

Empowering Pennsylvanians to clean up over 10,000 tons of trash from their communities



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About PA Clean Ways

PA CleanWays is a nonprofit organization that helps people who are ready to take action against illegal dumping and littering in their communities. Since 1990, we have been dedicated to empowering people to restore and prevent these destructive problems through illegal dump and litter cleanups, adoptions, education, beautification, and special collections.

We are known for our expertise in:

- Helping people to plan and carry out illegal dump cleanups,
- Sharing information about proper waste disposal, recycling, and practical alternatives to dumping and littering,
- Providing hands-on learning opportunities and kid-friendly learning tools,
- Helping people to adopt local roads, trails, and parks in their communities,
- Offering proper disposal events for hard-to-dispose items,
- Restoring natural beauty at cleaned areas through tree plantings and reseeding, and,
- Preventing future dumping with volunteer site monitors and physical deterrents.

PA Clean Ways' mission is empowering people to eliminate illegal damping and littering in Pennsylvania.

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 Indiana 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

Affiliates: Allegheny CleanWays, Clinton County CleanScapes, Inc., PA CleanWays of Butler-Lawrence Counties, Inc., PA CleanWays of Greene County, Inc., Westmoreland Cleanways

37 counties. 4,159 illegal dumpsites. 14,493 estimated tons of waste. This is what the PA CleanWays Illegal Dump Survey Program has uncovered and documented in Pennsylvania since 2004. These are impressive and daunting statistics. Equally impressive is the work PA CleanWays affiliates, chapters, staff, and tens of thousands of volunteers have been doing to move forward to address this hazardous issue for nearly two decades. This past year, the commitment of these organizations and dedicated individuals resulted in 124 illegal dump cleanups and 26 special collections yielding 986 tons of trash properly disposed, and 23,994 tires and 94 tons of scrap metal collected and recycled.

We know that we cannot tackle illegal dumping and littering in Pennsylvania alone and that is why in December of 2009 PA CleanWays' Board of Directors voted unanimously to merge our organization with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and align PA CleanWays as the new state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. Our goal is to become a more sustainable, grassroots organization and our new partnership with Keep America Beautiful will bring valuable tools and resources to our organization, our network and communities across Pennsylvania.

Speaking of our grassroots network, we welcomed three new chapters in Fulton, Perry, and Washington Counties this past year. These chapters joined our community-based structure working with communities and businesses at the local level which has made PA CleanWays so successful. This year PA CleanWays garnered \$797,587 in in-kind donations from local restaurants, stores, municipalities, landfills, and haulers, as well as our loyal volunteers that donated over 35,000 hours. PA CleanWays thanks each of you for the support and time offered. There is no way we could do what we do without your commitment and I hope you will continue your role in helping keep Pennsylvania beautiful.

We are so thankful to our funders and specifically our state and federal partners including the Department of Environmental Protection for their continued support as well as the Department of Conservation and Natural

Resources Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, and the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Services. With their support, we can continue to empower people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Pennsylvania. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you in the future!

Jim Bandel

Cover Photos

Left: Waynesboro Pike, Adams County, Frank Road, Fulton County, Back Branch Road, Columbia County, Stony Brook, Columbia County Right: Amsler/McElhattan Roads in Beaver Township, Clarion

in Beaver Township, Clarion County, before, during, and after - 2.81 tons of trash removed.

PA Clean Ways Programs

ILLEGAL DUMP CLEANUPS

For two decades, the PA CleanWays grassroots network has been eliminating illegal dump sites across the state of Pennsylvania. This fiscal year, PA CleanWays and its chapters and affiliates mobilized 7,970 volunteers to remove 986 tons of trash from our hillsides, trails, roadways, and waterways. Cleanups vary widely using volunteers or equipment and sometimes both. PA CleanWays works primarily on public lands, occasionally tackling a private site, but only if the land owner is a victim of illegal dumping. With the help of local partnerships providing valuable resources and people who want to make a difference, PA CleanWays is proud to be making progress towards a cleaner, safer place for all Pennsylvanians.





Spruce Lane, Somerset County - 68.2 tons of trash, 172 tires

ILLEGAL DUMPSITE SURVEYS



Since the program began in 2004, PA CleanWays has surveyed 37 of the 67 counties in the Commonwealth. A total of 4,159 dumpsites have been identified containing an estimated 14,493 tons of trash. Seventy-eight percent of the sites were considered active. With 55% of the counties surveyed, PA CleanWays turned to The Center for Rural Pennsylvania for help with analysis. What they found was that 51% of municipalities

surveyed had at least one dumpsite, 29% were in or within 50 feet of a waterway, and 15% of dumpsites had 71% of the total tonnage. Not surprisingly, municipalities with dumpsites tend to be rural.

PA CleanWays' illegal dump surveys are being used on the local, county, and state levels. PA CleanWays, and its affiliates and chapters, along with other environmental groups and government entities have been using the survey to prioritize cleanups and educate the public.

PA Clean Ways Programs

ADOPTIONS

Adoption is a commitment to care for something and continue providing that care over time. At PA CleanWays, hundreds of people have made that commitment by adopting a local road, trail or park, waterway, or block where they live. Collectively, these volunteers are making a strong statement about the number of Pennsylvanians who care enough about a clean environment to become an adoption volunteer. Our program promotes local partnerships by teaming volunteers, who commit to clean an area twice a year, with local government, who commit to provide trash disposal options and other assistance as necessary. The PA CleanWays Adoption Program has facilitated 312 adoptions in over 150 municipalities in 31 counties across the state of Pennsylvania.



