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**“8th Annual Confluence Trash Bash a Great Success”**



Pictured is Mayor Schneider as he addresses the crowd of volunteers before the start of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Trash Bash, looking on is City Engineer Tim Barret

This past Saturday 31 volunteers turned out at Sunset Park to do their part to pick up litter along the banks of the Missouri River. Mayor Thomas P. Schneider is excited to announce that the Florissant volunteers collected roughly 8 cubic yards of trash! This year nearly 3 cubic yards of the trash will be recycled!

The event was part of the 8th Annual Trash Bash which was organized by MSD, Greenway Network, Great Rivers Greenway, Missouri American Water, St. Louis County, Missouri Department of Conservation, St. Louis Audubon Society and various municipalities and agencies, including Florissant. This year was the fourth year in a row that the City hosted a registration area and cleanup site. Other registration areas included Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, Creve Coeur Lake Park, Hanley Hills, Overland, and Bridgeton. Regionally, several hundred volunteers participated in the watershed cleanup effort.

The City's litter pickup area focused on the riverbank and wooded slopes of Sunset Park. Florissant's location was staffed by City employees from the Health, Parks & Engineering Departments along with volunteers Missouri American Water.

Prizes were awarded for the biggest, most valuable and most unique trash finds. This year's awards included:

- Biggest: An 8-foot section of pipe
- Most Valuable: A butane torch
- Most Unique: An old gas tank converted to a grill

All were treated to a BBQ buffet while prizes were awarded before heading off to enjoy the rest of a beautiful Saturday.