

Batavians for a Healthy River

Fox River Cleanup Summary May 21, 2011

8am till noon.

EPA SCALE grant money of \$500.00 helped support this cleanup.

Overcast but pleasant temperatures.

City of Batavia Public Works arranged dumpster and re-cycle bin delivery from Veolia as well as truck and manpower to collect garbage along trails.

Batavia Park District provided 3 tables.

100 participants. Over 40 high school students.

Some students pulled garlic mustard.

One group removed a woody debris dam in the bypass cut along the baseball field.

10 T-shirts sold totaling 50.00

3 T-shirts given out as prizes for most interesting item found.

1 new 3-panel Display board purchased- \$120.00

1 new Sidewalk sign purchased- \$100.00

Website payment made -\$85.00

Cost of food utilizing local farmer products- \$38.00.

Cost of other food, platters, etc. \$200.00

Summary of garbage found:

2 pier floats, 5 tires, hub caps, benches, 100 lbs. of carpet, pipes, white traffic cone, car bumper, caulk gun, 2 sleeping bags, umbrella stand, 2 bats, lots of baseballs, metal poles, grill, 3 metal barrels, Dora the Explorer doll, rainfly for a tent, swinging lawn bench, intertube, oil drum, 2 palletes, ghetto bong, toothbrush in a wrapper, pens, plastic childrens rocket ride toy, razors, lots of broken glass, gutter, rope, duck skull, raccoon skull, carp bones, many dead carp, 1 dead chicken, muddy underwear, mild crate, rod and reel, fishing line, 28 bait containers, planks, 2 buckets, conduit and rebar, styrofoam pieces, 3 bikes, bolts, signs, aerosol spray cans, condoms, 7 lighters, 20 cigarette packs, hundreds of food wrappers, cigarette butts, 60 plastic grocery bags, 100's of plastic bottle caps, 100's of plastic bottles, aluminum cans and glass bottles.

A paintball field setup was found in the woods and reported to the Forest Preserve.

Over ½ ton of garbage collected. One 85 gallon re-cycle bin filled.

Most interesting items found that were brought to prize area: rocket toy, underwear, and P.A.D. ID card.

Thank Robert Liva and Betsey Zinzer for helping out!