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## **Allegheny Reservoir Cleanup Day Scheduled for May 9, 2015**

### ***Volunteers Needed for Eleventh Annual Event***

**Warren, Pa.** (March 11, 2015) – The Allegheny National Forest and partners are seeking volunteers to help clean up the Allegheny Reservoir shoreline. This popular annual event is scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2015. “Our reservoir cleanup days would not be successful without all the hard work of our many dedicated volunteers,” said Nathan Welker, Allegheny National Forest fisheries biologist and an event organizer.

Volunteers have donated more than 5,000 hours and have removed more than 166 cubic yards of trash over the years. They have pulled out television sets; microwave ovens; lawn chairs; refrigerators; 55-gallon drums, more than 350 tires and have filled many bags of recyclable metal, glass, plastic and aluminum.

Welker said this year’s cleanup day will focus primarily on cleaning up the reservoir’s northern shorelines. He said the need for groups and individuals to volunteer remains great. “Thanks to our volunteers, the reservoir is a much safer and cleaner place for wildlife and recreationist than when we began 11 years ago,” Welker said.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for this project, can either:

- Go to [www.AlleghenyRiverCleanup.com](http://www.AlleghenyRiverCleanup.com) or
- Send an e-mail: [info@alleghenyrivercleanup.com](mailto:info@alleghenyrivercleanup.com)

Deadline to sign up to volunteer is Friday, May 1. For more information, please go to [www.AlleghenyRiverCleanup.com](http://www.AlleghenyRiverCleanup.com)

Finally, mark your calendars for the Allegheny and Conewango River Cleanup, scheduled for September 12, 14, 15, 18 and 19.

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