

# 2011 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Results

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## Summary

The following statistics reflect results from the 2011 Great American Cleanup of PA (GACPA) activities reported to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) and PennDOT through June 15, 2011. All related activities were events registered with KPB during March, April, and May 2011 or through PennDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program (AAH).

As of June 15, 2011, the reporting rate for GACPA registered events through the GACPA website was 70% (549 out of 783). Therefore, the actual grand totals could be significantly higher. There was a chance that some registrants reported their results twice through the GACPA website and through the regular reporting of the AAH program. Any possible duplication was considered insignificant and the totals were added together for the purposes of determining grand totals for the 2011 GACPA.

All 67 counties in Pennsylvania were represented in the Great American Cleanup of PA in 2011. There were 4,222 events with 159,922 volunteers. Volunteers collected 354,267 bags of trash or 7,085,340 pounds. They cleaned 13,140 miles of roads, railroad tracks, trails, waterways, and shorelines, and 5,887 acres of parks and or wetlands. Additionally, volunteers planted 3,321 trees, bulbs, and plants in an effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful.



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## Highlights

- *Registered Events and Volunteers* - Organizers in Lancaster County were leaders in the cleanup effort with 283 registered events followed by Bucks (215), Chester (163), Susquehanna (137), and Montgomery (136) Counties. Volunteers of registered events in these top five counties represented 15% of the total volunteers, accounting for 23,657 of the 159,922 volunteers.
- *Pounds of Trash* - Volunteers in Philadelphia County collected the most trash with an impressive total of 2,076,340 pounds. Volunteers in Allegheny (947,960), Luzerne (448,360), Bucks (309,820), and Elk (219,400) Counties rounded out the top five counties for pounds of trash collected.
- *Miles Cleaned* - Volunteers in Bucks County cleaned more roads, railroad tracks, trails, waterways, and shorelines than any other county with a total of 1,308 miles cleaned. Volunteers in Philadelphia (1,207), Lancaster (693), Chester (573), and Westmoreland (515) Counties rounded out the top five counties for mileage cleaned.
- *Beautification* - Beautification efforts were most notable in the southeast region of the state with Philadelphia County volunteers planting a total of 727 trees, flowers, and bulbs. Lehigh County volunteers planted 605 of the same. On the western side of the state, Cambria County planted 502 trees, flowers, and bulbs. The volunteer beautification effort in these three counties accounted for 55% of all trees, flowers, and bulbs planted.
- *Tires collected* - Philadelphia County volunteers collected 7,285 tires followed by Elk County volunteers with 1,491. Volunteers in Centre County collected 970 tires. Collections in these three counties accounted for 67% of all tires collected.

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**Table 1. 2011 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Statistics \***

	<b>Grand Totals</b>
Total Events Reported	<b>4,222</b>
Cleanup Events	<b>4,179</b>
Beautification Events	<b>25</b>
Recycling Events	<b>11</b>
Education Events	<b>7</b>
Total Number of Volunteers	<b>159,922</b>
Total Number of Volunteers Under 18	<b>11,875</b>
Total Number of Communities Involved	<b>4,759</b>
Total Bags of Trash Collected	<b>354,267</b>
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	<b>7,085,340</b>
Total Miles of Road, Railroad Track, Trails, Waterways, and Shorelines Cleaned	<b>13,140</b>
Total Acres of Parks and/or Wetlands Cleaned	<b>5,887</b>
Total Number of Trees, Flowers, and Bulbs Planted	<b>3,321</b>
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	<b>148,700</b>
Total Number of Tires Collected and/or Recycled	<b>14,628</b>
Total Number of People Educated	<b>3,135</b>

\* Results collected through June 15, 2011, and include PennDOT's AAH activities.



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**Table 2. 2011 Great American Cleanup of PA Grand Totals by Event Type \***

