

9th ANNUAL EARTH DAY



CHARLES RIVER CLEANUP

Thank you for volunteering!

The Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup on April 26, 2008 was a great success. Volunteers from all around Massachusetts generously gave their time to help beautify the Charles River. We are very grateful for all of your hard work, and we hope to see you again next year!



Volunteer group in Norfolk with their pile of trash



At work near the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade, Boston

This year's highlights:

- o More than 2500 volunteers helped make this the largest Cleanup yet!
- o Over 105 community groups participated at 57 sites along the Charles.
- o 40 businesses and 5 universities sponsored the event with monetary or in-kind donations - thank you to all of them, in particular our major sponsors New Balance Foundation and The Cadmus Group, Inc.
- o Cleanup attendees included U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Robert Varney, MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Ian Bowles, and Mayor of Cambridge Denise Simmons.
- o Approximately 20 tons of garbage were removed.
- o Trash collected included tires, car parts, shopping carts, a typewriter, and a refrigerator!



Volunteers from the Hyatt Regency cleaning up in Cambridge

Thanks again,

Rebecca Scibek & Jackie O'Mara, Charles River Watershed Association; William Luzier, Senator Tolman's Office; Kate England & Don Eunson, Emerald Necklace Conservancy; Jen Roy, The Esplanade Association; Evan Moss, Charles River Conservancy; Maria Rose, City of Newton; Will Kemeza, The Trustees of Reservations, Richard Scott & Kevin Hollenbeck, MA Department of Conservation and Recreation.



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