

## A Day of Partnership and Environmental Service – Montour Run Fall Clean Up

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This past Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> was a classic Pittsburgh fall day with temps in the 50's and drizzle on and off. But the 14 volunteers from the Montour Run Watershed Association and Penn's Woods West didn't care. In fact, one little duck, belonging to new PWWTU member Austin Price, was splashing in the puddles without care as we began cleaning up a mile stretch of highly visited waters. This portion of the Montour run is stocked trout waters in the spring and sees a high volume of anglers as well as the daily cadre of runners.



In the 5 hours we removed dozens of bags of trash from in and around the Montour run along with over 10 tires, a road barricade, a 15 ft. foot bridge, 2 sleeping bags, 5 metal hub caps (I didn't know those existed anymore) and a car bumper.

As thank you to these intrepid volunteers, PWWTU supplied fresh apple cider, coffee and "Peace, Love and Tiny Donuts" which went over well with our group. Thank you to all the volunteers that took time from their busy lives to be with us and make a difference.

Penn's Woods West TU Chapter wishes to thank the Montour Run Watershed Association for their partnership and sharing in the same vision to work together to make an impact in the environment around our community. Kevin Gershak, President of the association, was a helpful partner and planner for the event.

This is the first PWWTU stream clean up in quite a while and we look forward to our next event in the spring. Keep an eye out for our Little Pine Creek clean up with Allision Park Sportsman's club as well as an opportunity to do a boat based clean up on the Monongahela and Allegheny Rivers. We can use all the help we can get and we promise we will make it fun!



