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Annual Black River Trash Bash – Your Chance to Make a Difference

WATERTOWN, NY – The 2022 Annual Black River Trash Bash will take place in several locations during September and October. Over the past 12 years, participants have removed over 6,000 pounds of trash from the Black River Watershed, filling over 350 trash bags! Volunteer groups interested in cleaning up a site should contact Jennifer Harvill, jennifer@tughill.org or 315-785-2392.

The Black River Trash Bash cleans up the shoreline, raises awareness, and engages citizens from school-aged to retirees in the hopes of drawing attention to healthy shorelines and watersheds. This event is also part of a Great Lakes-scale citizen science data collection project and a worldwide effort to promote clean water. Since 2010, participants have collected over 6,000 pounds of garbage in the Black River Watershed. Data is compiled through the Alliance for the Great Lakes and its [Adopt-A-Beach program](#), and used to study the plastic pollution sources and help decision makers make the case for policies that protect the Great Lakes.

The Black River Trash Bash was born out of a grassroots effort to draw attention to the Black River after its watershed management plan was completed in 2010. It encompasses cleanup events at multiple sites in Jefferson, Lewis and Hamilton counties, and would welcome new sites in Oneida and Herkimer counties. Data on the trash removed is collected on data cards, summarized at the Tug Hill Commission, and sent to the Alliance for the Great Lakes, who summarizes data from hundreds of events from across the state.

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The New York State Tug Hill Commission is a non-regulatory state agency charged with helping local governments, organizations, and citizens shape the future of the region, especially its environment and economy. The commission uses a grassroots approach to build local capacity and provide technical assistance in land use planning, community development, and natural resource management.

Helping local governments and citizens shape the future of the Tug Hill region.