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Results from Blacks Run and Downtown CleanUp Day

Harrisonburg, Va. – Despite the cooler temperatures, the city’s Blacks Run and Downtown CleanUp Day was a success.

The city and the Shenandoah Valley Soil and Water Conservation District hosted approximately 500 volunteers on Saturday morning, who toughed out the weather and helped pick up trash and debris along Blacks Run and in downtown.

More than 2.5 tons of trash was collected in only a few hours by the volunteer teams.

“This year was unique in that we forged new partnerships and activities surrounding this annual event,” explained Kelley Junco, stormwater permit coordinator for Public Works.

For the first time, all of the local breweries supported volunteer teams but also sponsored events prior to Saturday through the “clean water makes great beer” campaign.

Many shared pictures and posts on social media. The winner of the picture of the most interesting find, tagged with #BRCD2016, was of a 2010 martial arts trophy and was found by Bryce Yoder. One volunteer group, from Muhlenberg Lutheran Church, also found \$50 and donated it toward next year’s event.

Members of the community are encouraged to mark their calendar for next year’s Blacks Run and Downtown CleanUp Day, which will be held on Saturday, April 8, 2017!

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Pictured above: Bryce Yoder, volunteer for the cleanup day, poses with the most interesting find, a 2010 martial arts trophy.

Additional information about Blacks Run and Downtown CleanUp Day and how you can make a difference in keeping local waterways healthy is available at www.cleanstream.org.

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