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NEWS RELEASE

XSTREAM CLEANUP RESULTS

QUAD CITIES—Volunteers at the eighth annual Xstream Cleanup on Saturday, August 13 removed approximately 69,455 pounds of debris from area waterways and illegal dumpsites. Cleanups were held at 46 locations in Bettendorf, Davenport, LeClaire, McCausland and Lost Grove Lake, in Iowa; East Moline, Milan, Moline, Rock Island and Silvis, in Illinois.

1,284 volunteers worked a total of 3,556 hours and collectively gathered 1,449 bags of trash, 1,585 tires, 22 appliances, 20 bicycles, 21 pieces of furniture, 5 televisions and 10 mattresses. This was the equivalent of 28,980 pounds of trash, 38,040 pounds of tires, 1,650 pounds of appliances, 460 pounds of bicycles, 75 pounds of televisions, 250 pounds of mattresses for a grand total of 69,455 pounds. In addition, volunteers removed 46,440 pounds of material from Living Lands and Waters' barge. The material was hand sorted and 20,540 pounds were recycled.

Additional items, reflected in the pounds above, included:

- Automotive-related items (car bumper with license plate, muffler, rims, battery)
- Home items (carpet, siding, doors, linoleum flooring, paneling, toilets, ladders, vacuum sweeper, fire pit, pots/pans, toaster oven, shoes, leather jacket)
- Metal (filing cabinet, fence, pipe, sheet metal, iron tubes, bike rack)
- Kids' items (baby car seat, swimming pools)
- Electronics (TVs, laptop, satellite dish)
- Large items (antique tractor wheel, boat, part of truck, bus seat, lawn mower, riding tractor)
- Miscellaneous (barrels, 5-gallon buckets, barricades, construction cones, sleeping bag, false teeth, GI Joe, mail box, garden gnome, crutches, cooler, shopping carts, lawn chairs, railroad ties)

In addition, this year the following locations worked on beautification efforts:

- Nahant Marsh: removed 12 trailer loads of invasive brush
- North High School grounds: removed 20 bags of invasive species and 100 invasive trees
- Downtown Davenport: cleared 1.5 acres of tree of heaven
- Fairmount Cemetery: removed locust trees from 1,505 square feet of prairie
- Green Valley Nature Preserve: chipped 6 yards of invasive brush

Photos of several cleanup sites can be viewed on-line at www.xstreamcleanup.org.

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