



VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR JAMES RIVER REGIONAL CLEANUP

The James River Advisory Council currently is seeking volunteers to participate in its 10th Annual James River Regional Cleanup to be held June 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Registering to participate has never been easier. Just visit jamesriveradvisorycouncil.com, click on "James River Cleanup," and follow the instructions.

Each year, hundreds of volunteers on foot and in boats converge on selected sites along nearly 70 miles of the James River. They collect hundreds of bags of trash and recyclable materials, as well as larger debris such as tires.

The event's success has grown steadily, as has an educational component tied to the event. This year's theme, "Cleaning Up the Source," is designed to trigger thought about where trash that's in the river comes from. The James River is the centerpiece of one of Virginia's largest watersheds. The watershed includes the river, its many tributary creeks or streams, and the land around the waterways. Much of the litter collected in the James River was actually discarded at other points within the watershed, such as in roadside ditches that drain to small streams and eventually the James.

No matter where you live in Central Virginia, there's an official James River Regional Cleanup site within an easy drive. Volunteers may choose from the following sites (some localities offer several sites from which to choose):

- o Appomattox and Buckingham counties — James River State Park
- o Charles City County — VCU Rice Center
- o Chesterfield County — Dutch Gap Boat Landing, Robious Landing Park, Falling Creek Ironworks
- o Goochland County — Westview Landing
- o Henrico County — Osborne Park and Boat Landing, Horsepen Branch
- o Powhatan County — Maidens Landing
- o Richmond — Reedy Creek, Pony Pasture Rapids

For more information, including driving directions to the cleanup sites, visit jamesriveradvisorycouncil.com or call (804) 717-6688.