



St. Marys River Management Committee

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NEWS RELEASE

Record turnout for annual St. Marys River cleanup

CALLAHAN, Fla., March 23, 2009 — More than 1,025 volunteers participated Saturday in the 13th annual St. Marys River Celebration. Participants from four counties — Nassau and Baker in Florida and Camden and Charlton in Georgia — pulled more than 56,000 pounds of trash from local waterways.

The volunteers combed the shorelines of the rivers, lakes and streams of the St. Marys River system, netting a wide variety of trash. Items found during the cleanup included a microwave, a pig carcass and four deer hooves.

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

“There is no way to let everyone know how much we appreciate their help, time, money and sharing of pride in our community, said Dean Woehrle, St. Marys River Management Committee co-chairman and longtime organizer of the cleanup event. “From where we started years ago, we have seen a tremendous, steady growth in the event.”

Sponsors of the 2009 cleanup are James Edwards, Nassau County manager, Farm Bureau Insurance (individual); James A. Gantt (individual); Farm Bureau Insurance; Baptist Medical Center-Nassau; Paul Schwend Insurance; Nassau County Soil and Water Conservation District; White Oak Plantation; The Nature Conservancy; Sand Hill Recycling Center; Stateline Disposal; Keep Nassau Beautiful; and the St. Marys River Management Committee.

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