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Annual Lake Erie International Coastal Cleanup volunteers step up on Sept. 21

Erie, PA – Erie County, along with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), as well as cleanup site coordinators and public volunteers participated in the Pennsylvania-Lake Erie International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Saturday morning, Sept. 21, to improve the Lake Erie watershed.

This year's effort focused on 20 sites along the Lake Erie shoreline and watershed. During the 17th annual ICC in Erie County, 864 volunteers removed 221 bags of trash totaling 2,755.4 pounds of trash, tires and other littered items from along miles of shoreline and waterways.

"I'm always so grateful to our community and to all our volunteers who come out every year to improve the environment," Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper said.

The information gathered during these cleanups continues to be used as educational material for environmental programs in local schools and highlighted in Erie Times-News' Newspapers in Education series. During the school year, Erie Times-News publishes a page each Tuesday dedicated to environmental issues.

International Coastal Cleanup, the oldest and largest volunteer project of its kind, is celebrating its 32nd anniversary. This event and effort could not be done without the support of generous volunteers and local organizations including Erie County Conservation District; Asbury Woods and Nature Center; PA Steelhead Association; Springfield Township; Fairview Township; Millcreek Township; Mercyhurst University; Gannon University; Edinboro University; Penn State Erie, The Behrend Campus; Erie Downtown Partnership; Erie Neighborhood Art House; Benedictine Sisters; and Baker Creek Watershed Association.

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