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100 TIRES PULLED FROM SCIOTO RIVER IN DELAWARE COUNTY CLEANUP

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DELAWARE, Oh., Sept. 9, 2008 – Volunteers pulled more than 100 tires out of the Scioto River in northwestern Delaware County Saturday.

Keep Delaware County Beautiful's annual Scioto River Sweep litter cleanup also yielded a sunken canoe, a basketball goal, two water tanks, and a toilet bowl.

More than 50 volunteers toiled for four hours on the cleanup of three miles of the Scioto River and its banks between Curren and Radnor roads in Radnor and Thompson townships. It was the first organized cleanup ever conducted on that stretch of the river, according to Keep Delaware County Beautiful Coordinator Jenifer Way-Young.

Ohio Wesleyan University students in Circle K, the Environment and Wildlife Club, and Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity accounted for most of the volunteers. After wrestling the water- and mud-filled tires and other junk into canoes and paddling downstream, they formed human chains to roll and drag the items up the muddy riverbanks to the side of River Road. Many of the tires were from trucks. The day's haul totaled about 2,500 pounds of tires and 1,320 pounds of other trash and junk.

The Scioto River Valley Federation served lunch to the volunteers at the Radnor Community Center picnic shelter, and Camp Lazarus provided canoes. Also assisting with personnel, vehicles, or other support were Radnor Township, Preservation Parks of Delaware County, the Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Delaware General Health District, Central Ohio Contractors, and the DKMM Solid Waste District. The cleanup was

organized by Keep Delaware County Beautiful, the Delaware General Health District's recycling and litter prevention program.

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OWU Circle K Club members Caitlin Morphew, left, and Caitlin Klueber filled their canoe with old tires during the Scioto River Sweep litter cleanup on Saturday morning, Sept. 6.

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