	<b>Grand Totals</b>
<b>GENERAL EVENT RESULTS</b>	
Total Events Reported	<b>4,222</b>
Total # of Volunteers	<b>159,922</b>
Total # of Volunteers Under 18	<b>11,875</b>
Total # of Communities Involved	<b>4,759</b>
<b>CLEANUP EVENT RESULTS</b>	
Total Bags of Trash Collected	<b>354,267</b>
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	<b>7,085,340</b>
Total Miles of Road Cleaned	<b>12,716</b>
Total Miles of RR Track Cleaned	<b>22</b>
Total Acres of Park Cleaned	<b>5,759</b>
Total Miles of Trails Cleaned	<b>210</b>
Total Playgrounds Cleaned/Built	<b>221</b>
Total Miles of Water/Shore Cleaned	<b>192</b>
Total Acres of Wetlands Cleaned	<b>128</b>
Total Junk Cars Removed	<b>1</b>
<b>BEAUTIFICATION EVENT RESULTS</b>	
Total Trees Planted	<b>603</b>
Total Flowers/Bulbs Planted	<b>2,718</b>
Total Homes Painted/Renovated/Built	<b>0</b>
Total Commercial Bldgs. Painted/Renovated/Built	<b>2</b>
Total Graffiti Sites Abated	<b>26</b>
<b>RECYCLING EVENT RESULTS</b>	
Total Bags of Clothing Collected	<b>531</b>
Total Pounds of Clothing Collected	<b>17,467</b>
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	<b>7,435</b>
Total Pounds of Newspaper Recycled	<b>2000</b>
Total Tires Collected	<b>14,628</b>
Total Batteries Collected	<b>4</b>
Total Pounds of Electronics Recycled	<b>22,748</b>
<b>EDUCATION EVENTS RESULTS</b>	
Total Education Workshops	<b>7</b>
Total People in Attendance	<b>3,135</b>

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**Table 3. 2009/2010/2011 Great PA Cleanup Grand Total Comparison \***

	2009	2010	2011	2010-2011 Change
<b>GENERAL EVENT RESULTS</b>				
Total Events Reported	4,837	4,822	4,222	(600)
Total # of Volunteers	171,940	186,487	159,922	(26,565)
Total # of Volunteers Under 18	23,485	19,585	11,875	(7,710)
Total # of Communities Involved	2,064	5,560	4,759	(801)
<b>CLEANUP EVENT RESULTS</b>				
Total Bags of Trash Collected	344,021	603,537	354,267	(249,270)
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	6,880,420	12,070,740	7,085,340	(4,985,400)
Total Miles of Road Cleaned	15,309	18,780	12,716	(6,064)
Total Miles of RR Track Cleaned	52	47	22	(25)
Total Acres of Park Cleaned	6,338	5,010	5,759	749
Total Miles of Trails Cleaned	312	206	210	4
Total Playgrounds Cleaned/Built	330	269	221	(48)
Total Miles of Water/Shore Cleaned	825	346	192	(154)
Total Acres of Wetlands Cleaned	648	1,195	128	(1,067)
Total Junk Cars Removed	15	9	1	(8)
<b>BEAUTIFICATION EVENT RESULTS</b>				
Total Trees Planted	936	773	603	(170)
Total Flowers/Bulbs Planted	5,328	20,832	2,718	(18,114)
Total Homes Painted/Renovated/Built	0	2	0	(2)
Total Commercial Bldgs. Painted/Renovated/Built	10	10	2	(8)
Total Graffiti Sites Abated	35	386	26	(360)
<b>RECYCLING EVENT RESULTS</b>				
Total Bags of Clothing Collected	260	483	531	48
Total Pounds of Clothing Collected	7,909	14,683	17,467	2,784
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	3,553	7,019	7,435	416
Total Pounds of Newspaper Recycled	0	2000	2000	0
Total Tires Collected	23,916	32,363	14,628	(17,735)
Total Batteries Collected	0	24	4	(20)
Total Pounds of Electronics Recycled	22,388	100,221	22,748	(77,473)
<b>EDUCATION EVENTS RESULTS</b>				
Total Education Workshops	45	64	7	(57)
Total People in Attendance	20,502	10,618	3,135	(7,483)

\* Results collected through June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year and include PennDOT's AAH activities.



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**Table 4. 2011 Great American Cleanup of PA Website Results by Month \***

