



# Watershed Cleanup Day and Earth Day Celebration 2019



## Overview

Environmental Resources staff have been coordinating the Watershed Cleanup Day and Earth Day Celebration since 2008. The event has grown from attendance of 351 attendees in 2007 to over 1,400 people (80 groups) in 2019, that volunteered to remove trash throughout Lakeville.

The weather was rainy and cool on April 27, but many volunteers braved the weather and conducted their pickup as planned. Groups who signed up for the event consisted of church groups, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, school groups, environmental groups, businesses, as well as several families and individuals.

The Earth Day Celebration education portion of the event started at 11 am and continued until 1 pm. There were 19 education stations at the event this year. Earth friendly prizes that promote positive environmental support were earned through participation in the educational activities and by answering environmental related questions.

**Thank you!** All Watershed Cleanup Day volunteers, Dicks Sanitation, Waste Management, Police Reserves, Kevin & Ashley Miller, Mallory Peterson, PR&N Board members: Tom Goodwin, Lindsay Haneman, Jim Storms (& Helen), Patty Zuzek, Holly Weberg, Nick Thompson; all contributing Lakeville staff who work to help us field calls, setup, conduct the event, cleanup, and bag pickup!



Jaguar Avenue Residents



Zoomobile -armadillo also in top right



Police reserves lunch serving crew



Schiffelly Earth Day Puppet Show



Lakeville Friends of the Environment -water station with compostable cups



## Practices

- ◆ Volunteer event for all ages
- Removal of pollutants from watershed
- Education event

## Project Benefits

- ◆ Promote community stewardship
- ◆ Waste removal along roadsides, parks, neighborhoods, trails, ponds, wetlands and waterways
- ◆ Education on a wide variety of environmental topics

## Timeline

- ◆ Event held on April 27, 2019
- ◆ Cleanup from 8-11 am
- ◆ Celebration 11 am-1 pm

## Partners

- Volunteers are recruited from many agencies and specialties to provide education stations at the Earth Day Celebration (on back)

Over 600 people attended the Earth Day Celebration



**Dakota County SWCD**  
- Landscaping for Clean Water & Clean Water Pledge



**Vermillion River Watershed**  
- watershed information and water conservation



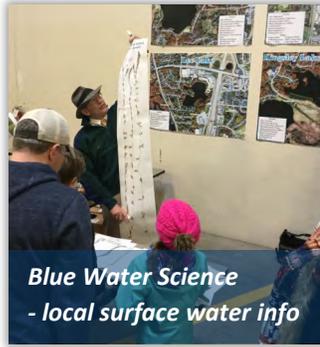
**Metropolitan Council**  
- groundwater protection



**Waterfront Restoration & MN DNR**  
- AIS identification & inspections



**Dakota County Sheriff**  
- brought a boat to promote proper AIS boat inspections



**Blue Water Science**  
- local surface water info



**Hobby Bee Keepers**  
- importance of pollinators



**University of Minnesota Extension**  
- turf alternatives and water conservation



**Lakeville Forester**  
- tree information and services



**Center for Global Environmental Education**  
- Adopt-A-Drain program



**Metropolitan Mosquito Control District**  
- information on mosquitos



**Dakota Valley Recycling**  
- recycling/waste reduction



**Dakota County Recycling (Master Water Stewards)**  
- food waste reduction, information on food challenge & compost site



**Dakota Electric**  
- energy saving information and tips



**Lakeville City Engineer and Utilities Supervisor**  
- roundabout benefits, I & I detection, street sweeping, & info about equipment

