



2009 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Results

Summary

The following statistics reflect results from the 2009 Great American Cleanup of PA (GACPA) activities reported to PA CleanWays (PACW) and PennDOT through June 15, 2009. All related activities were events registered with PACW during March, April, and May 2009 or through PennDOT's Adopt-A-Highway Program (AAH).

As of June 15, 2009, the reporting rate for GACPA registered events through the GACPA website was 82% (701 out of 851). 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 2009 GACPA.

All 67 counties in Pennsylvania were represented in the Great American Cleanup of PA in 2009. There were 4,837 events with 171,940 volunteers. Volunteers collected 344,021 bags of trash or 6,880,420 pounds. They cleaned 16,498 miles of roads, railroad tracks, trails, waterways, and shorelines, and 6,986 acres of park and or wetlands. Additionally, volunteers planted 6,264 trees, bulbs, and plants in an effort to keep Pennsylvania beautiful.



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Highlights

- *Registered Events and Volunteers* - Organizers in Bucks County were leaders in the cleanup effort with 285 registered events followed by Luzerne (284), Lancaster (232), Allegheny (203), and Chester (179) Counties. Volunteers in registered events in these five counties represented 27% of the total volunteers, accounting for 45,695 of the 171,940 volunteers.
- *Pounds of Trash* - Volunteers in Allegheny County collected the most trash with an impressive total of 746,780 pounds. Volunteers in Philadelphia (715,080), Centre (461,780), Luzerne (437,120), and Northumberland (420,300) Counties rounded out the top five counties for pounds of trash collected.
- *Miles Cleaned* - Volunteers in Philadelphia County cleaned more roads, railroad tracks, trails, waterways, and shorelines than any other county with a total of 2,140 miles cleaned. Volunteers in Bucks (1,603), Somerset (746), Lancaster (661), and Montgomery (632) 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 2,134 trees, flowers, and bulbs. Lancaster County volunteers planted 984 of the same. However, Cambria County planted 1,583 trees, flowers, and bulbs. The volunteer beautification effort in these three counties accounted for 75% of all trees, flowers, and bulbs planted.
- *Tires collected* - Elk County volunteers collected 8,302 tires followed by Allegheny County volunteers with 1,549. Volunteers in Westmoreland County collected 1,127 tires. Collections in these three counties accounted for 46% of all tires collected.

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Table 1. 2009 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Statistics *

	Grand Totals
Total Events Registered	4,837
Cleanup Events	4,722
Beautification Events	60
Recycling Events	10
Education Events	45
Total Number of Volunteers	171,940
Total Number of Volunteers Under 18	23,485
Total Number of Communities Involved	2,064
Total Bags of Trash Collected	344,021
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	6,880,420
Total Miles of Road, Railroad Track, Trails, Waterways and Shorelines Cleaned	16,498
Total Acres of Parks and/or Wetlands Cleaned	6,986
Total Number of Trees, Flowers and Bulbs Planted	6,264
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	3,553
Total Number of Tires Collected and/or Recycled	23,916
Total Number of People Educated	20,502

* Results collected through June 15, 2009, and include PennDOT's AAH activities.



Table 2. 2009 Great American Cleanup of PA Grand Totals by Event Type *

	Grand Totals
GENERAL EVENT RESULTS	
Total Event Registrations	4,837
Total # of Volunteers	171,940
Total # of Volunteers Under 18	23,485
Total # of Communities Involved	2,064
CLEANUP EVENT RESULTS	
Total Bags of Trash Collected	344,021
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	6,880,420
Total Miles of Road Cleaned	15,309
Total Miles of RR Track Cleaned	52
Total Acres of Park Cleaned	6,338
Total Miles of Trails Cleaned	312
Total Playgrounds Cleaned/Built	330
Total Miles of Water/Shore Cleaned	825
Total Acres of Wetlands Cleaned	648
Total Junk Cars Removed	15
BEAUTIFICATION EVENT RESULTS	
Total Trees Planted	936
Total Flowers/Bulbs Planted	5,328
Total Homes Painted/Renovated/Built	0
Total Commercial Bldgs. Painted/Renovated/Built	10
Total Graffiti Sites Abated	35
RECYCLING EVENT RESULTS	
Total Bags of Clothing Collected	260
Total Pounds of Clothing Collected	7,909
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	3,553
Total Pounds of Newspaper Recycled	0
Total Tires Collected	23,916
Total Batteries Collected	0
Total Electronics Recycled	842
EDUCATION EVENTS RESULTS	
Total Education Workshops	45
Total People in Attendance	20,502

