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## **VOLUNTEERS PICK HALF A TON OF LITTER, JUNK FROM SCIOTO RIVER**

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*Volunteers display litter and junk they pulled from the Scioto River in Delaware County Saturday morning.*

*(Photo courtesy of Keep Delaware County Beautiful)*

**DELAWARE, Oh., Sept. 16, 2009** – Volunteers in canoes wrested more than a half ton of junk and litter from the Scioto River in Delaware County on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Keep Delaware County Beautiful's Scioto River Sweep cleanup drew 60 volunteers, most of them Ohio Wesleyan University students. Floating in 22 canoes, they scoured the river channel from Warrensburg to the Klondike Road fishing spots upstream from Bellpoint.

A large water tank, smashed pieces of a boat, and a pile of illegally dumped asphalt shingles were among the junk collected from the river and the heavily littered fishing spots. A total of 1,325 pounds of litter and junk was collected.

Volunteers included members of OWU's Circle K, Environment and Wildlife Club, Phi Delta Theta, and Alpha Sigma Phi. Also taking part were community volunteers and representatives of Preservation Parks of Delaware County, the Scioto River Valley Federation, the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District, the Delaware Board of Health, the Delaware General Health District, and Scioto Township. Camp Lazarus provided the canoeing equipment.

For additional information about litter prevention and recycling in Delaware County, log on to [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org) and click on "Environmental Health" and "Keep Delaware County Beautiful."