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**Boneyard Creek Community Day Volunteers Help Protect Local Waterways**

CHAMPAIGN, IL – Used tires, obsolete furniture, broken cell phones, soda cans, glass bottles, and cigarette butts are just some of the items removed from clean-up sites by volunteers during the annual Boneyard Creek Community Day.

This year's event is Saturday, April 29, clean-up work begins at 9 a.m. and ends at noon. Afterward, lunch will be served at Scott Park, where there will be music and interactive learning displays. Individuals of all ages can participate, and locations vary from those with projects in the creek to ones more suitable for children.

**2017 BONEYARD CREEK COMMUNITY DAY  
CLEAN-UP LOCATIONS**

- **Scott Park**
- **Anita Purves Nature Center**
- **Bristol Park**
- **Boulevard Trail**
- **Kaufman Lake & Heritage Park**
- **Urbana Boneyard Creek Crossing**
- **U.S. Route 45 in Savoy**
- **Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club**

Last year more than 500 volunteers cleaned up local waterways, picking up 52 cubic yards of litter from a 1,460-acre area. Additionally, teams cleaned 7.5 miles of shoreline and 7 acres of invasive species from designated areas. Helpers also installed 30 new storm drain awareness medallions on inlets in Urbana.

For online registration and more information about the 12<sup>th</sup> annual event visit <http://www.boneyardcreek.org>. Registration closes on Monday, April 24 at 5 p.m.

Boneyard Creek Community Day is a collaborative partnership among the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Facilities & Services, City of Champaign, Keep Champaign Beautiful, Champaign Park District, City of Urbana, Urbana Park District, Prairie Rivers Network, Village of Savoy, Champaign County Soil & Water Conservation District, Champaign County Design & Conservation Foundation, Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club, Della Perrone Photography, Farnsworth Group, and Fehr Graham.

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