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Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry's Riverbank Clean-Up Day A Success

On Saturday, September 8, 2007, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry's Department of Environmental Services, along with the Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO), sponsored a riverbank clean-up event along the newly restored banks of the middle Cuyahoga River.



Over 40 volunteers participated in the activity, which resulted in the removal of over 130 tires from the river. In addition to the tires, volunteers removed the following debris: an air conditioning unit; a rusted bicycle; a safe (without a door); a bottomless boat; a boat motor; car parts and various other appliances.

"We believe that the tires and other debris items accumulated over decades as people disposed of their waste in the river," said Summit County Department of Environmental Services Project Manager Tim Gott. "These days' people know better."

The clean-up efforts took place between the Middlebury Road Bridge in the City of Kent and Brust Park in the City of Munroe Falls. Volunteers worked in canoes and along the shore to remove the hidden debris.

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"I would like to thank all of the volunteers who came out to support this cause," said Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry. "The event was very successful and demonstrates the kind of progress that can be made when concerned citizens and organizations work together to protect a valuable community resource."

The clean-up day event was part of the ongoing Middle Cuyahoga River Restoration Project that is being sponsored by the following entities: the City of Kent; the City of Munroe Falls; the City of Stow; the County of Portage; Metro Parks, Serving Summit County; Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO); the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); the Summit County Department of Environmental Services; and the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District.

For more information on the Middle Cuyahoga River Restoration Project, contact the Summit County Department of Environmental Services at 330-926-2501, or click on <http://www.co.summit.oh.us/executive/mfd/mfdhome.htm>.

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