

# PA CleanWays

## Lawrence County Chapter Newsletter



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### Chapter Achievements 1993-99

- Adopted of eleven (11) sites.
- Twenty-three (23) cleanups.
- Removed more than 168 tons of trash.
- Recycled 36.6 tons of the removed trash.
- Removed more than 3,500 tires from roadways.
- Collected more than 3,640 tires from residents.
- Recycled 21 tons of magazines.
- Received help from 900 volunteers and sponsors.

### Visit PA Clean- Ways on the Web

Web surfers wanting more info about PA CleanWays can find it at the organization's web site at: [www.pacleanways.org](http://www.pacleanways.org).

The site is loaded with details about the statewide organization. Strategies for illegal dump cleanups and preventing future dumping are detailed. Information on PA CleanWays educational videos, booklets, and literature can also be found at the site.

Site visitors can also access PA CleanWays chapters that have e-mail, make comments, or learn how to become a member.

### A Glance at Coming Events

It's not even January 2000, but already, the chapter has planned several events for this spring and fall. On the agenda are two cleanups, two recycling events (tires and appliances), and the fugitive tire program. The chapter also is seeking funding for an old paint collection and magazine/newspaper recycling. Watch future issues for dates and details.



## County Businesses and Municipalities Receive Awards

At the chapter's annual business meeting, held October 21, five businesses, three municipalities, and one organization were recognized for their support of PA CleanWays events. Awards went to businesses, municipalities, and groups that helped at three or more events. Receiving awards were: Bessemer Supply, Essroc Cement, Cadence Environmental Energy Group, Tri-County Industries, Aiken Refuse, Wayne Township, Wilmington Township, City of New Castle, and the Laurel Conservation Club.

Bessemer Supply, Essroc, and Cadence Environmental Energy were recognized for providing the services needed for the chapter's annual tire collection days. Since tire collection began in 1997, more than 3,600 tires have been collected from residents. The three businesses were also recognized for their part in making the first fugitive tire program (FTP) a success. The FTP is an environmental education program that teaches our youth about the problems associated with illegal dumping. Participating youth groups were rewarded with a per-tire bounty to support their group. A total of 1,600 tires were collected in the event.

Tri-County Industries and Aiken Refuse have been instrumental in making several chapter cleanups and events

successful by providing the necessary hauling and disposal services. Tri-County has provided seven roll-off boxes for four events, including appliance recycling day. These services amount to 47 tons of trash and 12 tons of appliances. Seven boxes have been provided by Aiken Refuse amounting to 12 tons of trash and three tons of metals.

Wayne Township took the initiative in 1996 to clean Jockey Moore Road and the 14th Street ravine. It was a successful but very wet cleanup, as the rain never quit. The township returned to Jockey Moore in 1998, with a bonus. As township residents asked why their road wasn't

and appliance collection site in the southern part of the county, so those residents don't have to travel very far.

The City of New Castle has supported the chapter since its inception in 1993 when it provided disposal for 10 tons of trash and 300 tires that were collected in the chapter's first cleanup at Paper Mill Road.

Since then, the city has sponsored every event held in its limits. Another supporter since 1993, Wilmington Township was the site of the chapter's second cleanup, held just three weeks after the Paper

first cleanup event in 1993, the Laurel Conservation Club has supported PA CleanWays. The club, led by advisor



Bob Miles, is one of the most energized and dedicated groups in the area. Club member have saved many days by arriving by the bus load in every part of the county.

Also receiving awards at the dinner were volunteers that hit the milestone "10 cleanup mark." They include: Paul Johnson, Rick Bates, Larry Whitman, Jerry P. Zona, Mitch Olszak, and Amy Jo Labi-Carando.

Hats off to all our award winners and all the volunteers and sponsors who have been instrumental in making a difference in our community of Lawrence County. These types of accomplishments could have never been attained without everyone's support and dedication to improving our community.



Residents dropping off tires at the Wayne Township tire collection point on May 15, 1999.

cleaned, an idea arose. The township offered to transport any garbage picked up by people on their own roads. The first township-wide "adopt your road day" was born. In addition to the cleanups, the township also hosts the tire

Mill Road cleanup. The township provided waste transportation for that cleanup and two others amounting to 22 tons. The township also hosts the northern county collection point for the tire collection days.

Since the chapter's

## Forest Beautification Begins

PA CleanWays state organization was recently awarded a \$900,000 grant from DCNR to clean illegal dump sites on state forest and park lands. Under the recently signed contract, DCNR has designated the central state forest regions of the state to be the location of eight pilot cleanup projects this year.

DCNR launched the grant kick off in Tiadaghton State Forest. Speakers included DCNR Secretary, John Oliver, Senator Roger Madigan, for Representative, Robert Reber, Jr. and PA CleanWays executive director, Sue Wiseman. A cleanup of the site followed with all in attendance participating.

Already, media coverage has resulted in numerous phone calls by concerned individuals with information about sites on state park lands.

## Annual Report October 1, 1998 –September 30, 1999

Between October 1, 1998 and September 30, 1999 our chapter held five major recycling and cleanup efforts and received more than \$5,000 in grants. It was a very busy but extremely successful year for the chapter. The major events include: appliance recycling day, tire recycling day, fugitive tire program, and two cleanups. Event results can be seen below.

The chapter received a \$2,000 grant from the State CleanWays Organization for the purchase of a laptop computer in October 1998. Another grant of the same type was received this year for the purchase of a digital camera, printer, and miscellaneous cleanup supplies such as vests and shovels. Purchasing these items is helping the chapter reduce its dependence on outside sources for these services.

There was also \$1,800 allocated from the state organization for the chapter's first fugitive tire collection. The bulk of the funding paid the youth groups and tire disposal.

The last grant received was \$833 from Peoples Natural Gas Company. The company provides monies to community organizations like PA CleanWays. The state organization received a grant award that was divided among all of the chapters that Peoples Natural Gas services.



Event	Results
Appliance Recycling Day	110 items (12 tons)
Fugitive Tire Collection	1,600 tires
Jockey Moore Road Maint.	1.54 tons trash
West Pittsburg Hillside	2.4 tons trash, 4.1 tons metals, 95 tires
Tire Collection Day	1,038 tires

## CleanWays – What we're All About

PA CleanWays is a nonprofit organization that fights illegal dumping and littering. We coordinate and facilitate the adoption of non-state maintained roads and other areas. We work hard to draw together all parts of the community to make these cleanups happen since we don't have a large source of funding.

Where possible, we address problem disposal items, such as tires and appliances. We also work to educate the public on the proper disposal of all items and the environmental and personal consequences of improper disposal.

If litter and trash thrown along the roads personally offends you, join us in the fight. Your contribution can be your dues, or you can join us in our other activities. We need all levels of support.



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 Student \$2.00  
 Business/Organization \$25.00  
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