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CELEBRATE EARTH DAY: HELP CLEAN UP MANITOWOC AREA BEACHES

MANITOWOC - A local volunteer group, Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed (FMRW), invites area residents to clean up 10 area beaches along Lake Michigan on Saturday, April 25, and help celebrate Earth Day. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The group conducts beach clean ups in the spring and fall each year and has collected hundreds of pounds of litter since they first started in 2013.

"We gather to clean up our area's beaches each spring and fall," said FMRW co-founder Kim Kettner. "We want to make a difference in an on-going effort to support water quality issues in our Lake Michigan watershed and enhance people's recreational enjoyment. To date, more than 600 volunteers have collected more than 1500 pounds of litter from our beaches at five events."

All materials will be provided. Bring your own work gloves if you have a latex sensitivity or prefer heavier gloves.

FMRW's spring clean-up will target Silver Creek Park, University, Red Arrow Beach, Lincoln High School, Warm Waters, Ferry, YMCA, Maritime Boat Launch, Wayside Memorial South and Wayside Middle Beaches.

To register for the beach clean-up, contact Kim at 920-242-1993 or fmrwinfo@gmail.com.

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