

REAL 2022 Shoreline Clean-up Report

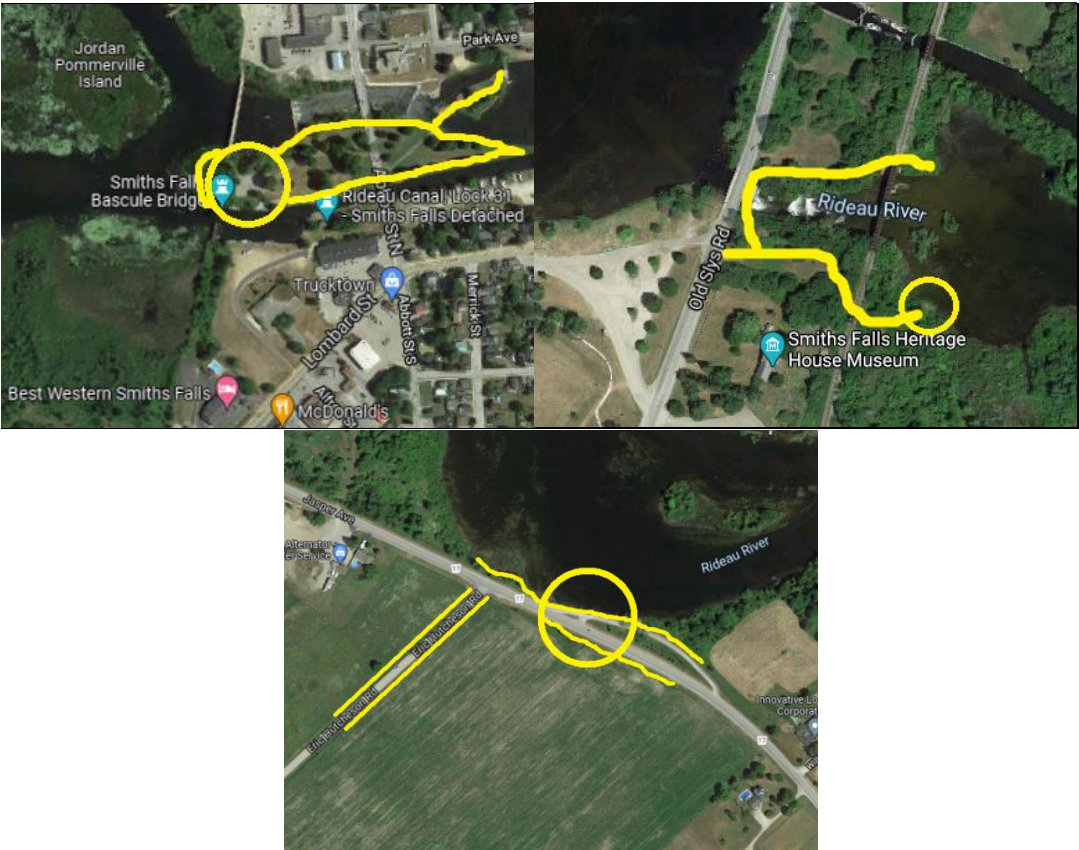
The Event

The 2022 Rideau Environmental Action League shoreline clean-up event took place on Saturday, April 30. It was part of the Pitch-In week, which is a nationwide initiative to clean-up garbage in our communities.

The event took place in Smiths Falls, picking-up garbage along the shoreline of the Rideau River. It started at 10 a.m. with 10 helpers from the area. 7 of these helpers started the morning session around the Bascule Bridge along the shoreline and park area, and 3 helpers started the morning behind the Heritage House Museum along the side of the Rideau River near Old Slys Lockstation.

The second phase of the clean-up started at 1 p.m. at the boat launch near Edmonds Lockstation off of Jasper Avenue, near its intersection with Eric Hutcheson road. 9 community members came out to help with this part of the clean-up.

Below are the areas we picked garbage from: Bascule Bridge parking and surrounding area (top left), surrounding area of Old Slys overflow dam (top right), parking area by the boat launch off Jasper Ave (bottom).



The Results

It was great effort put forth by everyone involved. We worked hard and filled many garbage bags. Everything put together totaled 436 pounds.

One of the most unusual finds was a microphone on a rock. Another unusual find was 3 bags of garbage dumped by the boat launch off Jasper Avenue. These 3 bags totaled 155 lbs! It certainly contributed to a large number for our total weight.

33 bags were gathered in total, along with other miscellaneous pieces of trash including tires and other pieces of plastic and metal.

The garbage was separated into garbage and plastic/aluminum recycling. It was disposed of Municipality of Smiths Falls as part of the Pitch-In initiative.

Here are the total amounts collected:

Type of garbage and amount	Total weight
Garbage - General (27 bags)	334 lbs
Recycling - Aluminum and Plastic (6 bags)	36 lbs
Scrap metal	11 lbs
2 tires	36 lbs
Other general pieces of garbage	19 lbs
Total	436 lbs