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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ERIE COUNTY'S 39TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

Erie, PA – Keep Erie County Beautiful invites volunteers to participate in the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup (ICC), 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 21st.** There are 16 cleanup locations across Erie County waterways for this event.

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 beautify our community but also 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 over 5,000 pounds of litter in Erie County, as part of ICC. 2024 marks the 22nd year that Erie County has organized ICC. Erie County thanks our partners the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Ocean Conservancy, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, and Waste Management.

Public cleanups will be held at the following sites starting at 9:00am:

- Raccoon Park
- Erie Bluffs State Park/Elk Creek Access Area
- Avonia Beach Park
- Walnut Creek Access Area
- Presque Isle State Park/ Tom Ridge Environmental Center (Trec)
- West & East Bayfront
- Shades Beach Park/ Eightmile Creek
- Bridger Park on Walnut Creek- Millcreek Township
- Ore Dock Road
- Edinboro Peninsula Park
- Glinodo Center/ Sevenmile Creek
- Freeport Beach/North East Marina/ Twentymile Creek
- Cascade Creek at Frontier Park
- East Avenue Boat Launch
- Hinkler Park
- Dobbins Landing

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