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# ANNUAL REPORT



2023

## Allegheny CleanWays

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# A CLEAN, BEAUTIFUL, AND SAFE COUNTY FOR EVERYONE



## Our Mission

Allegheny CleanWays is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 2000 to "engage and empower people to eliminate illegal dumping and littering in Allegheny County."

## PROGRAMS

### Land Cleanups

The work that Allegheny CleanWays does to remove trash and debris from the region's hillsides, open lots, and greenways is the first crucial step to full restoration of the valuable green spaces that define Allegheny County at large. Includes DumpBusters, Pittsburgh City bridge and stairs cleanups, litter cleanups, and GrateKeepers,

### Riverfront Cleanups

The Riverfront Cleanup program is aimed at creating trash-free rivers and streams throughout Allegheny County. Volunteers work with staff by boarding our boats, from which they can pick up the plastic bottles, tires, and other items littering the shores.

### Education and Outreach

Allegheny CleanWays engages with the general public and educate students through outdoor service learning at cleanup sites, classroom lessons, and community event tabling.

### Research and Advocacy

By identifying dump sites and researching best practices, Allegheny CleanWays gains information to educate the public and advocate for policy changes at the local and state levels of government. Our participation in the Plastics Collaborative helped successfully advocate for the City of Pittsburgh to adopt an ordinance to ban single use plastic bags.

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW

by Myrna Newman

Wow! What a year it has been. We added two full-time staff members to help lead our team – Lyssa Eberhardt (Program Director) and Michelle Lawler (Development Director). Our crew member, Lauren Pearman, also became full-time and will be helping to revitalize our environmental education program this year.

Meanwhile, our volunteers donated 4,387 hrs to work with our staff in collecting a record amount of trash – more than 323 tons!!! Some of those volunteers were individuals and some were school, organizational, or corporate groups.



They came from everywhere and they worked in more places than ever before – Pittsburgh, Penn Hills, Stowe Twp/McKees Rocks, McKeesport, Clairton, Braddock, Millvale, Etna, Verona, Boston, Elizabeth, and a few Allegheny County-adjacent communities (Donora, New Eagle, Monongahela, and Monaca).

Combined, our volunteers put in over 4,000 hours of work! We couldn't have done any of it without all of you - our amazing supporters, volunteers, and partners. Thank you!

# STATISTICS

**859**

Volunteer Signups

**646,503**

Pounds of Trash Collected

**4,387**

Volunteer Hours

**3,486**

Tires Collected

**1,352**

People Reached Through  
Education and Outreach





# Acknowledgements

## Community Partners

3 Rivers Outdoor Co  
A Few Bad Apples  
Allegheny Goatscape  
Allegheny Land Trust  
Allegheny River Boulevard Preservation Association  
Boy Scout Troop #228  
Brighton Heights Citizens Federation  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Carnegie Museum of Natural History  
Cinderlands  
City of Clairton  
City of McKeesport  
City of Pittsburgh  
Clairton Community Garden  
Clean Pittsburgh Commission  
Clean Water Action Festival  
Corbriwoodstock  
Donora Historical Society & Smog Museum  
Elizabeth Borough  
Fineview Citizens Council  
Friends of the Riverfront  
Gay For Good  
Girl Scout Troop #9228  
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Keep American Beautiful  
Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful  
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Neighbors on the Mount  
PACE  
Patagonia (Pittsburgh)  
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy  
Pennsylvania Resources Council  
Penn Environment  
Penn Hills Anti-Litter Group  
Pepperdine University  
Pittsburgh 350  
Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy  
Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority  
Pressley Ridge Day School  
Project Love Coalition  
Queen Aliquippa Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution  
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