## River Cleanups Metro-West Steelheaders

For some years now, Metro-West Steelheaders (MWS) has been assisting with the cleanup of trash and debris alongside and in the Clinton and Manistee Rivers. MWS has been partnering with Michigan United Conservation clubs (MUCC) and the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) to clean things up on the Clinton River, and with MUCC for cleaning up the Manistee River.











Information and pictures provided by MWS members and MUCC staff.

The Clinton River clean ups have included Bloomer Park, Yates Park and the Clinton River Trail. The Manistee River clean ups occurred near the High Bridge on the Manistee River. Hundreds of pounds of trash has been collected at these events. You never know what might be found, from an abandon paddle boat, to tires, cigarette butts, fishing line, bottle caps and some things hard to identify.

These events also allows you to enjoy being outside and to be in nature, as well as being with people who share a common interest. Who knows, you may find an expert to talk to who has knowledge on conservation and the out of doors. Often, you can find a fisherperson to share fishing information. There is beauty to be found in all of nature, and with the clean ups, it can be seen without as much distraction. It is a fun way to contribute to something we all care about. It also is an opportunity to visit areas, if you have not been there before. After participating, a lot of people look forward to participating again.

Check our MWS calendar and join us at next river cleanup event in Rochester Hills or Manistee!