

CLEAN PITTSBURGH COMMISSION 2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

ALLEGHENY CLEANWAYS

Over the past year, the CPC, City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny CleanWays saw significant strides made in the combat of illegal dumpsites throughout the city.

Thanks to the efforts of Allegheny CleanWays, especially their Dumpbuster program, volunteers and staff worked tirelessly to address the issues of illegal dumping and to provide residents the resources to combat the issue impacting their neighborhood.

In 2018, Allegheny Cleanways engaged with **369** volunteers over **960** hours to remove a total of **414,051** pounds and **3,297** tires from the City of Pittsburgh, mostly in the Homewood Neighborhood.



GROUNDDED

Grounded works to improve the social, economic, and environmental health of distressed and transitional communities by building capacity to reclaim vacant and underutilized land. In 2018, Grounded worked with 53 community partners, logging over 1100 volunteer hours, to improve the status of vacant land in the Pittsburgh region. 2018 marked the most robust year for Grounded's stewardship initiatives, ensuring that green investments are sustained and activated. Grounded's CommunityCare program, which works to inspire, support, and reinforce people coming together to care for vacant lots and urban greenspace, launched in Larimer and continues in Homewood. The Larimer and Homewood cohorts completed more than 450 hours of maintenance activities and stabilized 15 critical community spaces.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

GRAFFITI

More than 20 years ago, the City of Pittsburgh instituted a graffiti removal program known as the "Graffiti Busters". The "Graffiti Busters" is managed by the Traffic Division of the Department of Public Works and its function is to remove graffiti damage from public buildings and places as reported and from private property on a case-by-case basis. Over the past year, these efforts have saved the City **\$78,619**.

In 2018, the City responded to **8,267** graffiti incidents; **511** of which contained obscenities and **150** that were group related.

311 RESPONSE CENTER

The City of Pittsburgh's 311 line is a central one call system for all non-emergency city service requests. Residents and visitors can make requests through an online portal, the myBurgh app, Twitter (@PGH311) or by dialing 311.

In 2018, there were **2012** reports of litter and **586** reports of illegal dumping.

VOLUNTEER CLEANUP EVENTS

Since 2006, volunteers of all ages have been participating in cleanups throughout the City of Pittsburgh. These organized clean-ups work because of a network of dedicated community leaders.

Last year, the City supported **398** registered volunteer cleanup projects; representing **10,784** volunteers and an estimate of **36,489** hours of volunteer time.

GARBAGE OLYMPICS

On September 21, 2018, **21** neighborhoods participated in the 2nd Annual City of Pittsburgh Garbage Olympics.

Over a two hour window, **233** volunteers cleaned up **640+** bags of garbage, **182** tires, **29** TVs and **1** refrigerator.

At the end of the cleanup, all volunteers met at a Spirit Lounge in Lawrenceville to announce the winners and celebrate their successes! (Thanks to Spirit Lounge for always being a great partner to the Clean Pittsburgh Commission).



2018 RECYCLING INITIATIVES

Recycling Container Distribution

Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) continued its effort in 2018 to promote containerized recycling collection services in the City of Pittsburgh with the support of the Alcoa Foundation. PRC has documented that providing residents with recycling containers increases participation rates in curbside recycling as well as the amount of diverted material while decreasing the level of contaminants. A total of 4000 recycling bins were distributed to residents throughout the City of Pittsburgh by PRC in 2018.

City of Pittsburgh Recycling Statistics

The Department of Public Works oversees recycling in the City of Pittsburgh. Below are the tons of municipal recyclables and compostables collected in 2018:

- 15,702.2 Tons of Residential Single Stream Recyclables
- 2,159.48 Tons of Yard Debris through special events, Forestry Dept. and Drop-Off programs
- 17.31 Tons of Christmas Trees at Collection Spots and Drop Offs
- 62.79 Tons of Scrap Metal
- 33.1 Tons of Electronic Waste

UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT

University of Pittsburgh

Pitt Make a Difference Day (PMADD), held in October, is the University's largest day of service. In 2018, the University's Main Campus organized **3,426** participants to serve **94** projects supporting **84** community organizations.

PittServes currently serves over **700** community partners and sponsors other Days of Service throughout the year. These organized events encourage students to give back time to their local communities:

- August: Orientation Day of Service – 508 Participants, 15 Project Sites
- January: MLK Day of Service – 827 Participants, 26 Project Sites
- April: Be a Good Neighbor Day – 250 Participants, 18 Project Sites

MEMBERS AND RESOURCES

2019 MEMBERS

Myrna Newman, Allegheny CleanWays, Chair
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City of Pittsburgh Environmental Services
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Allegheny CleanWays
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Pennsylvania Resources Council, Inc.
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