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City Seeks Volunteers to Help Clean Up Blacks Run

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg is celebrating the 18th annual Blacks Run CleanUp Day.

On **Saturday, April 11**, hundreds of volunteers will meet and kick off the event from Ralph Sampson Park, 431 E. Washington St.

During this annual event, volunteers remove several tons of trash and debris from Blacks Run that flows throughout the City. Blacks Run is still on the list of impaired waters but its health has shown improvement because of cleanup efforts such as this.

Volunteers are needed to pick up trash and debris that is found along the banks of the stream. Supplies will be provided and distributed the morning of the event.

Educational displays and information will also be available at the “Green Scene,” which is open to volunteers, residents, and anyone interested in learning how they can make a difference in their community.

Anyone interested in volunteering should visit <http://www.harrisonburgva.gov/cleanstream-cleanup-day-registration> to sign up or to read more about this event. Registration will close on Thursday, April 9 at 12:00 p.m.

The City would appreciate folks talking about this in person but also get the conversation started through social media by using **#BRCD2015**! Volunteers are asked to take pictures and show others what great work is being done on the day of the event.

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Cleanup Statistics

Year	# of Volunteers	Trash Collected
2014	400	4,460 pounds
2013	450	4,600 pounds
2012	475	5,000 pounds
2011	600	6,120 pounds
2010	350	5,600 pounds

*Did you know...the **Public Works Department** collects rain water harvested from their equipment storage building and utilizes the water for street sweeping and storm drain flushing? Let's all be good stewards in our City!*



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