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*Take the Coastweeks pledge to help  
protect and restore  
Lake Erie and its watershed.*

I will acknowledge Ohio's Coastweeks and Ohio Lake Erie Commission, as follows:

On day of event, mention: *This event is part of Ohio's Coastweeks,  
sponsored in part by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission.*

Use of logo: Will appear on all printed materials;

Web site: <http://lakeerie.ohio.gov>

I will use current data cards and record requested information on data cards provided;

All land/underwater volunteers will sign and date provided release form;

I will record the approximate weight of trash, miles cleaned and number of volunteers;

I will return the data cards and volunteers' release forms as soon as the event has  
been completed or by September 30, 2009.

I pledge to acknowledge Ohio's Coastweeks:

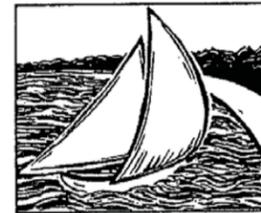
\_\_\_\_\_  
Event Coordinator Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

MAKE ONE COPY FOR YOUR FILE AND RETURN SIGNED ORIGINAL TO:  
Coastweeks, Ohio Lake Erie Commission, One Maritime Plaza, 4th Floor,  
Toledo, OH 43604-1866



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# Coastweeks

International Coastal Cleanup Day  
**September 19, 2009**

An Ohio Coastweeks cleanup is an expression of individuals' commitment to clean and safe beaches and waterways - it's all about doing something responsible for the environment and finding solutions for the litter which can kill wildlife and fish each year and pollute our beaches, streams and tributaries. It's a way to get involved locally with an international effort, in which thousands of individuals are working together to clean up their shores - and have fun in the process.

The Ohio Lake Erie Commission has developed an effective Coastweeks cleanup program which has been growing strong for over 17 years and continues to be the largest volunteer cleanup effort in Ohio to restore our Lake Erie watershed. Help us make 2009 our most successful year ever.