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Table 3. 2007/2008/2009 Great PA Cleanup Grand Total Comparison *

	2007	2008	2009	2008-2009 Change
GENERAL EVENT RESULTS				
Total Event Registrations	4,987	4,866	4,837	(29)
Total # of Volunteers	139,480	175,200	171,940	(3,260)
Total # of Volunteers Under 18	10,722	20,679	23,485	2,806
Total # of Communities Involved	4,124	1,903	2,064	161
CLEANUP EVENT RESULTS				
Total Bags of Trash Collected	372,096	528,531	344,021	(184,510)
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	7,441,919	10,570,620	6,880,420	(3,690,200)
Total Miles of Road Cleaned	12,385	20,851	15,309	(5,542)
Total Miles of RR Track Cleaned	28	60	52	(8)
Total Acres of Park Cleaned	3,180	9,276	6,338	(2,938)
Total Miles of Trails Cleaned	162	421	312	(109)
Total Playgrounds Cleaned/Built	526	442	330	(112)
Total Miles of Water/Shore Cleaned	254	321	825	504
Total Acres of Wetlands Cleaned	189	1,546	648	(898)
Total Junk Cars Removed	18	219	15	(204)
BEAUTIFICATION EVENT RESULTS				
Total Trees Planted	6,933	438	936	498
Total Flowers/Bulbs Planted	6,001	9,639	5,328	(4,311)
Total Homes Painted/Renovated/Built	1	1	0	(1)
Total Commercial Bldgs. Painted/Renovated/Built	2	11	10	(1)
Total Graffiti Sites Abated	94	2	35	33
RECYCLING EVENT RESULTS				
Total Bags of Clothing Collected	300	0	260	260
Total Pounds of Clothing Collected	9,010	0	7,909	7,909
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	47,956	1,180	3,553	2,373
Total Pounds of Newspaper Recycled	103	0	0	0
Total Tires Collected	5,059	35,403	23,916	(11,487)
Total Batteries Collected	70	4	0	(4)
Total Electronics Recycled	28,685	120	842	722
EDUCATION EVENTS RESULTS				
Total Education Workshops	56	72	45	(27)
Total People in Attendance	1,629	3,077	20,502	17,425

* Results collected through May 31, 2007 for 2007 GPC, June 30, 2008 for 2008 GPC, and June 15, 2009 for 2009 GACPA, and include PennDOT's AAH activities.



Table 4. 2009 Great American Cleanup of PA Website Results by Month *

	March	April	May	Total
GENERAL EVENT RESULTS				
Total Event Registrations	51	662	138	851
Total # of Volunteers	2,443	54,133	15,507	72,083
Total # of Volunteers Under 18	1,715	19,507	2,263	23,485
Total # of Communities Involved	88	1,472	157	1,717
CLEANUP EVENT RESULTS				
Total Bags of Trash Collected	3,333	129,184	35,172	167,689
Total Pounds of Trash Collected	66,660	2,583,680	703,440	3,353,780
Total Miles of Road Cleaned	101	4,482	505	5,088
Total Miles of RR Track Cleaned	2	37	13	52
Total Acres of Park Cleaned	70	6,046	84	6,200
Total Miles of Trails Cleaned	22	268	13	303
Total Playgrounds Cleaned/Built	7	172	23	202
Total Miles of Water/Shore Cleaned	7	753	46	806
Total Acres of Wetlands Cleaned	15	606	27	648
Total Junk Cars Removed	0	13	2	15
BEAUTIFICATION EVENT RESULTS				
Total Trees Planted	0	785	151	936
Total Flowers/Bulbs Planted	0	2,646	2,682	5,328
Total Homes Painted/Renovated/Built	0	0	0	0
Total Commercial Bldgs. Painted/Renovated/Built	0	7	3	10
Total Graffiti Sites Abated	0	34	1	35
RECYCLING EVENT RESULTS				
Total Bags of Clothing Collected	0	260	0	260
Total Pounds of Clothing Collected	0	7,909	0	7,909
Total Pounds of Aluminum/Steel Recycled	100	1,938	1,515	3,553
Total Pounds of Newspaper Recycled	0	0	0	0
Total Tires Collected	1,144	19,678	2,864	23,686
Total Batteries Collected	0	0	0	0
Total Electronics Recycled	333	510	0	843
EDUCATION EVENTS RESULTS				
Total Education Workshops	16	27	2	45
Total People in Attendance	1,598	18,473	431	20,502

