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Celebrating Earth Day with a Beargrass Creek Clean Sweep and Great American Cleanup-Litzler Litter Pickup: Kentucky Waterways Alliance is co-hosting cleanups across the state as a part of our 2024 Commonwealth Sweep program which is made possible by a grant from Hydro Flask's Parks for All program.



Louisville, Kentucky – April 20, 2024 - Beargrass Creek Clean Sweep

Kentucky Waterways Alliance and our partners Metro Council District 9 Rep. Andrew Owen, Metro Council District 8 Rep. Ben Reno-Weber, Beargrass Creek Alliance, Olmsted Parks Conservancy, and MSD will host a Beargrass Creek clean up in honor of Earth Day.

Beargrass Creek is Louisville's primary urban stream. It is a 60 square mile watershed, composed of three main branches (the South, Middle and Muddy forks), which reach throughout the city of Louisville. The creek runs through some of our city's most populous neighborhoods and flows through two historically significant Olmsted Parks. The confluence of Beargrass Creek with the Ohio is connected to the Louisville Loop and Waterfront Park.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and MSD have created a 150-million-dollar ecological restoration plan to address degraded habitat over time due to pollution, development, and manipulation. KWA and the partners co-hosting the cleanup have been working together to move this project from paper to reality. The restoration of Beargrass Creek will provide habitat for wildlife, endangered species, as well as a cleaner, safer, and more beautiful stream for our community to enjoy. KWA believes our community has a right to clean water. The Earth Day Beargrass Creek Clean Sweep is an opportunity to include our community in cleaning up the creek while building public awareness of clean water issues.

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Location: Meet in the parking lot at the corner of Ledge Road and Lexington Road at the entrance to the Scenic Loop of Cherokee Park.

Timeline Check-in: 8:30-9:00 am; Welcome and Instructions: 9:00 am; Cleanup ends: 12:00 pm

Registration: bit.ly/BgCS24

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The poster features a green background with illustrations of people cleaning up. At the top, it says "Get the litter off Litzler!". Below that is the title "GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP" and the tagline "clean up, give back, protect our wildlife, have fun!". The event details are: "When: Saturday April 27th 9a-12p" and "Location: Howard Litzler Drive (former Johnny's Toys) 4314 Boron Dr, Covington". A registration link "bit.ly/GACregister" and a QR code are provided. Logos for Banklick Watershed Council, City of Covington, Keep Covington Beautiful, and KWA are at the bottom. A dark blue banner at the bottom contains the text: "Join KWA for a Commonwealth Sweep Cleanup! KWA's Commonwealth Sweep project was made possible by a grant award from Hydro Flask's Parks for All program."

Covington, Kentucky – April 27, 2024 – Great American Cleanup-Litzler Litter Pickup

Kentucky Waterways Alliance and our partner, Banklick Watershed Council are co-hosting a trash pickup along Howard Litzler Drive as part of Keep Covington Beautiful's "Great American Cleanup."

Banklick Creek is a 19.1-mile-long tributary of the Licking River in northern Kentucky and part of the Ohio River watershed. The upper half of Banklick Creek is home to many species of fish including smallmouth bass, sunfish, suckers, carp, and catfish, as well as crayfish, turtles, snakes, and frogs. The lower half, beyond the inflow of Bullock Pen Creek from Doe Run Lake, the Banklick is seriously impaired and suffers from suburban lawn runoff, siltation due to overdevelopment, and fecal coliforms due to sewer overflows. The creek is popular with both fossil and artifact seekers, and in 2001 a flint paleo spear point dating to c. 11,000 BC was discovered in a silty gravel outcropping, near Latonia.

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024

Location: 4314 Boron Dr, Latonia, KY 41015-1721, United States in the old parking lot of Johnny's Toys

Timeline 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Registration: bit.ly/GACregister

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About Kentucky Waterways Alliance

Since 1993, Kentucky Waterways Alliance (KWA) has been the only statewide organization focused on waterways in Kentucky. KWA works with communities on local watershed issues and advocates for better policies and programs at the state and national levels. With a mission to protect, restore, and celebrate Kentucky's waterways, KWA's work is making a difference in the quality of life for all Kentuckians. Learn more at their [website](https://www.kwalliance.org) at [kwalliance.org](https://www.kwalliance.org).