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VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP OVER 142,000 LBS OF DEBRIS

QUAD CITIES—Volunteers at the fifth annual Xstream Cleanup on Saturday, August 16 removed 142,566 pounds of debris from area waterways, illegal dumping sites and flood-ridden areas. Cleanups were held at 39 locations in Bettendorf, Davenport and LeClaire, Iowa; Colona, East Moline, Milan, Moline, Rock Island and Silvis, Illinois.

Thirteen hundred and twenty seven (1,327) volunteers worked a total of 4,176.75 hours and collectively gathered 2,187 bags of trash, 2,416 tires, 36 appliances and 54 bicycles. This was the equivalent of 75,180 pounds of trash, 63,444 pounds of tires, 2,700 pounds of appliances and 1,242 pounds of bicycles for a grand total of 142,566 pounds.

Additional items, reflected in the pounds above, included: 33 metal pieces, 21 car parts, 19 gas tanks, 35 barrels/drums, 28 pallets, 17 beds, 2 swing sets, 6 shopping carts and 2 picnic benches. In addition, volunteers found a: pool table, boat motor, play pen, bag of shoes, wagon, port-a-potty, construction barricade, ceramic lion, roto tiller, bowling ball, 200' power line, ceramic head, teddy bear, bamboo lawn furniture, cash register, safe, vacuum cleaner, butterfly chair, wallet with identification & \$185 cash (which was later reunited with its owner), half of a boat, car seat, \$100 bill, plastic swimming pool and wooden ladder.

Full statistics, items removed and photos of several cleanups can be viewed on-line at www.xstreamcleanup.org.

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