* Results collected through June 15, 2009. Does not include AAH program results.



Table 5. 2009 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Statistics/County *

County Name	Total Event Registrations	Total # of Volunteers	Total # of Volunteers Under 18	Total # of Communities Involved	Total Bags of Trash Collected	Total Pounds of Trash Collected
Adams	56	813	59	7	2,701	54,020
Allegheny	203	24,656	2,475	315	37,339	746,780
Armstrong	38	1,136	10	1	2,122	42,440
Beaver	69	1,107	184	24	2,004	40,080
Bedford	62	1,392	28	7	4,320	86,400
Berks	51	2,072	245	12	1,781	35,620
Blair	102	2,244	58	16	15,480	309,600
Bradford	12	293	7	3	367	7,340
Bucks	285	6,321	742	32	10,099	201,980
Butler	93	712	53	14	3,847	76,940
Cambria	136	4,736	767	55	9,117	182,340
Cameron	15	62	0	3	174	3,480
Carbon	58	1,256	47	14	5,006	100,120
Centre	53	2,297	733	29	23,089	461,780
Chester	179	6,723	418	44	10,562	211,240
Clarion	45	649	14	5	1,550	31,000
Clearfield	57	1,289	165	16	4,860	97,200
Clinton	38	658	54	23	1,332	26,640
Columbia	32	323	134	9	2,471	49,420
Crawford	57	927	165	8	1,108	22,160
Cumberland	81	1,544	95	19	3,210	64,200
Dauphin	101	3,702	349	25	6,444	128,880
Delaware	36	3,062	98	50	6,980	139,600
Elk	71	384	34	12	2,183	43,660
Erie	53	11,153	2,843	222	8,534	170,680
Fayette	33	516	97	7	2,701	54,020
Forest	40	380	0	0	548	10,960
Franklin	31	203	59	48	433	8,660
Fulton	16	165	20	7	872	17,440
Greene	38	183	9	6	1,115	22,300
Huntingdon	55	593	142	18	2,161	43,220
Indiana	82	857	0	13	3,040	60,800



Table 5. 2009 Great American Cleanup of PA Summary Statistics/County (cont.)

