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Erie County hosts 38th Annual International Coastal Cleanup Saturday, September 16th

Erie, PA – Keep Erie County Beautiful invites volunteers to participate in the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), which is the world's largest volunteer effort to remove and record trash from local lakes, waterways, beaches and the ocean. **The event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, September 16th.** There are 17 cleanup locations across Erie County waterways for this event, along with a cleanup the morning of Friday, September 15th at the East Avenue Boat Launch.

Volunteers can register for the site of their choice by visiting www.bit.ly/ErieICC. There will be a coordinator at each site and free gloves and bags for volunteers. Volunteers should dress for the weather, including protective gear such as closed toed shoes, a hat, sunscreen and bug spray.

Erie County cleanup volunteers will contribute to the world's largest database on marine debris by logging the trash they collect. Scientists, researchers, industry leaders and policymakers rely on Ocean Conservancy's Ocean Trash Index to inform policy and determine solutions to the growing marine debris crisis. Last year, over 1,000 volunteers collected 3,265 pounds of litter in Erie County, as part of ICC.

Public cleanups will be held at the following sites starting at 9am:

- Raccoon Park
- Erie Bluffs State Park/Elk Creek Access Area
- Upper Walnut Creek/Asbury Woods Browns Farm
- Avonia Beach Park
- Walnut Creek Access Area
- Presque Isle State Park/ Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC)
- West & East Bayfront
- McDannell Run at John E. Horan Garden Apartments
- Shades Beach Park/ Eightmile Creek
- Bridger Park on Walnut Creek- Millcreek Township
- Ore Dock Road
- Edinboro Peninsula Park
- Glinodo Center/ Sevenmile Creek
- Freeport Beach/Northeast Marina/ Twentymile Creek
- Cascade Creek at Frontier Park
- East Avenue Boat Launch – This site will be cleaned up on Friday, Sept. 15th