



## 100,000 POUNDS OF LITTER COLLECTED DURING OCRRA'S ANNUAL CLEANUP EFFORT

***Thousands of volunteers in Onondaga County helped keep waste out of our waterways***

**[ONONDAGA COUNTY, NY] [MAY 11, 2023]** – The results are in! Bags and bags of litter collected during OCRRA's annual Earth Day Litter Cleanup have been weighed. Wow! Volunteers picked up more than **100,000 pounds** of litter across Onondaga County during the two-day event. That's 100,000 pounds of litter that will not end up in our waterways. That's 100,000 pounds of litter that has been cleared from our local landscapes.

The cleanup effort is fueled by dedicated volunteers, many who sign up year-after-year. Thanks to a surge in participation, roughly **300 groups** signed up this year, adding up to more than **4,650 volunteers**. The results are worth noting. Over the past three decades, nearly 3 million pounds of litter have been collected through OCRRA's litter cleanup event. However, efforts can continue well beyond Earth Day. Residents are encouraged to pick a time each week or month to keep up with litter in their neighborhoods for the rest of the year. Today's Adopt-a-Block program kick-off in Syracuse is an exceptional way to keep that momentum going throughout the summer and fall seasons. Every little step can help Save the World a Little Each Day!

Now you can WATCH Onondaga County in action! We tagged along with several teams to show their Earth Day efforts. Visit OCRRA's YouTube page to see a recap of our 2023 Earth Day Litter Cleanup. Congratulations to everyone involved.

\*Direct link to the Earth Day recap video: <https://youtu.be/QmUm2RcOTDI>

\*Link to recycling, composting and more videos: <https://www.youtube.com/@OCRRA>

### **About OCRRA**

OCRRA is a non-profit, public benefit corporation created by the New York State Legislature to oversee solid waste management and the resource recovery system for Onondaga County residents. The agency operates a transfer station on Rock Cut Road in Jamesville as well as the Jamesville and Amboy Compost Sites. OCRRA also oversees partnerships for recycling services, Waste-to-Energy operations, and the management of household hazardous waste, among other services. For more information, visit [www.OCRRA.org](http://www.OCRRA.org).

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