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## Annual Lake Erie International Coastal Cleanup volunteers step up on Sept. 18

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. 18, to improve the Lake Erie watershed.

This year's effort focused on 20 sites along the Lake Erie shoreline and watershed. During the 19<sup>th</sup> annual ICC in Erie County, 535 volunteers removed 2,370 pounds of trash, tires and other littered items from along 25 miles of shoreline and waterways.

International Coastal Cleanup, the oldest and largest volunteer project of its kind, is celebrating its 33rd 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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