



CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce K. Walden, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director
Gale L. Jamison, Assistant City Engineer
Bradley M. Bennett, Civil Engineer
DATE: February 19, 2007
RE: 2007 Boneyard Creek Community Day

This purpose of this report is to inform the City Council of the 2nd annual Boneyard Creek Community Day which is scheduled for April 21, 2007. Hundreds of volunteers from Urbana, Champaign, and the University of Illinois will be clad in orange tee-shirts and deployed from Scott Park in Champaign to initiate the restoration and clean-up of the Boneyard Creek. The event will offer a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Volunteer groups will help remove invasive, non-native plants from sections of the stream's corridor and replace them with native plants. Other groups will be cleaning up streamside trash and marking storm sewer inlets with medallions that say, "Dump No Waste – Drains to Creek," to inform Urbana-Champaign residents that all trash, soil, and yard waste that enters the storm sewer inlets does not get treated but runs directly to the Boneyard Creek.

Sponsors for the 2006 Boneyard Creek Community Day included the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, the University of Illinois, Urbana and Champaign area Rotary clubs, Urbana Middle School, Urbana Park District, Champaign Park District, and the Prairie Rivers Network. Urbana contributed tee-shirts, storm sewer inlet medallion kits, and trash pick-up kits for the event.

Over two hundred volunteers participated in the 2006 event and an even larger turn-out is anticipated for this year. Attached are photos of the volunteer's efforts taken during the 2006 Boneyard Creek Community Day.

Thank you for your support of this activity.

2006 BONEYARD CREEK COMMUNITY DAY PHOTOS



Registration at Scott Park

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Storm Sewer Inlet Medallion Installation

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Boneyard Creek Stream Clean-up

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Boneyard Creek Native Plant Restoration Plantings

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BONEYARD CREEK COMMUNITY DAY 2007!



Want to celebrate Earth Day by getting down and dirty at one of Champaign-Urbana's natural treasures?

Pitch in to help restore the beauty of the Boneyard Creek through Champaign, Urbana and Campustown by volunteering for organized activities to clean up, mark storm drains and naturalize the Boneyard Creek.

**Boneyard Creek Community Day/Earth Day
April 21, 2007
Scott Park 207 E. Springfield, Champaign**

- Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
(Volunteers will meet at Scott Park and receive assignments)
- 9:30 a.m. to NOON - Work Time
(Clean-Up, Stormdrain Marking & Naturalization activities all around the community)
- NOON – Lunch provided in Scott Park.

Prepare to Get Dirty and Have FUN!

- Shoes Required (no flip-flops)
- T-Shirts provided

