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Erie County Volunteers Come Together for Annual International Coastal Cleanup

Erie, PA – Keep Erie County Beautiful, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), hosted the Pennsylvania Lake Erie International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Saturday morning, September 21st, 2024. Thanks to our site coordinators and approximately 1,000 volunteers, we were able to collect over 4,000 pounds of trash out of Erie County’s waterways.

International Coastal Cleanup, the oldest and largest volunteer project of its kind, was initiated by the Ocean Conservancy to not only reduce litter from local waterways but also document types and amounts of litter found. This data is used in the Ocean Conservancy’s Ocean Trash Index to inform policymaking to address the growing marine debris problem.

Erie County’s International Coastal Cleanup partners include Keep PA Beautiful, Waste Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Erie County Department of Planning and Community Development, and Pennsylvania Coastal Resources Management.

Volunteers cleaned up 16 locations in Erie County with over 40 miles of shorelines and waterways. Special thanks to our volunteers from:

Master Watershed Stewards
Pennsylvania State Extension
Gannon University
PA Steelhead Association
Penn State Behrend
Erie Downtown Partnership
UPMC Hamot
PennFuture
Baker Creek Watershed Association

Mercyhurst Prep High School
Erie Insurance
Erie-Western PA Port Authority
Fairview Township
Millcreek Township
Springfield Township
Wesleyville Borough