

# 10th Annual Earth Day Charles River Cleanup

**Thank you for volunteering!** The April 25, 2009 Charles River Cleanup was a resounding success, as 3,000 volunteers worked to remove trash from the riverbanks. We greatly appreciate your efforts, as does everyone who enjoys walking, biking, jogging or fishing along the river. Thanks to your help, the Charles River (and other streams and ponds throughout the watershed) are cleaner, more beautiful, and a healthier habitat for wildlife.



## Highlights of the 10th Annual Cleanup:

- More than 140 groups from local schools, businesses, neighborhoods, and clubs volunteered - as well as one group from Alaska!
- Trash collected included thousands of cigarette butts and plastic bags, lots of bottles and cans, more than 30 tires, several cell phones, a kiddie pool, and a kitchen sink.
- Volunteers filled more than 1300 garbage bags, and removed an estimated 15-20 tons of trash.
- The 2008 Charles River Report Card grade was revealed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the Cleanup kick-off: a B+!
- The event was generously supported by more than 50 sponsors, with major support from New Balance Foundation, The Cadmus Group, Mix98.5, and Hyatt Regency Cambridge.

Thanks from all the Cleanup Organizers: *Rebecca Scibek Wickham & Cindy Chu, Charles River Watershed Association; Katie Langan, Senator Steve Tolman's Office; Jason Knerr, Emerald NeckLace Conservancy; Maria Rose, City of Newton; Will Luzier, Trustees of Reservations; John Broderick & Evan Moss, Charles River Conservancy; Chris Murton, The Esplanade Association.*



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