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## **Columbia Gas Employees Celebrate Earth Day**



**CANONSBURG, PA** – In celebration of Earth Day, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania partnered with Keep

Pennsylvania Beautiful to organize a local Beaver County cleanup and beautification event as part of the nonprofits 2019 Great American Cleanup of PA initiative.

Columbia Gas employees volunteered their time, skills and backhoe equipment to help with heavy lifting as part of the cleanup activities along Raccoon Creek Bank in Monaca, Beaver County. Columbia Gas has also donated \$5,000 to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful in support of these essential cleanup and maintenance activities.

"Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania is committed to environmental stewardship," said Sarah Perry,

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Community Engagement Manager. "We are humbled to support community organizations like Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful that help to protect and conserve the environment."

Since the inception of the Great American Cleanup of PA in 2004, over 2.2 million volunteers have picked up 103 million pounds of litter and waste, 190,702 miles of roads, waterways, shorelines, and trails have been cleaned, and more than 192,252 trees, bulbs and flowers have been planted. Volunteers also removed over 299,434 tires and 226,395 pounds of scrap metal.

"We are grateful for the support of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania," said Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. "Our volunteers and supporters are who help make the Great American Cleanup of PA, our premier community improvement initiative a success. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and Columbia Gas both believe in responsible use and protection of the natural environment. We are honored to partner with them on these community improvement projects."

For more information about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and the 2019 Great American Cleanup of PA, please visit <u>www.keeppabeautiful.org</u>.

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#### About Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania delivers clean, affordable and efficient natural gas to approximately 426,000 customers. With headquarters in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, it is one of NiSource's seven regulated utility companies. NiSource (NYSE: NI) is one of the largest fully-regulated utility companies in the United States, serving approximately 3.5 million natural gas customers and 500,000 electric customers through its local Columbia Gas and NIPSCO brands. More information about Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania and NiSource is available at <u>www.ColumbiaGasPA.com</u> and <u>www.nisource.com</u>.

#### About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to keep our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and its volunteers have removed over 141 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania's roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit <u>www.keeppabeautiful.org</u>.