Twp.
Hilltop Road, White Twp.

Hoodlebug Trail (between Omni and
Floodway Park), Center Twp.
Hoodlebug Trail Extension, Center Twp.
Hutchinson Hollow Road, East Wheatfield
Twp.

McHenry Road, White Twp.
North Elkin Road Phase 2, North Mahoning
Twp.

Pepley Road, Washington Twp.
Ray Road, Cherryhill Twp.

Jefferson

Brookville Historic District, Brookville
Borough
Center Hill Road, Knox Twp.
Mahoning Shadow Trail (Sisk Vassallo), Young
Twp.
Mahoning Shadow Trail (Cloe Road to Elbel
Road), Punxsutawney Borough

Lackawanna

Tree Line Trail, Abington Twp.

Lawrence

Erskine Quarry Road, Mahoning Twp.
Ewing Park and River Road, Ellwood City
Borough

Neshannock Creek & Cascade Quarry
Cleanup, Hickory Twp.

Muddy Creek Road, Slippery Creek Twp.
Muddy Creek, Slippery Roack Twp.

Luzerne

Hayfield and Deer Park Roads, Lehman
Twp.

McKean

Looker Mt. Trail, Foster Twp.
Riterville Road/Mt. Alton to Roberts Road,
Lafayette Twp.

Mercer

Greenwood Drive, Grove City Borough

Mifflin

Big Ridge Road/Ort Valley Road, Granville
Twp.

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

Church Lane/Queen Street Extension,
Brown Twp.

Fairview Road, Oliver Twp.
Havice Valley Road, Derry Twp.
Jacks Mountain Road, Oliver Twp.
Ort Valley Road, Derry Twp.
Peach Orchard Road, Granville Twp.
Three Cent Lane, Brown Twp.

Monroe

Barton Glen Drive, Pocono Twp.
West End Regional Park, Chestnuthill Twp.

Northumberland

Bunker Hill Ball Field, Coal Twp.
Hickory Corners II, Lower Mahanoy Twp.

Perry

Hollow Road, Greenwood Twp.
Little Boston Road, Penn Twp.
Lower Bailey Road, Miller Twp.
Mays Hollow Road, Tuscarora Twp.
New Ridge Road, Tuscarora Twp.

Philadelphia

75th and Lansdowne Avenue, Philadelphia
City
Baldwin School, Philadelphia City
Civic Group and Merrimack College Group,
Philadelphia City
Comcast Cares Day, Philadelphia City
Greater Philadelphia Cares, Philadelphia City
Haverford & Lansdowne to 75th &
Lansdowne, Philadelphia City
Martha Rosen Planting Day, Philadelphia City
Martin Luther King In-Service Day,
Philadelphia City
New Apostolic Church, Philadelphia City
Rhawn Street (Lexington to Cresco Ave.),
Philadelphia City
Royal Gardens Community Cleanup,
Philadelphia City
Royal Gardens - Park Maintenance Day,
Philadelphia City
Temple University Student's for
Environmental Action, Philadelphia City

Venango

Durkin Road Sites 1 and 2, Cornplanter Twp.

Washington

Devil's Den Road Phase 2, Hanover Twp.
Dog Run Road, Donegal Twp.
Earth Day Cleanup, Canton Twp.
McClelland Road, Peters Twp.
Sichi Hill Road Phase 3, Nottingham Twp.

Westmoreland

Brouwers Drive, Unity Twp.
Buffenmyer Road/Beatty Flats Road/Carney
Road Ext., Unity Twp.
Cribb Station Road, Hempfield Twp.
Gaither Way, Greensburg City
Hills Church Road, Murrysville Borough
Lewis Road (Aestique to Route 30), Unity
Twp.
Meadowbrook Road, Penn Twp.
Moore's Gove Road, Hempfield Twp.
Old Salem Road (#1011 to #1105),
Hempfield Twp.
Old William Penn Highway, Salem Twp.
Pleasant Valley Park, Murrysville Borough
Racetrack Road/North Center Ave.
Extension, Hempfield Twp.
Simpson Road/White's Hill Road, Hempfield
Twp.
Tarr Hollow Road/Bulltown Road,
Murrysville Borough
Wildcat Way, Unity Twp.



Adoptions, Surveys, & Education

Protecting Our Greenways 23 miles of the Clarion River Adopted



Volunteers Clean up Cook Forest State Park.

A 23-mile section of the Clarion River stretching through Elk and Forest counties has been officially adopted by the proprietor of Cook Riverside Cabins, Inc., located in Cooksburg, PA.

The 2008 cleanup coordinated by PA CleanWays and PA CleanWays of Elk County and funded by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation

was the spark that ignited the interest in adopting this section of the Clarion River that flows through Cook Forest and Allegheny National Forest. Forty-eight volunteers removed 8.46 tons of trash and scrap metal from sites in Bendigo State Park, Ridgway, River Road in Sigel, and Cook Forest State Park. In addition, Millstone Township cleaned several other dumpsites with their manpower and equipment.

The Clarion River not only provides an abundance of recreational opportunities, it also is an important greenway corridor. A greenway is a linear corridor of open space that includes land and water trails and serves to protect the environment. Once polluted by abandoned mine drainage near Bendigo State Park, the Clarion River now provides excellent trout fishing opportunities. The Cook Forest State Park area is famous for its stands of old growth forest with towering white pines and hemlocks. Thanks to the folks at Cook Riverside Cabins for helping to protect and restore this local treasure.