	March	April	May	Total
<b>GENERAL EVENT RESULTS</b>				
Total Events Reported	33	431	85	549
Total # of Volunteers	1,801	50,542	24,937	77,280
Total # of Volunteers Under 18	997	9,704	1,174	11,875
Total # of Communities Involved	64	911	111	1,086
<b>CLEANUP EVENT RESULTS</b>				
Total Bags of Trash Collected	2,598	136,804	28,228	167,630
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	51,960	2,736,080	564,560	3,352,600
Total Miles of Road Cleaned	186	2,191	899	3,276
Total Miles of RR Track Cleaned	2	14	6	22
Total Acres of Park Cleaned	937	4,747	75	5,759
Total Miles of Trails Cleaned	16	176	18	210
Total Playgrounds Cleaned/Built	4	106	14	124
Total Miles of Water/Shore Cleaned	13	166	13	192
Total Acres of Wetlands Cleaned	5	116	7	128
Total Junk Cars Removed	0	0	1	1
<b>BEAUTIFICATION EVENT RESULTS</b>				
Total Trees Planted	0	205	398	603
Total Flowers/Bulbs Planted	50	1,815	853	2,718
Total Homes Painted/Renovated/Built	0	0	0	0
Total Commercial Bldgs. Painted/Renovated/Built	0	2	0	2
Total Graffiti Sites Abated	0	26	0	26
<b>RECYCLING EVENT RESULTS</b>				
Total Bags of Clothing Collected	0	200	331	531
Total Pounds of Clothing Collected	0	6,579	10,888	17,467
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	0	6,380	1,055	7,435
Total Pounds of Newspaper Recycled	0	2000	0	2000
Total Tires Collected	159	14,273	196	14,628
Total Batteries Collected	0	4	0	4
Total Pounds of Electronics Recycled	0	2,749	20,000	22,749
<b>EDUCATION EVENTS RESULTS</b>				
Total Education Workshops	0	4	3	7
Total People in Attendance	0	2,300	835	3,135

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**Table 5. 2011 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Statistics/County \***

County Name	Total Events Reported	Total # of Volunteers	Total # of Volunteers Under 18	Total # of Communities Involved	Total Bags of Trash Collected	Total Pounds of Trash Collected
Adams	37	159	6	36	1,027	20,540
Allegheny	108	10,240	734	112	47,398	947,960
Armstrong	69	1,142	17	66	2,532	50,640
Beaver	68	1,754	931	75	1,397	27,940
Bedford	36	764	6	36	3,058	61,160
Berks	31	1,445	603	31	5,296	105,920
Blair	84	2,087	5	89	8,209	164,180
Bradford	27	900	0	26	606	12,120
Bucks	215	9,774	782	227	15,491	309,820
Butler	33	387	55	37	461	9,220
Cambria	102	3,672	766	115	6,080	121,600
Cameron	7	49	0	7	141	2,820
Carbon	66	964	2	65	3,819	76,380
Centre	61	2,175	133	78	4,822	96,440
Chester	163	3,672	380	177	8,249	164,980
Clarion	28	108	11	31	342	6,840
Clearfield	41	1,301	618	43	1,867	37,340
Clinton	21	283	37	22	861	17,220
Columbia	36	394	0	37	774	15,480
Crawford	65	1,373	61	67	1,504	30,080
Cumberland	77	1,225	85	75	1,635	32,700
Dauphin	81	1,456	276	88	2,047	40,940
Delaware	40	1,368	0	40	2,735	54,700
Elk	67	782	16	71	10,970	219,400
Erie	92	8,806	999	91	6,699	133,980
Fayette	56	1,954	154	73	3,018	60,360
Forest	47	590	90	51	823	16,460
Franklin	57	644	65	54	829	16,580
Fulton	8	108	0	8	135	2,700
Greene	41	355	28	46	1,665	33,300
Huntingdon	48	506	108	55	755	15,100
Indiana	73	716	0	74	2,297	45,940



