2012 Great American Cleanup of PA
Summary Results

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Summary

The following statistics reflect results from the 2012 Great American Cleanup of PA (GACPA) activities reported to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) and PennDOT through June 15, 2012. All related activities were events registered with KPB during March, April, and May 2012 or through PennDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program (AAH).

As of June 15, 2012, the reporting rate for GACPA registered events through the GACPA website was 78% (637 out of 820). 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 2012 GACPA. Twenty percent of the groups participating were new participants this year and 43% have participated for over 5 years.

All 67 counties in Pennsylvania were represented in the Great American Cleanup of PA in 2012. There were 4,421 events with 141,264 volunteers. Volunteers collected 338,148 bags of trash or 6,762,960 pounds. They cleaned 13,589 miles of roads, railroad tracks, trails, waterways, and shorelines, and 14,046 acres of parks and or wetlands. Additionally, volunteers planted 22,511 trees, bulbs, and plants in an effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful.

Highlights

- *Registered Events and Volunteers* - Organizers in Luzerne County were leaders in the cleanup effort with 297 registered events followed by Lancaster (279), Bucks (209), Chester (196), and York (165) Counties. Volunteers of registered events in these top five counties represented 15% of the total volunteers, accounting for 21,060 of the 141,264 volunteers.

- *Pounds of Trash* - Volunteers in Philadelphia County collected the most trash with an impressive total of 1,807,080 pounds. Volunteers in Allegheny (687,660), Luzerne (672,060), Lackawanna (296,860), and Blair (251,780) Counties rounded out the top five counties for pounds of trash collected.

- *Miles Cleaned* - Volunteers in Delaware County cleaned more roads, railroad tracks, trails, waterways, and shorelines than any other county with a total of 1,949 miles cleaned. Volunteers in Bucks (1,188), Chester (758), Lancaster (679), and Monroe (343) 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 18,376 trees, flowers, and bulbs. Allegheny County volunteers planted 605 trees, bulbs, and flowers and Montgomery County planted 553 trees, flowers, and bulbs. The volunteer beautification effort in these three counties accounted for 87% of all trees, flowers, and bulbs planted.

- *Tires collected* - Elk County volunteers collected 3,359 tires followed by Washington County volunteers with 3,327. Volunteers in Adams County collected 2,037 tires. Collections in these three counties accounted for 47% of all tires collected.

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Table 1. 2012 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Statistics *

	Grand Totals
Total Events Reported	**4,421**
Cleanup Events	**4,359**
Beautification Events	**36**
Recycling Events	**16**
Education Events	**10**
Total Number of Volunteers	**141,264**
Total Number of Volunteers Under 18	**9,909**
Total Number of Communities Involved	**5,269**
Total Bags of Trash Collected	**338,148**
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	**6,762,960**
Total Miles of Road, Railroad Track, Trails, Waterways, and Shorelines Cleaned	**13,589**
Total Acres of Parks and/or Wetlands Cleaned	**14,046**
Total Number of Trees, Flowers, and Bulbs Planted	**22,511**
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	**41,490**
Total Number of Tires Collected and/or Recycled	**18,777**
Total Number of People Educated	**9,960**

* Results collected through June 15, 2012, and include PennDOT's AAH activities.

Table 2. 2012 Great American Cleanup of PA Grand Totals by Event Type *

	Grand Totals
GENERAL EVENT RESULTS	
Total Events Reported	4,421
Total # of Volunteers	141,264
Total # of Volunteers Under 18	9,909
Total # of Communities Involved	5,269
CLEANUP EVENT RESULTS	
Total Bags of Trash Collected	338,148
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	6,762,960
Total Miles of Road Cleaned	12,534
Total Miles of RR Track Cleaned	31
Total Acres of Park Cleaned	13,841
Total Miles of Trails Cleaned	412
Total Playgrounds Cleaned/Built	85
Total Miles of Water/Shore Cleaned	611
Total Acres of Wetlands Cleaned	205
Total Junk Cars Removed	12
BEAUTIFICATION EVENT RESULTS	
Total Trees Planted	755
Total Flowers/Bulbs Planted	21,756
Total Homes Painted/Renovated/Built	0
Total Commercial Bldgs. Painted/Renovated/Built	4
Total Graffiti Sites Abated	16
RECYCLING EVENT RESULTS	
Total Bags of Clothing Collected	315
Total Pounds of Clothing Collected	10.362
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	41,490
Total Pounds of Newspaper Recycled	0
Total Tires Collected	18,777
Total Batteries Collected	4
Total Pounds of Electronics Recycled	79,032
EDUCATION EVENTS RESULTS	
Total Education Workshops	13
Total People in Attendance	9,823