Illegal Dump Survey Update



East Palestine Road, Beaver County



Fruit Hill Road, Clearfield County

PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful released reports for 12 counties in July from their Illegal Dumpsite Survey Program. The following counties were surveyed for dumpsites this past fall and spring; Beaver, Blair, Cambria, Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lebanon, Mifflin, Union, and York. PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has surveyed 49 counties, locating 5,098 dumpsites with a total estimated tonnage of 15,805.32 tons. The illegal dump surveys can be downloaded at www.pacleanways.org/IDS/ids_index.html.

Funding for this latest round of surveys was provided through grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, the Robert A. Anderson Family Fund and the Codorus Watershed Endowment of the York County Community Foundation, as well as a contribution from the Watershed Alliance of York.

PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful plans to survey seven counties this fall.

Open Your Eyes to Litter Keeping Our Greenways Clean



PA CleanWays – Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has created the fifth book in the series, *Open Your Eyes to Litter: Keeping Our Greenways Clean*. The theme of the new book, geared toward kids in fourth through sixth grades, is how litter and illegal dumping impact greenways and why it's important to keep our environment clean. The book highlights eight greenways across Pennsylvania, provides activities throughout, and details the functions and benefits that greenways provide. This book addresses PA Department of Academic Standards and will be available this fall by calling the PA CleanWays office.

Developed with funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

Act 48 Certification



The Pennsylvania Department of Education has renewed Act 48 approved provider status to PA CleanWays – Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Act 48 legislation requires that all certified educators complete 180 hours of professional development that complies with their school district's plan every five years to maintain active certification. This status allows PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful to offer workshops to teachers in return for hours counted towards their requirement.

Many of PA CleanWays - Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful educational materials also address the Pennsylvania Department of Education state standards. Visit www.pacleanways.org for a list of materials.

Education & Volunteer Spotlight

Litter Hawk Youth Awards



Ashley Funk (center) and Pollution Patrol.

Offered since 2004, the Litter Hawk Youth Award Program invites kids across the state to share their ideas, concerns, and hopes for the future of their environment. Entries were judged on creativity, the project's ability to convey the chosen subject, and steps taken to educate the public. 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.

Age Group 11-18

Visual Arts: Christian Long, age 15, from Blue Mountain High School in Schuylkill County and an active member of the school's "Green Club" designed and developed a "Recycling Depot" which was on display at the high school to increase awareness of items that can and can not be recycled.

Language Arts: Hannah McClendon, age 12, from Canonsburg Middle School in Washington County wrote a poem about recycling entitled, "What Can We Do?". Hannah illustrates the effect that humans have on the environment.

Community Outreach (pictured): Ashley Funk, age 16, from Mount Pleasant Area High School in Westmoreland County formed Pollution Patrol, a student run club that is dedicated to helping to clean the local environment. The group has established a recycling program in Mount Pleasant Area High School and has promoted recycling in the community.

Age Group 10 and Under

Visual Arts/Language Arts Categories: Students from Fishing Creek Elementary School in York County collectively won for their projects that carried an inspirational message. Each student submitted a poem, play, or poster design that encouraged recycling, proper disposal, beautification, and litter prevention.

(No entries were received in the community outreach category in the 10 and under age group)

Sue Wiseman Scholarship



Joy Best sharing clean waterway information with local students.

The winner of the year's Sue Wiseman Scholarship is Joy Best. Joy, age 17, from Buxmont Christian Educational Institute in Philadelphia, designed, developed, and implemented an Environmental Awareness Festival for the purpose of engaging and involving urban youth about the importance of caring for the environment. In its second year, the festival which is held on Earth Day, was a mix of exhibits and activities centered around solar energy, water protection, recycling, and proper disposal. Joy partnered with the local library and elementary school, as well as students ages 9 to 11 who helped with the day's festivities.

Joy's goal is to reach out to other youth based organizations to help grow the Environmental Awareness Festival. When asked why this project is so important to her, she responded, "I believe in the circle of life. Everything is connected in one way or another and it is important for me to stand up for issues as pollution, conservation, preservation, education, and youth."

Applicants were judged on initiative and self-motivation, ability to demonstrate leadership, commitment to the environment, use of local resources, partnerships formed, and the projects ability to educate the public. PA CleanWays extends many thanks to a panel of judges including: Sue Wiseman, founder of PA CleanWays; Richard Ebeling, Manager, Highway Beautification Program for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, and PA CleanWays Board Member; and Timothy Savisky, Professor of Biology at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg and PA CleanWays Board Member.

Volunteer Spotlight



Tracy and fellow volunteers at the Alexandria Pike Cleanup.

Tracy Garthe, a PA CleanWays of Huntingdon County volunteer, is no stranger to picking up trash. "The first roadside litter cleanup I ever did was when I was 5 years old. I distinctly remember doing a cleanup on my 5th birthday on the way to ice skating lessons. I ripped my brand new pink skating tights. It was for the good of the cause, but at that age I just cried. It's instinctive for me to pick up trash along a trail or roadway if I'm on foot. Ever since I was little, whenever our family would go hiking, we each had to pick up three pieces of trash before we got back home," remembers Tracy. Tracy's concern for the environment has only grown stronger. She graduated from Penn State University with a B.S. in Environmental and Renewable Resource Economics and lists "dumpster diving" along with reading, gardening, and extreme day hiking and biking among her varied hobbies.

Tracy was recently named volunteer of the year for her years of service by the local chapter. "Tracy is one of our most enthusiastic volunteers and has participated in some of the largest cleanups hosted by the chapter," says Celina Seftas, Chapter Coordinator.

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