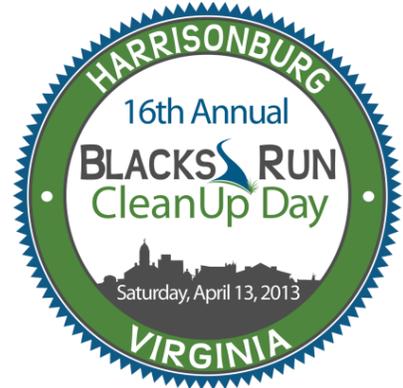




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## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Blacks Run CleanUp Day Announced

Harrisonburg, VA – The 16<sup>th</sup> annual Blacks Run CleanUp Day will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and will begin in the green space next to the Harrisonburg Farmers Market, behind the Municipal Building.

Each year this event is organized to help keep Harrisonburg's streams clean and pollution free. Last year more than 475 people volunteered to help clean up the stream. Those volunteers also collected approximately 5,000 pounds of trash.

In 1996, Blacks Run was placed on the list of impaired waters and has yet to be removed; however, the stream's health has improved through events such as this clean up day.

"Through efforts and partnerships with local organizations and community members, reports have shown that Blacks Run has improved," said Wes Runion, Stream Health Coordinator for the City of Harrisonburg.

He added, "We have recently found a variety of fish in Blacks Run that we did not find decades ago."

Those interested in volunteering at the Blacks Run CleanUp Day will need to register beforehand at [www.cleanstream.org](http://www.cleanstream.org).

Volunteers will be needed to pick up trash and debris that is found along the banks of the stream.

The Green Scene will be returning to this event and will educate children on how to live an environmentally friendly life. The interactive exhibits and activities will be on display throughout the day.

To learn more about the annual **Blacks Run CleanUp Day** and to review a complete schedule, please visit [www.cleanstream.org](http://www.cleanstream.org).

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