

# Raritan Headwaters' 35th Annual Stream Cleanup

April 12, 2025 | 70 Sites | 1,000 Volunteers | 12.2 Tons of Trash

## Event Overview

On April 12, 2025, despite freezing rain, sleet, and snow, nearly 1,000 volunteers participated in Raritan Headwaters' 35th Annual Stream Cleanup. The effort spanned 70 locations across the 470-square-mile Upper Raritan River watershed, including Hunterdon, Somerset, and Morris counties. In just three hours, volunteers collected a staggering 12.2 tons of trash and recyclables.

## Volunteer Highlights

This year's cleanup brought together individuals, families, community groups, and schools.

Not only did they remove litter, they found and safely handled unusual items including toilets, a kayak, propane tanks, and even two stray dogs.

## Highlights

**2** Dogs Rescued!



**5,194**

Plastic Wrappers

**4,689**

Cigarettes

**5,182**

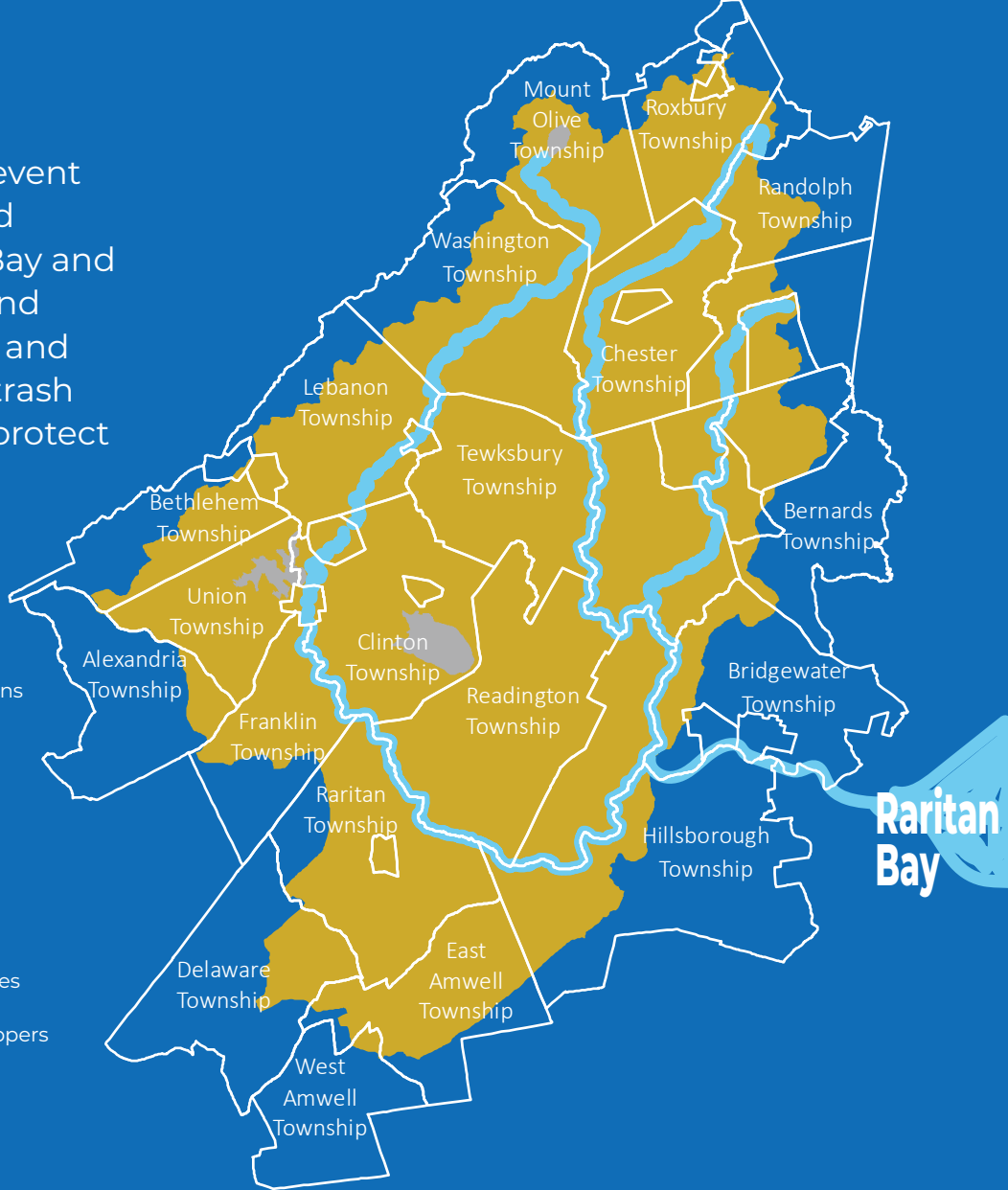
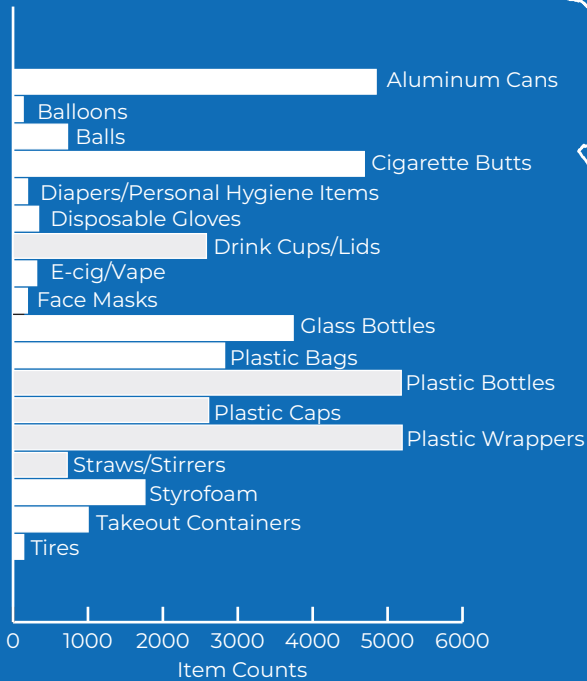
Plastic Bottles



## Why it Matters

Our annual cleanup helps prevent litter from polluting rivers and eventually reaching Raritan Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Plastics and other debris threaten wildlife and human health. By removing trash from stream banks, we help protect our vital water resources.

### Trash Collected by Category



## Thank You Volunteers!

Through Snow and Sleet: 70 Sites Cleaned by Dedicated Volunteers.

Your efforts make a difference. Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to support clean water and healthy habitats!

How you can help in 2026

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