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DATE: April 24, 2018
RE: 2018 Boneyard Creek Community Day

On April 7, 2018 around 300 volunteers participated in the Boneyard Creek Community Day cleanup event held from 9:00 am to noon across the Urbana-Champaign-Savoy community.

In Urbana, fifteen volunteers met at the Boneyard Creek Crossing to pick up trash around Leal Park and areas along the Boneyard Creek; thirty-five volunteers met at Riggs Beer Company on High Cross Road to pick up trash along the Saint Joseph Drainage Ditch. Five cubic yards of trash were collected from 27.8 acres and 1.6 shoreline miles in Urbana. Among the more interesting items removed from the park and waterways: two welded wire erosion control baskets, 30 feet of HDPE drain pipe, vinyl siding pieces, an old Barbie doll, a bicycle seat, an empty wallet, over six softballs, over three dozen golf balls, an arrow, an empty camera bag, a bike chain guard, a gold Christmas bow, countless bottles and cans, and a 10-foot by 2-foot strip of aluminum sheet metal. Some representative photos of the cleanup are included in Attachment A.

Organizers for the community-wide Boneyard Creek Community Day event included the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, the University of Illinois, Urbana Park District, Champaign Park District, Prairie Rivers Network, Village of Savoy, Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District, Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club, Champaign Design and Conservation Foundation, Farnsworth Group and Fehr Graham. The City of Urbana contributed staff time, trash pick-up kits and T-shirts for the event.

Thank you for your support of this activity!

Attachment A



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