

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP HELD

St. Clairsville - The JB Green Team's Belmont office, the Belmont-Harrison Gender Specific Program and ODOT are working to make Belmont County cleaner and greener.

In honor of the Keep America Beautiful Great American Cleanup (GAC), which is sponsored by Glad, Pepsi, Lowe's, Nestle Pure Life, Solo, Wrigley, Troy-Bilt, Dow, Solo and Waste Management, the young women of the Gender Specific Program and volunteers spent their day cleaning a section of US Route 40 in St. Clairsville. They adopted this section of road through ODOT's Adopt-A-Highway program.



“We wanted our students to understand the importance of taking care of the planet,” said Cathy Wolfe, teacher at the Gender Specific Program, “We wanted them to realize the damage that littering causes in the area.”

The Adopt-A-Highway program has volunteers who take pride in their community by adopting two-mile sections of highways that they clean four times a year for two years. ODOT takes the collected litter and disposes of it properly.

“We are very grateful to Dave Schafer and the employees at ODOT for all their hard work and dedication to keep our highways clean and safe,” stated Dorene Unterzuber, Education Coordinator, JB Green Team, “We have an outstanding partnership with them and hope to continue this relationship for many years to come.”

Other GAC events include the community cleanups occurring throughout Belmont County, and the Trashy Art Contest and the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Review being held at the Ohio Valley Mall in April.

For questions about the GAC community cleanups or about the events at the Ohio Valley Mall, please contact the JB Green Team at 740-296-5376. For more information about the Adopt-A-Highway program, please contact ODOT at 740-782-1641.