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VOLUNTEERS HAUL JUNK WORTH CASH OUT OF THE SCIOTO RIVER

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Ohio Wesleyan University student Maggie Argiro hauls a flexible drain pipe out of the Scioto River.

A wheel and tire and a wooden pallet were among items pulled from the Scioto River by volunteer Fred Fowler, shown here.



DELAWARE, Oh., Sept. 15, 2011 – Much of the illegally dumped trash, junk, and debris collected during the recent Scioto River Sweep cleanup could have been recycled for cash or legally discarded with ease.

Thirty-five volunteers worked for three hours collecting about a ton of litter, trash, and other junk from the Scioto River between Price Nature Preserve at Warrensburg and the Klondike Road low spot in Concord Township on Saturday, Sept. 10. Volunteers scoured the river from canoes and picked up items on riverbanks and nearby roadsides. The annual cleanup was organized by Keep Delaware County Beautiful, the Delaware General Health District's recycling and litter prevention program.

Finds included a kitchen range which could have been recycled for cash; brick pavers which could have been donated to the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store; and piles of brush which could have been dropped off at the nearby Price Farms Organics composting facility.

"We got a lot of stuff which could have been recycled or reused or disposed of properly for free," said Jenifer Way-Young, Keep Delaware County Beautiful coordinator. "Whoever dumped that stove could have gotten cash for it at a scrap metal recycling business."

The volunteers also collected several tires and a toilet, and cleaned up discarded beer bottled and cans and fishing line at multiple fishing spots.

Members of Ohio Wesleyan University's Circle K and Environment & Wildlife clubs joined several area residents helping out with the cleanup. Organizations providing sponsorship and support included Preservation Parks of Delaware County, the Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Scioto River Valley Federation, Concord Township, the Delaware County Commissioners, the Delaware-Knox-Marion-Morrow Solid Waste District, the City of Delaware, and the Keep Delaware County Beautiful Coalition.

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