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

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

	2010	2011	2012	2011-2012 Change
GENERAL EVENT RESULTS				
Total Events Reported	4,822	4,222	4,421	199
Total # of Volunteers	186,487	159,922	141,264	(18,658)
Total # of Volunteers Under 18	19,585	11,875	9,909	(1,966)
Total # of Communities Involved	5,560	4,759	5,269	510
CLEANUP EVENT RESULTS				
Total Bags of Trash Collected	603,537	354,267	338,148	(16,119)
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	12,070,740	7,085,340	6,762,960	(322,380)
Total Miles of Road Cleaned	18,780	12,716	12,534	(182)
Total Miles of RR Track Cleaned	47	22	31	9
Total Acres of Park Cleaned	5,010	5,759	13,841	8,082
Total Miles of Trails Cleaned	206	210	412	202
Total Playgrounds Cleaned/Built	269	221	85	(136)
Total Miles of Water/Shore Cleaned	346	192	611	419
Total Acres of Wetlands Cleaned	1,195	128	205	77
Total Junk Cars Removed	9	1	12	11
BEAUTIFICATION EVENT RESULTS				
Total Trees Planted	773	603	755	152
Total Flowers/Bulbs Planted	20,832	2,718	21,756	19,038
Total Homes Painted/Renovated/Built	2	0	0	0
Total Commercial Bldgs. Painted/Renovated/Built	10	2	4	2
Total Graffiti Sites Abated	386	26	16	(10)
RECYCLING EVENT RESULTS				
Total Bags of Clothing Collected	483	531	315	(216)
Total Pounds of Clothing Collected	14,683	17,467	10,362	(7,105)
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	7,019	7,435	41,490	34,055
Total Pounds of Newspaper Recycled	2,000	2,000	0	(2,000)
Total Tires Collected	32,363	14,628	18,777	4,149
Total Batteries Collected	24	4	8	4
Total Pounds of Electronics Recycled	100,221	22,748	79,032	56,284
EDUCATION EVENTS RESULTS				
Total Education Workshops	64	7	13	6
Total People in Attendance	10,618	3,135	9,823	6,688

* Results collected through June 15th of each year and include PennDOT's AAH activities.

Table 4. 2012 Great American Cleanup of PA Website Results by Month *

	March	April	May	Total
GENERAL EVENT RESULTS				
Total Events Reported	72	474	91	637
Total # of Volunteers	5,793	41,685	19,171	66,649
Total # of Volunteers Under 18	1,026	7,413	1,470	9,909
Total # of Communities Involved	106	1,131	315	1,552
CLEANUP EVENT RESULTS				
Total Bags of Trash Collected	12,930	124,285	27,686	164,901
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	258,600	2,485,700	553,720	3,298,020
Total Miles of Road Cleaned	246	1,731	173	2,150
Total Miles of RR Track Cleaned	2	21	8	31
Total Acres of Park Cleaned	562	13,242	37	13,841
Total Miles of Trails Cleaned	140	247	25	412
Total Playgrounds Cleaned/Built	16	61	8	85
Total Miles of Water/Shore Cleaned	60	466	86	612
Total Acres of Wetlands Cleaned	44	158	3	205
Total Junk Cars Removed	1	11	0	12
BEAUTIFICATION EVENT RESULTS				
Total Trees Planted	0	513	242	755
Total Flowers/Bulbs Planted	0	2,061	19,695	21,756
Total Homes Painted/Renovated/Built	0	0	0	0
Total Commercial Bldgs. Painted/Renovated/Built	0	2	2	4
Total Graffiti Sites Abated	0	2	14	16
RECYCLING EVENT RESULTS				
Total Bags of Clothing Collected	0	115	200	315
Total Pounds of Clothing Collected	0	3,783	6,579	10,362
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	0	41,490	0	41,490
Total Pounds of Newspaper Recycled	0	0	0	0
Total Tires Collected	1,331	10,751	6,695	18,777
Total Batteries Collected	0	4	4	8
Total Pounds of Electronics Recycled	0	39,036	40,000	79,036
EDUCATION EVENTS RESULTS				
Total Education Workshops	1	4	7	12
Total People in Attendance	2,000	5,685	2,275	9,960

* Results collected through June 15, 2012. Does not include data provided by PennDOT.

Table 5. 2012 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	32	558	22	31	470	9,400
Allegheny	106	9,669	582	109	34,383	687,660
Armstrong	47	826	3	49	1,780	35,600
Beaver	54	445	10	57	718	14,360
Bedford	37	760	15	33	3,142	62,840
Berks	55	1,208	209	59	1,316	26,320
Blair	78	1,772	14	78	12,587	251,740
Bradford	30	957	19	29	2,484	49,680
Bucks	209	6,569	632	227	10,883	217,660
Butler	77	451	69	81	916	18,320
Cambria	88	3,199	568	99	8,793	175,860
Cameron	7	50	0	7	144	2,880
Carbon	55	1,134	46	54	5,506	110,120
Centre	51	1,600	216	66	6,405	128,100
Chester	196	4,464	562	203	8,273	165,460
Clarion	44	437	97	50	1,014	20,280
Clearfield	40	758	65	43	1,732	34,640
Clinton	13	263	28	13	347	6,940
Columbia	36	1,062	30	40	1,816	36,320
Crawford	20	309	64	24	160	3,200
Cumberland	54	1,044	138	57	1,637	32,740
Dauphin	79	1,839	367	93	1,747	34,940
Delaware	55	3,614	172	61	7,975	159,500
Elk	51	524	14	57	581	11,620
Erie	92	5,594	610	89	4,831	96,620
Fayette	67	505	36	65	3,490	69,800
Forest	45	559	156	51	834	16,680
Franklin	25	162	2	24	221	4,420
Fulton	9	90	0	9	55	1,100
Greene	37	296	25	38	1,456	29,120
Huntingdon	36	995	0	35	875	17,500
Indiana	82	861	22	85	2,533	50,660

