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NEWS RELEASE

VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP 45,534 POUNDS OF MATERIAL

QUAD CITIES—Volunteers for the tenth annual Xstream Cleanup on Saturday, August 10 removed approximately 45,534 pounds of debris from area waterways and illegal dump sites. Cleanups were held at 48 locations in Bettendorf, Buffalo, Davenport, LeClaire, McCausland and Lost Grove Lake, Iowa; and in Milan, Moline, Rock Island and Silvis, Illinois.

A total of 1,564 volunteers worked a total of 4,398 hours and collectively gathered 1,129 bags of trash, 288 tires, 15 appliances, nine bicycles, 16 pieces of furniture, 16 televisions and 14 mattresses. This was the equivalent of 36,700 pounds of trash, 6,912 pounds of tires, 1,125 pounds of appliances, 207 pounds of bicycles, 240 pounds of televisions and 350 pounds of mattresses for the grand total of 45,534 pounds. In addition, volunteers removed 35,180 pounds of material from Living Lands and Waters' barge. The material was hand-sorted by volunteers, and 15,000 pounds were recycled.

Additional items found, not reflected in the pounds above, included steel and iron pipes, car parts (including bumpers), water skis, wooden pallets, picnic tables, chairs, tents, sleeping bags, a shopping cart, a bowling ball, a sink and a micro-SD card.

In addition, this year the following locations worked on invasive species removal and storm-drain marking:

- Bettendorf: 134 storm drains marked to discourage illegal dumping
- Davenport: 216 storm drains marked to discourage illegal dumping
- Fairmount Cemetery in Davenport: 243 yards of invasive plants removed
- Green Valley Nature Preserve in Moline: One ton truck full of invasives removed
- Nahant Marsh in Davenport: Eight trailers of woody invasive plants removed

Photos from the event may be viewed via www.xstreamcleanup.org.

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