

Tales From Along the Trail...

GETTING WET & DIRTY TO CLEAN UP A RIVER!

with Naturalist
Cathy Kicks

Since the Cuyahoga River fires of 1969 and the igniting of the environmental movement, individuals, groups and government organizations have rolled up their sleeves to clean the Cuyahoga River watershed. We checked on a group of volunteers and city employees who have gotten wet and dirty for 20 years cleaning up the river from small boats in Kent. It would be impossible without the partners including Kent City Parks, Water Reclamation, Central Maintenance and Health Department, Ravenna Water Department, KSU, KEC, Klaben and most important, the hard work and devotion of the volunteers. Since 2013 more than 200 volunteers have removed more than 500 tires and roughly 60 tons of various junk.

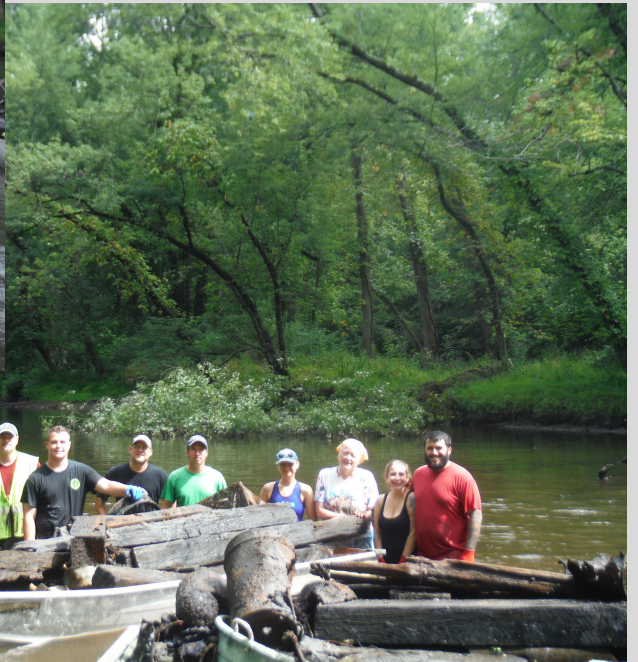
A few of the more memorable items were an upside down Jon Boat buried at the end of the island, bowling balls, three cement mixing troughs, bicycles, a television, water logged railroad ties and a recliner that weighed a ton, a briefcase full of crayfish, tires, tires and more tires, and an old fashioned button-up leather women's shoe.

Volunteers delighted in great blue herons gliding over, deer swimming, spotting otter tracks and discovering a baby soft shelled turtle. It is always a great day that leaves you exhausted and sore yet feeling like you made the world a little better.



CUYAHOGA RIVER CLEANUP IN KENT

August 28



Interested in participating?

Please contact Eric Gorczynski at (330) 678-8109
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Cuyahoga River Cleanup 2018 participants removed 49 tires, about 25 railroad ties, a fiberglass boat and river trash, adding up to roughly 4 tons.

**GET WET AND DIRTY KEEPING
THE RIVER CLEAN**