



Press Release

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Volunteers Sought for Plainfield's DuPage River Sweep May 12

PLAINFIELD, IL – The Village of Plainfield invites residents, students, members of service groups, and other organizations to participate in the 2007 DuPage River Sweep on Saturday, May 12, 2007 in Plainfield. 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 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 the Village of Plainfield, Community Development Department. The River Sweep is sponsored by Waste Management, Inc., in partnership with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Magid Glove & Safety, Inc. The event has been held since 1991, during which time more than 7,300 volunteers have removed more than 175 tons of garbage from the DuPage River. Plainfield's River Sweep will be held in May this year to allow students to participate, while the majority of other communities will hold their events on June 2.

On the day of the event, participants will meet at the Plainfield Village Hall at 8:30 a.m. before traveling to designated cleanup sites along the DuPage River. Volunteer groups and individuals are invited to join in the Sweep. To participate, contact Jonathan Proulx, Village of Plainfield Planning Division, at (815) 609-6139 by May 4, 2007 or visit www.plainfield-il.org for more information and the registration form.

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