

CANTON NEWS UPDATE



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Volunteers Help Make River Day a Success

June 9, 2010, Canton, MI - Over 260 volunteers participated in Canton's annual River Day event to help make it a success. In an effort to broaden Canton's river cleaning efforts, this year's volunteers had the option of reporting to the main host site at Michigan Avenue and Morton Taylor Road, or volunteering at Workman Elementary School or the wetlands at Sheldon and Warren Roads.

During the event, volunteers at Workman pulled weeds, reestablished the trail around the school, and planted native plants along the pond area. Volunteers also placed mulch around trees and weeded the outdoor classroom.

Volunteers at the wetlands helped plant 10 flats of native species around a pond area and rescued two ducklings stuck in the riser of the pond.

Volunteers working at the main site helped plant aquatic vegetation in wetland areas near the trailhead, cleared out approximately 10 yards of debris from the river and along the Lower Rouge River Trail and planted native plants along the trail.

River Day was hosted by Canton Township and sponsored by; Friends of the Rouge, JJR, Wade Trim, OMI, Absopure, ITC, Tim Horton's, Chet's Rent All, and WTUA. Special thanks go to Canton's Board of Trustees who generously donated lunch for all River Day volunteers.

River Day is a great opportunity to help preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and streams which form the upstream portion of the Lower Rouge River Watershed. Each year Canton's River Day event has a different focus and objective based on the location and sponsor donations. To find out more about this event please call Canton Public Works at 394-5150 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

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