**Table 5. 2011 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Statistics/County (cont.)**

County Name	Total Events Reported	Total # of Volunteers	Total # of Volunteers Under 18	Total # of Communities Involved	Total Bags of Trash Collected	Total Pounds of Trash Collected
Jefferson	69	1,005	4	70	2,122	42,440
Juniata	13	69	1	14	148	2,960
Lackawanna	56	2,653	227	55	10,490	209,800
Lancaster	283	2,260	399	301	2,895	57,900
Lawrence	65	558	12	64	1,455	29,100
Lebanon	26	558	67	25	732	14,640
Lehigh	47	2,871	834	52	1,844	36,880
Luzerne	122	4,029	137	134	22,418	448,360
Lycoming	33	390	4	33	2,482	49,640
McKean	90	959	0	90	2,599	51,980
Mercer	44	907	52	44	3,647	72,940
Mifflin	27	184	35	30	864	17,280
Monroe	125	1,704	67	121	5,363	107,260
Montgomery	136	6,658	227	153	6,437	128,740
Montour	7	52	0	7	134	2,680
Northampton	53	1,253	46	61	1,480	29,600
Northumberland	48	613	1	51	2,020	40,400
Perry	34	353	38	35	919	18,380
Philadelphia	49	56,489	1,463	360	103,817	2,076,340
Pike	45	498	19	44	1,260	25,200
Potter	35	307	0	35	549	10,980
Schuylkill	51	2,125	125	50	2,243	44,860
Snyder	30	245	0	51	1,809	36,180
Somerset	22	381	31	21	460	9,200
Sullivan	10	75	0	10	150	3,000
Susquehanna	137	1,293	62	143	1,789	35,780
Tioga	25	392	79	24	358	7,160
Union	28	221	3	27	9,594	191,880
Venango	101	1,525	3	103	2,060	41,200
Warren	43	434	35	43	828	16,560
Washington	83	1,627	129	86	3,124	62,480
Wayne	67	798	16	67	1,281	25,620
Westmoreland	77	3,230	476	89	6,444	128,880
Wyoming	79	867	46	83	895	17,900
York	77	1,186	269	80	2,015	40,300





**Table 5. 2011 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Statistics/County (cont.)**

County Name	Total Miles of Road, Railroad Track, Trails, Waterways, and Shorelines Cleaned	Total Acres of Park and/or Wetlands Cleaned	Total Number of Trees, Flowers, and Bulbs Planted	Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	Total Tires Collected	Total People Educated
Adams	82	0	0	0	2	0
Allegheny	190	40	275	0	318	0
Armstrong	204	2	0	0	11	0
Beaver	98	12	50	0	255	0
Bedford	206	0	0	0	0	0
Berks	147	134	80	0	152	0
Blair	247	8	0	0	260	0
Bradford	50	0	0	0	0	0
Bucks	1,308	539	70	0	101	0
Butler	64	5	118	0	15	0
Cambria	312	39	502	0	146	0
Cameron	22	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon	208	0	0	0	4	0
Centre	189	150	12	0	970	0
Chester	573	198	0	0	225	0
Clarion	98	2	0	0	2	0
Clearfield	80	48	0	0	8	0
Clinton	55	2	0	0	4	0
Columbia	77	0	0	0	0	0
Crawford	147	12	0	0	10	0
Cumberland	121	10	47	0	1	0
Dauphin	155	88	30	0	23	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elk	123	1	0	0	1,491	0
Erie	155	110	0	0	115	0
Fayette	212	83	0	0	101	650
Forest	159	10	0	0	38	0
Franklin	136	0	0	0	0	0
Fulton	24	0	0	0	10	0
Greene	170	26	0	0	0	0
Huntingdon	166	0	0	0	38	0
Indiana	195	0	0	0	0	0



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County Name	Total Miles of Road, Railroad Track, Trails, Waterways, and Shorelines Cleaned	Total Acres of Park and/or Wetlands Cleaned	Total Number of Trees, Flowers, and Bulbs Planted	Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	Total Tires Collected	Total People Educated
Jefferson	165	0	200	0	4	0
Juniata	25	0	0	0	0	0
Lackawanna	64	3	0	0	8	0
Lancaster	693	29	300	1,055	63	0
Lawrence	128	0	0	0	37	0
Lebanon	123	11	0	0	14	0
Lehigh	134	29	605	0	280	0
Luzerne	192	6	25	0	517	0
Lycoming	130	3	0	0	0	0
McKean	180	0	0	0	0	0
Mercer	123	11	0	0	0	0
Mifflin	48	0	0	0	255	2,000
Monroe	293	0	280	0	29	300
Montgomery	319	1,058	0	0	15	0
Montour	9	0	0	0	0	0
Northampton	172	10	0	0	24	0
Northumberland	135	12	0	0	6	0
Perry	67	0	0	0	304	185
Philadelphia	1,207	2	727	0	7,285	0
Pike	140	2	0	0	17	0
Potter	68	0	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	162	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder	143	0	0	0	2	0
Somerset	95	3	0	0	19	0
Sullivan	50	0	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	394	0	0	0	120	0
Tioga	91	15	0	0	5	0
Union	111	0	0	0	3	0
Venango	345	0	0	0	0	0
Warren	180	1	0	0	2	0
Washington	166	3,152	0	0	439	0
Wayne	64	0	0	0	0	0
Westmoreland	515	18	0	6,380	829	0
Wyoming	227	5	0	0	7	0
York	212	1	0	0	44	0

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