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23rd Annual St Marys River Cleanup Nets More than 8 Tons of Trash

April 26, 2021. More than 250 volunteers gathered along the shores of the 130-mile-long St. Mary's River Saturday to pull more than 8 tons of litter, tires, debris and junk from the water, shores and surrounding areas. The Annual St. Marys River Cleanup is held every year during the week of Earth Day.

More than 250 volunteers gathered at 24 sites in Nassau and Baker counties in Florida, and Camden and Charlton counties in Georgia. Overall, this year's volunteers contributed more than 570 service hours. The St Marys Riverkeeper and Keep Nassau Beautiful coordinated the cleanup with trash and tire disposal assistance from many local agencies and businesses, including county and municipality road and sanitation departments, local landfills, Meridian Waste and Coastal Car Care. The event would not have been successful without the support of volunteers, sponsors, local government agencies and businesses.

The St Marys River is 130 miles long, winding through four counties in two states. More than 60,000 residents depend on the health of the river for tourism, recreation, commercial fishing, and safe drinking water. Wildlife and plant ecosystems rely on the continued cleanliness of the watershed, including 3,000 miles of streams and tributaries.

The St. Marys Riverkeeper (SMRK) is a nonprofit environmental organization devoted to protecting and enriching the St. Marys River watershed through water quality monitoring, education and advocacy.

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