



*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

Department of Transportation & Environmental Services  
Office of Environmental Quality

**City Seeks Volunteers for the 2009 Virginia Waterways Cleanup  
Founders Park at 351 N. Union Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 12pm**

The City of Alexandria is seeking volunteers to participate in the Clean Virginia Waterways (CVW) Cleanup (part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup) and to join others across the region in cleaning up local streams the Potomac River on Saturday, September 26th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, rain or shine. The City is hosting a cleanup of Founders Park at 351 N. Union Street in Alexandria. Volunteers will meet at the SE corner of the park by the shore. There will be a table set up for signing in.

Every September and October, volunteers across Virginia from the mountains to the oceans gather along the shorelines of rivers, lakes, ponds and bays to pick up trash as part of the Virginia Waterways Cleanup Day (part of the International Coastal Cleanup). They also complete "International Coastal Cleanup Data Cards" from the Ocean Conservancy, helping to collect valuable information about the amounts, types and sources of debris found along Virginia's waterways. CVW's cleanup events educate the public on issues of freshwater and marine pollution, especially the preventable problem of litter.

This is CVW's 15th year of organizing the Virginia Waterways Cleanup Day. It is supported by hundreds of schools, businesses and civic groups across the state. The International Coastal Cleanup is active in most states, and in 100 countries. As volunteers in Virginia are bagging trash and filling out data cards, more than 350,000 people worldwide are doing the same!

**What to wear?**

Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes and clothes that they do not mind getting dirty and wear sunscreen if needed. The cleanup will take place along the shoreline where it is rocky, so keep that in mind. Trash bags and gloves will be provided. To volunteer, please contact Jesse Maines at 703-746-4071 or [jesse.maines@alexandriava.gov](mailto:jesse.maines@alexandriava.gov).

Volunteers are also needed for additional sites throughout the region. For a complete list of CVW sites, visit <http://www.longwood.edu/CLEANVA/iccsitesva08.htm>.