

WHAT IS THE SCHUYLKILL SCRUB?

The Schuylkill Scrub is a cleanup initiative that takes place across the 2,000 square miles that drains to the Schuylkill River (aka the Schuylkill River Watershed). The Schuylkill Scrub occurs every year from March 1 through May 31. The Schuylkill Action Network coordinates this initiative, but gives credit to the many partners who clean up the Schuylkill watershed.



Photo by Kathie Johnson



Cleaning up the Schuylkill River and the land that drains to it

Volunteer at a cleanup or coordinate your own!
Visit www.schuylkillscrub.org for more information.

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Bradley Maule collecting trash along the Schuylkill River

Photo by John Holback



Photo by Jill Kemp

115 tires collected at Angelica Creek cleanup on April 30, 2016

SOJOURN STEWARD:

This year the Schuylkill Action Network sponsored Bradley Maule to participate in the Schuylkill River Sojourn, a 112 mile kayaking expedition from Schuylkill Haven to Philadelphia. In return, Bradley photographed trash hot-spots using a GPS camera. Bradley was pleased to learn from previous sojourners that the river is much cleaner than it's been in the past, but we still have a lot of work to do. Check out the trash map by visiting <http://arcg.is/28SUed1>. You can read his blog posts at www.phillyskyline.com.

2016 SCHUYLKILL SCRUB STATS

797 Cleanups

29,377 Volunteers

793 Miles of streams cleaned up

516,365 Pounds of trash removed

2,771 Tires collected

An estimated 1,300 water bottles were removed from the Schuylkill River on April 16, 2016 at the Schuylkill Navy River Stewards Committee cleanup



WATER REFILL STATIONS:

This spring, Philadelphia Water installed 4 water refill stations in Fairmount Park. From just April to September, nearly 205,000 water bottles worth of water was used. That's 205,000 plastic water bottles that would have filled up our landfills or ended up in the street or waterways! Not to mention that's nearly a quarter million dollars saved from not buying single use water bottles.



Water refill station locations in Fairmount Park

