

1st Sugar Creek Watershed Clean-up

Despite the threat of more severe weather the Sugar Creek Steering Committee members and the V3 Team held our 1st Sugar Creek Watershed Trash Removal Clean Up on Friday, June 13. We started in the upper northeast part of the watershed. (see map) Seven volunteers collected over 8 bags of trash and other large items filling two V3 Pick-up trucks. We went out to remove the trash to offset the harm done to the watershed.

“The Sugar Creek Watershed is a habitat for so many different living things” explains Wally, V3 Biologist, “It is their home as well as ours and we need to help clean it up and not dump our trash in the watershed.” In its entirety, the Sugar Creek Watershed covers a drainage area of 84,750 square miles.

Improperly discarded trash was removed from the roadside and stream banks. Items removed included 4 tires, tire tube, pressure cooker, tent, scooter, kerosene containers, hypodermic needle, dryer drum, truck seat, bottles, phone books, plastic bags, mattress springs, household garbage, and scrap metal. One area of the illegal dumping site appeared to be a mini landfill where personal garbage has been dumped for a long time. The Sugar Creek Watershed Project is working to plan additional trash clean ups in the future. Interested and concerned persons who would like to participate in Sugar Creek trash clean-up efforts should contact the SWCD via email (cindy.beckner@in.nacdn.net) or by telephone (317-462-2283 Ext 3). Illegal dumping can be reported by calling the appropriate authorities and providing an automobile license plate number. Citizens can call the Sheriff's office at: 317-477-1147.