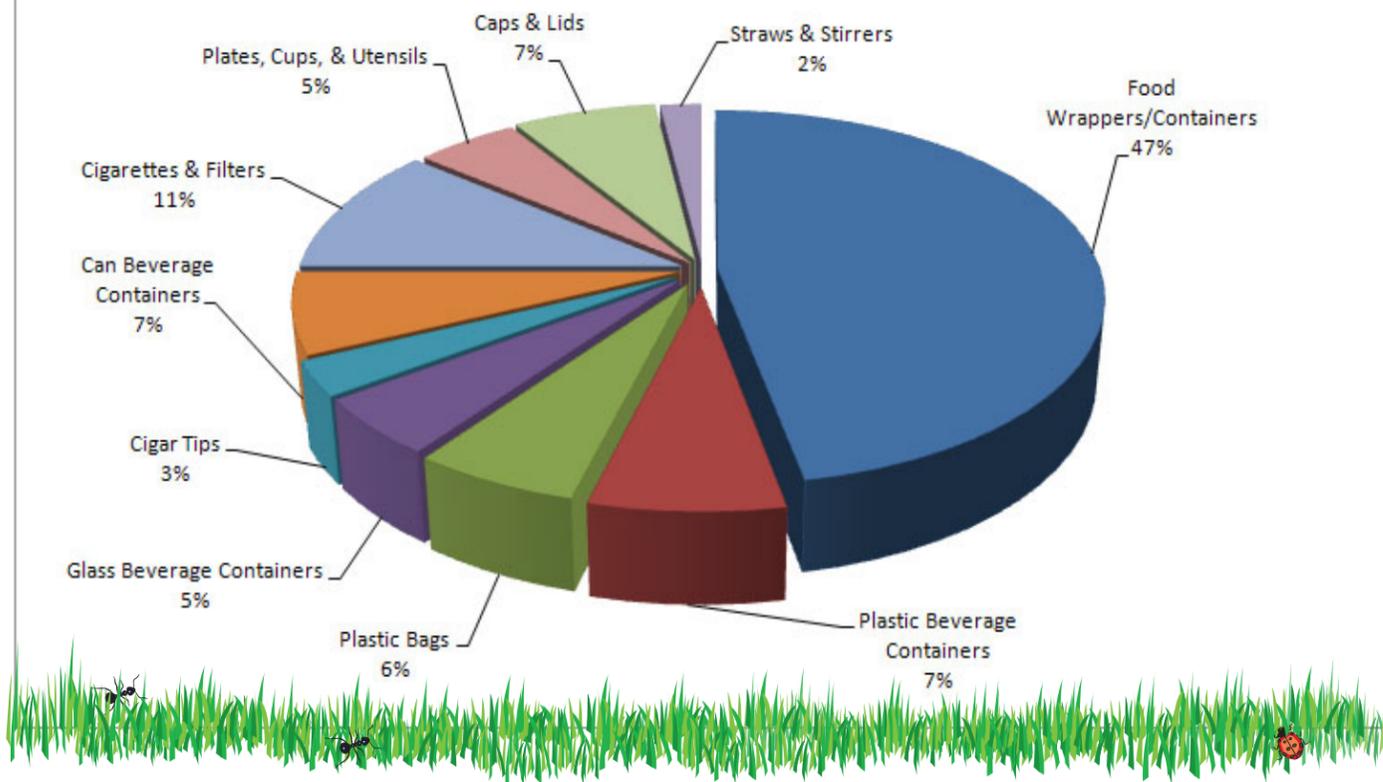
## Green Your Stream

Get involved to protect and restore our Lake Erie watershed. Ohio's Coastweeks program is just one way to bring your community together to keep our Lake Erie beaches, streams and tributaries vibrant and beautiful.

*Green your stream with a Coastweeks Cleanup!*



### Top Ten Items Picked Up - Ohio's Coastweeks 2008



Many environmental organizations, universities, clubs, local city and state agencies and concerned citizens got involved last year during Ohio's Coastweeks & International Coastal Cleanup Day.

Over 31 miles of shoreline were cleaned, and 13,448 pounds of trash were removed from Ohio's beaches, shoreline, riverbanks and streams.

The cleanup isn't just about picking up trash and debris. Volunteers also record the items they find on a data card. This method allows us to track various items. Fast food wrappers and containers have been increasing every year along with cigarettes, filters, and plastic cigar tips.

Some of the most unusual items found in years gone by . . . a toilet seat, horseshoes, false teeth, wedding bands, lottery tickets, frying pans, fly swatters, binoculars, cameras, just to name a few.

*Its easy to coordinate a cleanup and green your stream.*

#### What you do:

1. Fill out the front/back of enclosed form;
2. Return the form to us; and
3. Tell your friends how you are helping the environment and invite them to participate!

#### What we will do for you:

1. Promote your event via our web site, send out press releases, produce a poster & brochure to be distributed along the Lake Erie shoreline;
2. Provide you with a "toolkit" of information , trash bags, data cards and pencils;
3. Provide support and event assistance.

Complete the event form, make a copy for your file and return it in the self-addressed envelope (Ohio Lake Erie Commission Office, One Maritime Plaza, 4th Floor, Toledo, OH 43604) or fax to 419-245-2519 by July 9, 2009.

## Ohio's Coastweeks 2009

### International Coastal Cleanup Day: September 19

*Return event form by July 9, please! A self-addressed envelope is enclosed or mail to Ohio Lake Erie Commision, One Maritime Plaza, 4th Floor, Toledo, OH 43604-1866*

Contact person for event: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail supplies to this address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Start date of event: \_\_\_\_\_ Start time for event: \_\_\_\_\_

Event location (address & city): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of event and description of what you plan on doing at your event.

**Important:** Where should volunteers meet you? Be specific and give as many details as possible. (Street address, parking lot, beach site or area, inside or outside of a specific building, etc.)

Would you like a personalized, colored poster to advertise your event?  YES! - send me: 1 2 3 4 5 6 posters (circle one)  NO - Thank you!

Please list here comments or suggestions that would be helpful to you planning future events.

Thank you!