Turkey Knob Road, Greene County - Adopted since 2008



Morris Park, Philadelphia County - Adopted since 2007

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



PA CleanWays of McKean County volunteer collects information from prescription bottles brought to the collection.

PA CleanWays works to increase the availability of convenient, affordable disposal for certain items, such as tires, household hazardous waste, appliances, and electronics. Our affiliates and chapters often work with local solid waste and recycling offices to identify local disposal needs and coordinates collections of those materials that might otherwise be dumped illegally. This fiscal year, through special collection events, PA CleanWays has collected and properly disposed 13,698 tires, 695 appliance, 33.5 tons of scrap metal, and 25.4 tons of electronic waste.

In May, PA Clean Ways of McKean County initiated an annual pharmaceutical collection. Improper disposal of unused or expired medication can harm the environment by contaminating soil, surface water, and groundwater. The chapter collected 750 pounds of prescription and over the counter drugs.

PA Clean Ways Awards

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Initiated in 2007, the President's Award honors volunteers who have demonstrated a sustained commitment and exceptional contributions on behalf of PA CleanWays to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Pennsylvania. This year's recipient was Glenn Witherspoon. Glenn's relationship began with PA CleanWays in 1997 when he began volunteering at recycling events organized by the Westmoreland County Chapter. Over time, Glenn became involved in many areas of the organization. He is best known for his design, maintenance, and updates of the Litter IQ Board and Recycling IQ Board. Over 100,000 adults and children have used the IQ boards Glenn has built.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION AWARDS

One volunteer from each chapter and affiliate, who made a significant contribution to local programs, was recognized with an engraved walking stick by PA CleanWays at the Annual Meeting in October.

Mike Sturges – Allegheny CleanWays, Bobs Creek Stream Guardians – PA CleanWays of Bedford County, Lisa Purcell – PA CleanWays of Blair County, Laurel Conservation Club – PA CleanWays of Butler/Lawrence Counties, Rich Best – Clinton County CleanScapes, Mike Onofrey – PA CleanWays of Cumberland County, Emily Leithner – PA CleanWays of Elk County, Crystal Miller – PA CleanWays of Fayette County, Clearance (Sonnie) Weicht – PA CleanWays of Fulton County, Tracy Garthe – PA Cleanways of Huntingdon County, Gary Falk – PA CleanWays of McKean County, Don Baker – PA CleanWays of Mifflin County, Nevin Rice – PA Cleanways of Perry County, John H. Brown – PA CleanWays of Royal Gardens in Morris Park, West Philadelphia, Susan Hileman – PA CleanWays of Venango County, Russ Salandro – Westmoreland Cleanways

SUE WISEMAN SCHOLARSHIP

This recipient of this year's \$1,000 Sue Wiseman Scholarship is Jane Hallinan from Altoona Area High School, Blair County for coordinating a school-wide paper recycling program. Jane's goal was to create a recycling program that was efficient and easy to use by the 1800 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.

LITTER HAWK YOUTH AWARD PROGRAM

Nearly 100 youth participated in the Litter Hawk Youth Award Program this year. 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 an artistic way. This program is popular with classrooms, civic groups, and individuals.

PACLEANWAYS STATISTICS

	FY 08-09	SINCE 1990
Number of Illegal Dump Cleanups	124	960
Number of New Adoptions	20	312
Tons of Trash Removed	986	11,120
Tons of Scrap Metal Recycled	94	2,219
Number of Tires Properly Disposed	23,994	397,969
Number of Education Presentations	81	2,167
Number of Youth/Adults Reached	87,526	335,976
Number of Volunteers	7,970	49,781
Number of Volunteer Hours	35,045	217,509
Total In-Kind Donations*	\$797,587	\$2,789,924

^{*} Includes volunteer hours

PA Clean Ways Clean & Green Fund

The PA CleanWays grassroots network spends a considerable amount of time and resources soliciting local support for direct cleanup costs. The Clean and Green Fund was developed to help our chapters and affiliates pay for services that are often difficult to get donated, such as tire disposal, landfill space, and freon removal. This fiscal year, these funds helped pay for the proper disposal of 10.99 tons of trash, 1,417 tires, and 75 appliances. Six chapters requested and received money to help pay for the costs of 8 separate events.



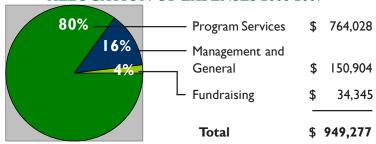
PA CleanWays of Huntingdon County collected PA CleanWays of Fayette County volun-441 tires at this year's tire collection.



teers removed 439 tires from Shadyside Road.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES September 30, 2009		
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	\$	878,191.00
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	=	
Program Services	\$	764,028.00
Management and General	\$	150,904.00
Fundraising	<u>\$</u>	34,345.00
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	<u>\$</u>	949,277.00
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ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$	257,204.00
Account receivable	\$	190,723.00
Prepaid expenses	\$	21,044.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$	468,971.00
NET EQUIPMENT	\$	12,228.00
OTHER ASSET (INVESTMENT)	\$	28,664.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	509,863.00
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$	72,397.00
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$	351,087.00
Temporarily restricted	\$	86,379.00
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	437,466.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$</u>	509,863.00

ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES 2008-2009



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