**Report on the Great Manitoba Shoreline Clean-up**

Prior to the Great Manitoba Shoreline Clean-up, June 10, our Winnipeg Lutheran congregations were encouraged to “be part of something bigger.” This was an ideal opportunity to join an already existing plan and fulfill our commitments to support one learning activity and one action activity in 2018.

The following is an excerpt from a report from Candi Bezte, Water Projects Manager with the Manitoba Eco-Network, and a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Winnipeg…..

*In the end, the local events that took place on May 26th at* ***Omand's Creek*** *(about 60 people, 85 bags of garbage, 36 of recycling, total weight of 385 Kg or 848 pounds), led by Rob Altemeyer, June 1st at College Churchill (****Red River****) led by teacher Derek Sims (130 students and 10 teachers ~ 200 bags of garbage!), June 3 on the* ***Seine River*** *led by Andre MacNair (about 50 people...and bags of garbage), June 5th in* ***Whittier Park (Red River****) led by Lise Smith (about 10 people and bags of garbage), and our Youth-led shoreline cleanup of the* ***Assiniboine River*** *near the Donald Street Bridge (about 26 people and 9 bags of garbage, 7 recycling, 43 Kg or 95 pounds, and a lot of detail of items recorded/picked up….*

That’s 286 people… gathering 354 bags of garbage and 43 bags of recycling… weighing 428kg removed from along our waterways. There’s still time to “be part of something bigger.” Plan your own event for early this fall! Put a shoreline clean--up on your calendar for next Spring! Contact Candi Bezte for guidance and assistance at Candi Bezte (M.Sc.), Water Projects Manager, Manitoba Eco-Network, 3rd Floor, 303 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2B4, Phone: 204-947-6511, [mbwatercaucus.org](http://www.mbeconetwork.org/).

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