County Name	Total Event Registrations	Total # of Volunteers	Total # of Volunteers Under 18	Total # of Communities Involved	Total Bags of Trash Collected	Total Pounds of Trash Collected
Jefferson	75	1,468	2	2	2,330	46,600
Juniata	17	115	11	1	629	12,580
Lackawanna	65	2,759	68	12	13,125	262,500
Lancaster	232	2,771	479	40	5,817	116,340
Lawrence	45	815	75	5	4,145	82,900
Lebanon	27	520	78	10	738	14,760
Lehigh	70	5,210	1,169	73	2,139	42,780
Luzerne	284	5,224	131	23	21,856	437,120
Lycoming	31	890	201	10	5,842	116,840
McKean	105	953	231	8	4,830	96,600
Mercer	40	2,082	559	5	1,143	22,860
Mifflin	44	300	49	10	750	15,000
Monroe	139	2,194	55	26	3,802	76,040
Montgomery	112	10,028	1,669	52	4,127	82,540
Montour	11	58	1	4	408	8,160
Northampton	61	2,379	411	29	3,020	60,400
Northumberland	41	506	126	11	21,015	420,300
Perry	40	360	202	3	704	14,080
Philadelphia	83	35,322	6,230	123	35,754	715,080
Pike	56	305	29	10	886	17,720
Potter	52	414	12	1	626	12,520
Schuylkill	88	1,853	287	18	3,289	65,780
Snyder	23	358	0	11	370	7,400
Somerset	81	618	66	47	2,011	40,220
Sullivan	10	40	0	0	200	4,000
Susquehanna	76	804	20	6	971	19,420
Tioga	34	636	169	11	496	9,920
Union	34	437	26	12	534	10,680
Venango	108	1,794	41	8	3,798	75,960
Warren	46	260	30	1	417	8,340
Washington	90	2,453	186	12	5,606	112,120
Wayne	57	1,505	10	1	870	17,400
Westmoreland	113	2,173	535	31	10,478	209,560
Wyoming	41	655	61	8	898	17,960
York	128	1,273	162	29	2,847	56,940



Table 5. 2009 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	130	0	100	0	6	0
Allegheny	417	89	86	100	1,549	33
Armstrong	97	2	0	0	1	0
Beaver	170	8	0	0	262	0
Bedford	217	0	0	0	174	0
Berks	303	13	161	0	140	0
Blair	281	105	0	0	591	0
Bradford	35	6	0	0	9	0
Bucks	1,603	132	312	0	150	387
Butler	297	6	0	0	1,085	750
Cambria	337	4	1583	0	186	0
Cameron	36	5	0	0	3	0
Carbon	101	13	35	0	37	0
Centre	188	260	0	0	173	0
Chester	523	303	0	0	153	0
Clarion	226	5	0	0	10	0
Clearfield	125	388	0	0	600	0
Clinton	127	5	0	0	83	0
Columbia	74	22	0	0	278	0
Crawford	242	20	0	0	4	800
Cumberland	287	7	0	0	16	27
Dauphin	168	22	0	331	171	0
Delaware	91	15	0	0	178	0
Elk	138	0	0	0	8,302	0
Erie	372	3,745	0	0	110	0
Fayette	109	0	0	0	759	0
Forest	110	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	62	0	0	0	18	0
Fulton	35	0	0	0	74	0
Greene	144	40	0	0	10	0
Huntingdon	194	29	100	0	339	0
Indiana	233	0	0	0	23	0



Table 5. 2009 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
Jefferson	248	2	0	0	11	0
Juniata	36	1	0	0	7	0
Lackawanna	100	8	0	0	118	0
Lancaster	661	19	984	0	19	6,800
Lawrence	107	16	0	0	93	3,230
Lebanon	119	20	0	0	24	0
Lehigh	208	241	24	0	228	700
Luzerne	141	0	25	485	720	0
Lycoming	129	2	200	0	56	0
McKean	478	3	0	0	4	0
Mercer	102	86	0	0	0	0
Mifflin	79	0	0	0	334	1,160
Monroe	296	13	0	0	52	0
Montgomery	632	186	0	15	1,005	0
Montour	30	0	0	0	38	0
Northampton	211	25	0	0	165	0
Northumberland	147	92	0	1,122	1,001	0
Perry	78	0	0	0	834	0
Philadelphia	2,140	28	2,134	0	31	6,615
Pike	118	6	400	0	26	0
Potter	110	0	0	0	9	0
Schuylkill	234	21	0	0	879	0
Snyder	52	0	0	0	0	0
Somerset	746	256	100	0	176	0
Sullivan	20	0	0	0	0	0
Susquehanna	177	3	0	0	1	0
Tioga	110	25	0	0	31	0
Union	39	0	20	0	3	0
Venango	343	0	0	0	51	0
Warren	90	1	0	0	0	0
Washington	232	486	0	0	465	0
Wayne	84	0	0	0	6	0
Westmoreland	337	10	0	1,500	1,127	0
Wyoming	110	4	0	0	600	0
York	264	51	0	0	78	0

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