



2009 International Coastal Cleanup

Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties

Participating Groups

Ambler Borough
Churchville Nature Center
Cynwyd Heritage Trail
Friends of Tamanend Park
G.O.A.L
Gannett Fleming
Heritage Conservancy
PA CleanWays of Royal Gardens in Morris Park-West Philadelphia
Peace Valley Nature Center
Plymouth Township Parks & Recreation
Silver Lake Nature Center
Temple University
Tookany-Tacony/Frankford Watershed Partnership
Trainer Borough
Tredyffrin Township
Warminster Parks & Recreation

A total of 21.57 tons (43,149 pounds) of illegally dumped trash, was removed from local waterways and the Delaware Estuary as part of the 24th International Coastal Cleanup event. The International Coastal Cleanup, sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy, is the world's largest single-day volunteer effort to improve the health of the world's lakes, streams, rivers, and coastal and marine environments for both humans and wildlife.

PA CleanWays coordinated 17 cleanups throughout the southeast region of Pennsylvania where illegally dumped items and trash were removed. Volunteers hand-picked trash and assisted the Philadelphia Water Department in removing large items from local waterways.

The southeast region of Pennsylvania makes up part of the Delaware Estuary. PA CleanWays is working with Verizon Telecom Pioneer, the statewide coordinator of the event, and local groups to promote the worldwide cleanup event in that area.

Debris and litter are more than an eyesore as these items are dangerous to humans and wildlife. Plastics, plastic strapping, and six-pack holders can strangle and endanger wildlife or can be ingested and cause damage to internal organs and intestinal blockage which can be fatal. Scientists estimate that more than one million birds and 100,000 marine mammals and sea turtles die each year as a result of entanglement or ingestion of litter and debris.

By working together we all make a difference in our communities and the marine environment.



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Empowering people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Pennsylvania