

In 2019, we hosted the 23rd annual St. Marys River Cleanup.

This annual cleanup began as a grassroots campaign by local citizens, and was hosted for many years by the St. Marys River Management Committee. The Riverkeeper took over hosting the event after our formation in 2016, along with our partners White Oak Conservation and Keep Nassau Beautiful.

Every Earth Day weekend, volunteers clean up trash at over 30 river access points throughout the watershed. Both volunteerism for the event and the amount of trash picked up increases every year, culminating in over 800 volunteers picking up over 37,000 pounds of trash in 2018.

In 2019 we fortunately did not have any hurricane debris to clean up, and for the first year we had a problem of too many volunteers and not enough trash! We still cleared up a whopping 10,000 pounds of trash from the river.

We look forward to future years of this problem, and plan to add more sites to accommodate all of our volunteers!