



**What:**

An annual volunteer effort to beautify the Illinois River and its watershed by picking up trash and litter.

**How:**

Organize volunteers and provide free t-shirts, work gloves, and trashbags for the cleanup event.

**Contact:**

Dave or Amanda

Friends of the Illinois River  
330 5th Street  
Peru, Illinois 61354

Toll Free 800.659.4659

Or

[www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.org](http://www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.org)

A very special thanks to all of you who helped make this day a grand success. The list is long and without you, we could not have done this. And of course..YOU!!- the volunteer who without your effort and energy none of this would matter!



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## How can YOU participate in Illinois River Sweep ?


Three Easy Steps....

**Step 1**  Contact Dave or Amanda at (815-224-1650) or visit

[www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.org](http://www.friendsoftheillinoisriver.org) to sign-up or more information. It's just that easy!!!

**Step 2**  Help promote an Illinois River Sweep in your area by getting your family and friends to participate.

Encourage other groups and organizations to also join the clean-up.

**Step 3**  Make sure you properly fill out and sign a waiver form at registration the day of the Illinois River Sweep. Time and location information is listed on the back of this brochure.

## Did you know....

- ◆ That eight major rivers enter into the Illinois River? (Chicago, Des Plaines, Fox, Kankakee, Vermilion, Mackinaw, Sangamon, Spoon, LaMoine)
- ◆ That land in 54 Illinois counties drain into the Illinois River?
- ◆ That 90% of the state's population lives in the Illinois River watershed?
- ◆ That 22 counties border the Illinois River?
- ◆ That more than 60 million tons of commodities are shipped on the Illinois River annually: farm products, coal, iron, petroleum products, chemicals, steel, sand and gravel?
- ◆ That Friends of the Illinois River was created in 1999 to conserve, enhance and promote the cultural and natural resources of the Illinois River and its watershed?
- ◆ That you and your neighbors can make a difference by participating in Illinois River Sweep on September 18, 2010.

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## Illinois River Sweep Captains will be organizing Sweeps in the following areas:

Bartonville, Beardstown, Browning Landing, Fon du Lac Park District, Frederick, Havana, Hennepin, Henry, Lemont, Meredosia, Morris, Naples, Ottawa, Sangamon, Pekin, Peru, Peoria, Versailles

### Tributaries:

Des Plaines River  
Macoupin Creek

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