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ANNUAL REPORT



2023

Allegheny CleanWays

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A CLEAN, BEAUTIFUL, AND SAFE COUNTY FOR EVERYONE



Our Mission

Allegheny CleanWays is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 2000 to "engage and empower people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Allegheny County."

PROGRAMS

Land Cleanups

The work that Allegheny CleanWays does to remove trash and debris from the region's hillsides, open lots, and greenways is the first crucial step to full restoration of the valuable green spaces that define Allegheny County at large. Includes DumpBusters, Pittsburgh City bridge and stairs cleanups, litter cleanups, and GrateKeepers,

Riverfront Cleanups

The Riverfront Cleanup program is aimed at creating trash-free rivers and streams throughout Allegheny County. Volunteers work with staff by boarding our boats, from which they can pick up the plastic bottles, tires, and other items littering the shores.

Education and Outreach

Allegheny CleanWays engages with the general public and educate students through outdoor service learning at cleanup sites, classroom lessons, and community event tabling.

Research and Advocacy

By identifying dump sites and researching best practices, Allegheny CleanWays gains information to educate the public and advocate for policy changes at the local and state levels of government. Our participation in the Plastics Collaborative helped successfully advocate for the City of Pittsburgh to adopt an ordinance to ban single use plastic bags.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

by Myrna Newman

Wow! What a year it has been. We added two full-time staff members to help lead our team – Lyssa Eberhardt (Program Director) and Michelle Lawler (Development Director). Our crew member, Lauren Pearman, also became full-time and will be helping to revitalize our environmental education program this year.

Meanwhile, our volunteers donated 4,387 hrs to work with our staff in collecting a record amount of trash – more than 323 tons!!! Some of those volunteers were individuals and some were school, organizational, or corporate groups.



They came from everywhere and they worked in more places than ever before – Pittsburgh, Penn Hills, Stowe Twp/McKees Rocks, McKeesport, Clairton, Braddock, Millvale, Etna, Verona, Boston, Elizabeth, and a few Allegheny County-adjacent communities (Donora, New Eagle, Monongahela, and Monaca).

Combined, our volunteers put in over 4,000 hours of work! We couldn't have done any of it without all of you - our amazing supporters, volunteers, and partners. Thank you!

STATISTICS

859

Volunteer Signups

646,503

Pounds of Trash Collected

4,387

Volunteer Hours

3,486

Tires Collected

1,352

People Reached Through
Education and Outreach





Acknowledgements

Community Partners

3 Rivers Outdoor Co
A Few Bad Apples
Allegheny Goatscape
Allegheny Land Trust
Allegheny River Boulevard Preservation Association
Boy Scout Troop #228
Brighton Heights Citizens Federation
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Carnegie Museum of Natural History
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