

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: April 22nd, 2009

RE: 2009 Boneyard Creek Community Day

This purpose of this report is to inform the Mayor and members of the City Council of the fourth annual Boneyard Creek Community Day activities that occurred on Saturday April 18th, 2009. Close to one hundred and fifty volunteers from Urbana, Champaign, and the University of Illinois clad in orange teeshirts were deployed from Engineering Quad at the University of Illinois to aid in 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, chemicals, soil, and yard waste that enters the storm sewer inlets, does not get treated, but runs directly to creeks and streams.

Sponsors for the 2009 Boneyard Creek Community Day included the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign area Rotary clubs, Urbana Park District, Champaign Park District, and the Prairie Rivers Network. Urbana contributed storm sewer inlet medallion kits, and trash pick-up kits for the event.

Thank your for your support of this activity.