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## **Hundreds join annual St. Marys River cleanup**

More than 500 volunteers participated Saturday in the 10th annual St. Marys River Celebration. Participants from four counties-Nassau and Baker in Florida and Camden and Charlton in Georgia- pulled more than 40,000 pounds of trash from local waterways.

The volunteers combed the shorelines of the rivers, lakes and streams of the St. Marys River system, netting an array of garbage, including a piano and household appliances. Volunteers also filled a 40 cubic yard trash container with foam that washed onto the Fernandina Beach shoreline from an abandoned barge in the river.

Volunteers received a St. Marys River Celebration T-shirt and an appreciation lunch at White Oak Plantation following the cleanup.

Over the past decade, about 6,200 volunteers have removed nearly 460,000 pounds of trash from the river and tributaries.