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Tioga County, State, and Local Partners Join Forces to Tackle Illegal Dump “Site 24” for Great American Cleanup of PA**



Deerfield Township, Tioga County, PA – Tioga County Conservation District, PA DEP, Shell, Gas Field Specialists, and Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority joined forces on Thursday, April 19, to clean up a challenging illegal dump site, known as “Site 24,” to eliminate a potential source of pollution to the Cowanesque River.

The cleanup involved the removal of 3.17 Tons of accumulated waste material and 3.81 Tons (277 tires) of tires from an abandoned railroad grade adjacent to the Cowanesque River. Heavy equipment provided by Shell was used to remove the material from the steep embankment and placed in roll-off containers provided by Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority.

The site now has “No Dumping” signs posted and will be closely monitored to make sure that future dumping does not occur. According to Keep Pa Beautiful’s website, Dump sites, like this one, *“In addition to contaminating our soil, surface and groundwater supplies, illegal dumps are unsightly and negatively impact property values. They are a public health hazard as they attract disease-spreading rodents and mosquitos by giving them a place to live and breed. Socially, they send a message that no one cares about the community or property, and quality of life can be negatively impacted.”* Erica Tomlinson, District Manager for Tioga County Conservation District said “I hope that people notice all of the cleanup activities that happened for Earth Day and take a greater interest in our local community. We have 88 more sites left to cleanup in Tioga County, I hope that more people can come out and join us to realize the impact this really has on our area.”

Project partners involved in organizing the cleanup include the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Shell, Gas Field Specialists, Tioga County Government, Tioga County Conservation District, PennDOT, Deerfield Township, Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority, Repsol, the Kroeck and Painter families.

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