

News Release

OCEANS DAY CLEANUP ON PINECREST CREEK A HUGE SUCCESS

MANOTICK, June 19, 2006 — In celebration of World Oceans Day, cleanups were held at various locations throughout the Ottawa River Watershed on June 10, 2006. The 2006 Oceans Day theme of “watersheds” celebrates watersheds in Canada, from upstream rivers through to the ocean environment into which they flow. This watershed wide cleanup marks the wrap up of a week of Oceans Day festivities (June 4 – June 10) as well as a day long of festivities for National Rivers Day (June 11).

The City Stream Watch held a cleanup on Pinecrest Creek in west end Ottawa which was a huge success. Twenty-one volunteers showed up despite the weather and cleaned up approximately 2 km of stream. As always, volunteers found treasures such as tires, shopping carts and of course bicycles. When we finished, there was a pile of garbage twice the size of what I expected.

After a long morning of cleaning up the stream, volunteers were treated to a delicious lunch provided by the Monterey Inn Resort & Conference Centre who is a long time supporter of the program as well as the first carbon neutral company in Canada.

A huge thanks goes out to the volunteers who participated in this event for making it such a success. Without your eagerness and dedication to the environment the City Stream Watch program would never be where it is today.

Everyone is welcome to check out other City Stream Watch events, projects and Stream Reports at www.rideauvalley.on.ca, then click on the City Stream Watch box on the right hand side of the screen.

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World Oceans day was planned and supported by a number of partners in the Ottawa River Watershed such as the Oceans Day partners (Canadian Wildlife Federation, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans, the Canadian Museum of Nature and Scouts Canada), Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Mississippi Valley Conservation, South Nation Conservation, Ottawa Riverkeeper, City of Ottawa, Monterey Inn Resort and Conference Centre, National Capital Commission and CREDDO (Regional Council on the Environment and Sustainable Development of the Outaouais).

