

Kicking Off Earth Week

On Saturday, April 14, 2012 approximately 130 local citizens gathered at the Maritime Museum to clean all of the Lakeshore city beaches and 2 miles of the Manitowoc River. A newly formed group, calling themselves "Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed" organized the cleanup activity. Manned with bags, buckets, gloves, pick-up sticks and tally sheets these citizens cleaned the beaches for two hours collecting approximately 35 large bags of garbage. The group collected tires, bottles, plastic bags, soda cans, metal pipes, cigarette butts, newspaper and paper, articles of clothing and other misc. items. All information was tallied and will be sent to the Alliance for the Great Lakes and American Rivers. The Friends of the Manitowoc River Watershed hopes this to be the first of many cleaning events to be organized and conducted by the group. It was a huge success. All the supplies were sponsored by the city and supported by the Mayor. Other sponsors for the event were Natural Ovens, Piggly Wiggly, Woodland Dunes, Maritime Museum and the Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership.

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