

For Immediate Release

August 27, 2009

Contact: Erin Robinson, Communication Coordinator
Waste Commission of Scott County
563.388.1403 (office)
563.349.3345 (mobile)
erobinson@wastecom.com



NEWS RELEASE

VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP OVER 184,000 LBS OF DEBRIS

QUAD CITIES—Volunteers at the sixth annual Xstream Cleanup on Saturday, August 22 removed 184,271 pounds of debris from area waterways and illegal dumping sites. Cleanups were held at 45 locations in Bettendorf, Davenport, Durant and LeClaire, Iowa; Campbell's Island, East Moline, Hampton, Milan, Moline, Rock Island and Silvis, Illinois.

1,602 volunteers worked a total of 4,852.25 hours and collectively gathered 3,998 bags of trash, 4,239 tires, 18 appliances, 31 bicycles, 28 pieces of furniture, 5 televisions and 9 mattresses. This was the equivalent of 80,180 pounds of trash, 101,736 pounds of tires, 1,350 pounds of appliances, 75 pounds of televisions, 225 pounds of mattresses and 725 pounds of bicycles for a grand total of 184,721 pounds.

Additional items, reflected in the pounds above, included: rebar, metal, basketball hoop, car fender, cooler, rugs, boots, shopping carts, metal cable, tubing, paint bucket, snow fence, Plexiglas, fence post, wire, pipe, siding, typewriter, coat, garbage can, carpet, wagon, rear window, 55-gallon drums, fan, muffler, motorcycle seat, barge rope, gas tanks, truck topper, old farm plow, guitar face, road work sign, tire rims, empty organ transporter, bocce ball set, back seat of car, manhole cover, car seat frame, old lawnmower, paint cans, drive shaft, pillows, bowling ball, large angel statue, luggage trunks, key & ignition without a car, stack of purses with credit cards and drivers licenses (given to police), swing set, lockbox, hunting license, 1936 Ford car, and box springs. In addition, volunteers gathered 70 bags of invasive species and 23 bags of cigarette butts and plastic straws.

Photos of several cleanup sites can be viewed on-line at www.xstreamcleanup.org.

This event was sponsored by the following:

Platinum Sponsors: Alcoa, iLivehere: myhome ourcommunity, and Living Lands & Waters

Gold Sponsors: Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, Iowa American Water, The Moline Foundation, Radish magazine, Rock Island County Waste Management Agency

Silver Sponsors: Big River Longbeards, Independent Insurance Agents of Scott County, McCarthy-Bush Corporation, Mel Foster Company, Pheasants Forever, Quad City Conservation Alliance, Sears Manufacturing, THE National Bank, Waterfowl USA

Bronze Sponsors: AGC of the Quad Cities, Eastern Iowa Grain Inspection, General Constructors, Inc., Midas Auto Systems Experts, Inc., Tom and Maria Waterman

Logistics Sponsors: Cities of Bettendorf, Davenport, Durant, East Moline, LeClaire, Milan, Moline, Rock Island and Silvis. Allied Waste, Alter Metal Recycling, Bi-State Regional Commission, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Downtown Partnership, Keep Rock Island Beautiful, Millennium Waste, Partners of Scott County Watersheds, River Roots Live, Waste Commission of Scott County

###