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Red Clay Valley Clean Up Set for March 27

Volunteers are needed for the annual Red Clay Valley Clean Up, which will be held Saturday, March 27 at 8 a.m. The clean up is co-sponsored by the Delaware Nature Society and the Red Clay Valley Association. This year's event will cover more than 40 miles of stream and roadway along the east and west branches of the Red Clay Creek, starting at the Kennett Borough and going southward through Yorklyn, Ashland and ending at Kirkwood Highway.

Volunteers are crucial to the success of the Red Clay Valley Clean Up. Last year, more than 700 volunteers participated, collecting enough trash from streams and roadways to fill five 30-cubic-yard dumpsters. "Volunteers work hard but most also consider it great fun and an opportunity for family and neighbors to get together," says Jim Jordan, chair of the Red Clay Clean Up project.

The clean up kicks off at 8 a.m., when volunteers assemble at the Ashland Nature Center in Hockessin, Anson Nixon Park in Kennett Square, Pa., and other strategic locations in the watershed. After check-in and refreshments (including Starbucks coffee), volunteers disperse to their assigned areas along the clean up route. The clean up should be completed by noon.

Large groups are encouraged to contact Delaware Nature Society or Red Clay Valley Association for their route assignments prior to March 25. For more information, or to sign up, call Delaware Nature Society at 302-239-2334 or Red Clay Valley Association at 610-793-1090.

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