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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	81	1,346	0	82	2,330	46,600
Juniata	11	118	8	17	209	4,180
Lackawanna	88	3,245	307	95	14,843	296,860
Lancaster	279	2,667	408	293	2,935	58,700
Lawrence	62	584	50	61	1,445	28,900
Lebanon	32	741	93	44	776	15,520
Lehigh	37	4,634	743	50	4,839	96,780
Luzerne	297	6,142	201	309	33,603	672,060
Lycoming	71	769	63	75	7,848	156,960
McKean	58	1,191	27	60	1,729	34,580
Mercer	58	724	65	58	882	17,640
Mifflin	41	86	0	41	427	8,540
Monroe	124	1,731	343	124	3,932	78,640
Montgomery	127	4,868	416	158	6,869	137,380
Montour	12	183	0	12	325	6,500
Northampton	53	1,249	181	61	1,279	25,580
Northumberland	19	400	22	28	895	17,900
Perry	32	331	29	31	710	14,200
Philadelphia	39	44,823	942	550	90,354	1,807,080
Pike	94	527	36	98	1,073	21,460
Potter	38	240	0	38	565	11,300
Schuylkill	62	1,790	91	71	2,825	56,500
Snyder	32	426	17	59	962	19,240
Somerset	22	408	35	30	871	17,420
Sullivan	25	120	0	25	175	3,500
Susquehanna	114	1,060	40	120	1,572	31,440
Tioga	35	447	83	36	878	17,560
Union	34	447	15	34	6,727	134,540
Venango	66	762	21	68	1,046	20,920
Warren	22	397	24	22	616	12,320
Washington	88	2,012	56	129	5,314	106,280
Wayne	66	1,175	225	66	1,318	26,360
Westmoreland	82	1,035	315	85	3,337	66,740
Wyoming	48	794	46	52	793	15,860
York	165	1,218	214	171	4,742	94,840

Table 5. 2012 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	84	0	0	0	2,037	0
Allegheny	324	270	650	0	319	0
Armstrong	168	0	0	0	8	0
Beaver	97	0	0	0	50	0
Bedford	190	0	0	10	200	0
Berks	141	308	91	0	84	0
Blair	228	0	0	770	556	0
Bradford	50	0	0	0	578	0
Bucks	1,188	525	30	0	208	0
Butler	130	9	30	0	0	0
Cambria	198	7,326	310	0	260	0
Cameron	21	0	0	0	0	0
Carbon	113	12	0	0	4	0
Centre	163	80	30	0	396	0
Chester	758	131	0	0	234	0
Clarion	106	0	0	0	23	0
Clearfield	81	125	0	0	4	0
Clinton	34	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia	171	10	0	0	120	0
Crawford	54	0	0	0	0	270
Cumberland	172	18	0	0	5	0
Dauphin	107	66	141	0	230	0
Delaware	1,949	0	124	0	15	0
Elk	108	1	0	0	3,359	0
Erie	168	708	0	0	19	264
Fayette	180	5	300	50	627	0
Forest	138	600	0	0	25	0
Franklin	111	0	0	0	0	0
Fulton	22	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	189	7	0	0	4	0
Huntingdon	126	0	0	0	161	0
Indiana	188	0	1	0	30	0

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Jefferson	176	0	0	0	3	0
Juniata	33	1	0	0	35	0
Lackawanna	170	24	150	0	763	0
Lancaster	679	35	520	92	6	0
Lawrence	111	5	0	0	124	0
Lebanon	169	6	0	0	47	0
Lehigh	109	114	0	0	97	0
Luzerne	175	31	30	0	984	0
Lycoming	214	0	32	30	45	0
McKean	294	0	0	0	43	0
Mercer	109	0	0	0	75	0
Mifflin	73	0	0	0	7	0
Monroe	343	3	0	0	6	0
Montgomery	304	224	553	0	246	0
Montour	79	0	0	0	0	0
Northampton	118	83	40	0	13	0
Northumberland	44	10	0	0	55	0
Perry	70	0	0	0	173	0
Philadelphia	11	679	18,376	40,340	1,814	9,426
Pike	209	5	125	0	19	0
Potter	72	0	0	0	0	0
Schuylkill	140	0	0	0	76	0
Snyder	101	1	0	0	0	0
Somerset	143	0	100	0	0	0
Sullivan	80	0	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	255	22	0	0	228	0
Tioga	128	2	0	0	17	0
Union	112	0	100	0	0	0
Venango	169	0	0	0	18	0
Warren	140	0	0	0	5	0
Washington	180	2,576	0	0	3,327	0
Wayne	177	5	0	0	32	0
Westmoreland	193	21	490	225	888	0
Wyoming	119	0	38	0	38	0
York	337	0	250	0	37	0

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