

CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Prussing and Members of the City Council

FROM: William R. Gray, Public Works Director

Gale L. Jamison, Assistant City Engineer

Bradley M. Bennett, Civil Engineer

DATE: May 10, 2007

RE: 2007 Boneyard Creek Community Day

This purpose of this report is to inform the Mayor and members of the City Council of the second annual Boneyard Creek Community Day activities that occurred on Saturday April 21st, 2007. Five hundred volunteers from Urbana, Champaign, and the University of Illinois clad in orange tee-shirts were deployed from Scott Park in Champaign to initiate the restoration and clean-up of the Boneyard Creek. Volunteer groups helped remove invasive, non-native plants from sections of the stream's corridor and picked up trash. Other groups cleaned up streamside trash and marked 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 2007 Boneyard Creek Community Day included the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign area Rotary clubs, Urbana Middle School, Urbana Park District, Champaign Park District, and the Prairie Rivers Network. Urbana contributed teeshirts, storm sewer inlet medallion kits, and trash pick-up kits for the event.

Attached are photos of the volunteer's efforts taken during the 2007 Boneyard Creek Community Day.

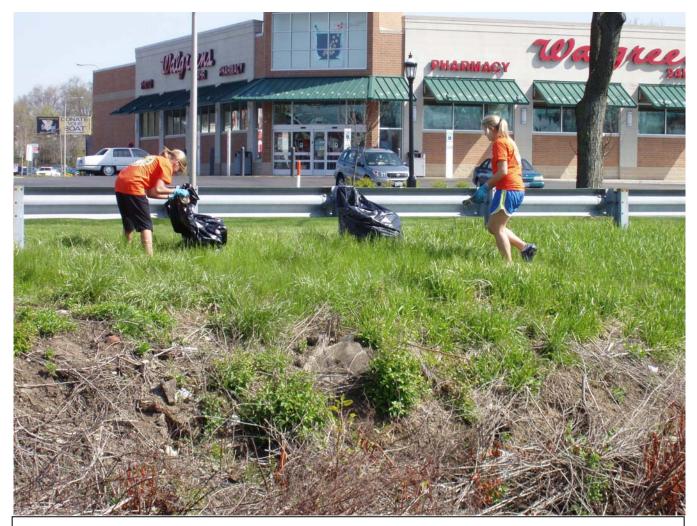
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Registration at Scott Park



Storm Sewer Inlet Medallion Installation



Boneyard Creek Stream Clean-up



Boneyard Creek Stream Invasive Species Removal and Trash Pick-Up