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The Towpath, Canal Basin Park,
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800-1000 RiverSweep Volunteers Expected for Trash and Graffiti Clean-Up Saturday, May 7th, 9 A.M. - Noon

CLEVELAND– On Saturday, May 7th, close to 1,000 volunteers are expected to clean up garbage and cover graffiti in Cleveland neighborhoods such as the Flats, Tremont, and Slavic Village at RiverSweep.

Each year, RiverSweep draws students, activists and members of the business community to work together to clean the Cuyahoga River Valley of trash and tires. In its 27th year, RiverSweep has cleaned and prepared the way for future parks including Scranton Flats, Cleveland Metroparks Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, Hart Crane Park, Mill Creek Falls, Cleveland Metroparks Washington Reservation, the Morgana Run Trail, the Treadway Greenway, and Cleveland Metroparks West Creek Reservation.

Canalway Partners Executive Director Tim Donovan notes, "Over the years, RiverSweep has paved the way for several urban parks and trails including Scranton Flats. 2016 will be last time we clean sections of Tremont before Stage 3 of the Towpath Trail begins construction later this year."

Civic organizations play a key role in RiverSweep, contributing resources, coordinating clean sites and volunteers. These include: Cleveland Metroparks, City of Cleveland, Cleveland City Council, Slavic Village Development, Tremont West Development Corp., Stockyard, Clark-Fulton & Brooklyn-Centre Neighborhood Development Office, Old Brooklyn, Flats Forward, Historic Warehouse District, Union Miles Development Corp., Harvard Community Services, West Creek Conservancy and Big Creek Connects.

Photo Opportunities:

- Volunteers cleaning Irishtown Bend, 9 A.M.-Noon
- Volunteers cleaning and repainting graffiti on Train Avenue and the Flats, 9 A.M.-Noon
- Volunteer after-party at Hart Crane Park, Noon – 12:30 P.M.
- Nine clean-up sites: The Flats East, The Flats West, Rivergate/Irishtown Bend, Canal Basin Park, Morgana Run, Train Avenue, Tremont, West Creek, Big Creek/Lower Harvard, Mill Creek, Johnston Mill Run, 9 A.M.-Noon

Details about RiverSweep can be found online at canalwaypartners.com/riversweep.

RiverSweep 2016 sponsors:

- Cargill, ArcelorMittal, Sherwin Williams, Eaton, The Dominion Foundation
- GIE media, Behnke Landscape Architecture, The Port of Cleveland, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District
- First Merit Bank, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District, Great Lakes Brewing Company, Environmental Design Group, Cleveland Water Pollution Control, JMT, WSP Parsons Brinckeroff, Slavic Village Development, Republic Services, Councilman Tony Brancatelli, Harvard Community Services, Flat Iron Café, Cleveland Metroparks

About Canalway Partners – Canalway Partners, a Founding Organization of the Ohio & Erie Canalway, concentrates its work in Cuyahoga County - working to make connections for the Towpath, Canal Basin Park and beyond.
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About the Ohio & Erie Canalway – The Ohio & Erie Canalway is a National Heritage Area – designated by Congress – to help preserve and celebrate the rails, trails, landscapes, towns and sites that grew up along the first 110 miles of the canal that helped Ohio and our nation grow. www.ohioanderiecanalway.com