



## Media Advisory

### **Volunteers Spring Clean the River at Annual Sweep**

*The Conservation Foundation's DuPage River Sweep, Saturday, June 7.*

- Who:** The Conservation Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving northeast Illinois' natural areas
- What:** The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual DuPage River Sweep Event, part of National Rivers Clean-Up Week
- Co-sponsored by Waste Management and the DuPage County Storm Water Management Division. Support from American Rivers, the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County, an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency grant, WEVR-FM 95.9 "The River." Additional support includes water and employee-volunteers from Ice Mountain.
- Where:** Clean-up sites in DuPage County communities include Addison, Carol Stream, Bloomingdale, Lisle, Lombard, Villa Park, Warrenville and Wheaton plus Will County's Bolingbrook and Plainfield
- When:** Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to noon, rain or shine
- Why:** Since 1991 River Sweep, 7,300 volunteers have participated in waterway quality improvements that reduce flooding potential and provide improved habitat for fish and wildlife. The clean-up effort has removed 180 tons of garbage from the DuPage River Watershed.
- Items removed during past River Sweeps include: sofas, golf clubs, car batteries, shopping carts, gas pump, bicycles, cement chute, tires, chain link fencing, computers and thousands of cans, bottles and plastic bags
- Interviews:** The Conservation Foundation's Brook McDonald, president/CEO, and Judy Fitchett, director of education and outreach; on-site with volunteers
- Visuals:** Community volunteers in action along the DuPage River and associated waterways. Waterside and canoe clean-up patrol Bolingbrook site at Hidden Lakes Park District, 425 Trout Farm Road
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