



KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

Allegheny River Cleanup Series 2019

Ten Days Cleaning up the Allegheny River from Freeport to Millvale



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133

Volunteers



16

Cleanups



138

Tires



Series
Totals



11,300

Pounds of Trash

Tarentum

June 2nd

2 Cleanups
17 Volunteers
1,000 lbs of trash
18 tires
20 55-Gallon Barrels





Talking Trash



55-Gallon Barrels in the River

- Barrels break loose from docks and litter the river banks.
- 89 barrels recovered
- 34 barrels were repurposed as dock floats by various community members
- 15 repurposed into trash cans for Allegheny CleanWays and Lighthouse Marina





Staged Piles of Bagged Trash

- Staged piles of debris were left in 5 different municipalities due to lack of dumpsters

Limitations of Staged Piles and Dumpsters

- Dumpsters are expensive and the amount of debris we remove is unpredictable.
- We are using single use plastic bags to cleanup single use plastics
- We are unable to see the debris that is being removed from the river banks
- Staged piles and dumpsters do not provide solutions for bulky problem items such as 55-gallon barrels and tires.





Reflections



Riverfront Cleanup Ideas and Needs

- Running two boats at each cleanup to move higher volume of trash and volunteers
- Restructure series to allow for more effective work and prevent burnout of staff
- Streamline safety talk with photos of hazards we come across including poison ivy and stinging nettles
- Improve first aid kits with items that are more necessary for riverfront cleanup
- We need another Hannah
- We need a barge





Why Allegheny CleanWays Needs a Barge

A barge would:

- Eliminate the need for dumpsters and combats the unpredictable nature of river cleanup.
- Allow us to effectively haul and separate the following debris: tires, scrap metal, barrels, and other miscellaneous large items
- Allow us to transport a bathroom for volunteers
- Provide bunking for staff during long series to prevent need for Evan to camp for duration of series
- Provide immense educational value by showing the debris accumulate over a season of cleanups as opposed to trash going into bags and then "disappearing" after each event.
- Allow us to audit trash





Thank you to all the volunteers, groups, municipalities, and partners for their support!

Volunteer Groups

- Patagonia Pittsburgh
- Natrona Comes Together
- Gay 4 Good Pittsburgh
- 4Tomorrow
- First United Methodist Church of Pittsburgh
- Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
- SSA, Pittsburgh Zoo
- Interphase Materials

Partners & Supporters

- Friends of The Riverfront
- Steel City Rowing
- Aspinwall Riverfront Park
- Lighthouse Marina
- Snakeguy's Pepper
- Rep. Sara Innamorato Office
- Councilwoman Deb Gross Office





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