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Volunteers Sought for Plainfield's DuPage River Sweep May 22nd
Scouts, Sports Teams, HOAs, and Church Groups Encouraged to Participate

Plainfield, IL -- The annual DuPage River Sweep is coming soon! Individuals, families, scout groups, and other organizations are invited to register for this fun and much-needed volunteer opportunity.

The 19th annual DuPage River Sweep will be held in the Plainfield area on Saturday, May 22nd, 2010. Volunteers will help remove debris and litter from the DuPage River and tributary areas to improve water quality, reduce flood risk, and enhance safety for people and animals who rely on the DuPage River for recreation and habitat. Volunteers are also invited to enjoy a post-event barbecue at the Plainfield Park District's Mather Woods facility.

The DuPage River Sweep is a regional stream cleanup that is held annually to encourage citizens and volunteers to help "sweep our rivers clean" by picking up debris in and along the DuPage River. The event is organized regionally by The Conservation Foundation and locally by Conservation Plainfield, which is a collaborative effort of the Village, the Plainfield Park District, Plainfield Library District, District 202, Plainfield Township, and Plainfield-area residents. The event has been held since 1991, during which time more than 6,300 volunteers have removed more than 185 tons of garbage from the DuPage River.

Plainfield's River Sweep will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 22nd. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at Plainfield Village Hall, 24401 W. Lockport Street, as teams are formed and dispatched to various cleanup sites throughout the Village. A barbecue will be held for participants beginning at noon at the Mather Woods shelter on Renwick Road, east of Drauden Road. To participate, contact Jonathan Proulx, Village of Plainfield Planning Department, at (815) 609-6139 by May 14th, 2010 or visit www.conservationplainfield.com for more information and the registration form. For more information about The Conservation Foundation and the regional DuPage River Sweep, visit www.theconservationfoundation.org.

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