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### **Suffolk Volunteers Take Action for a Cleaner Bay**

SUFFOLK, VA (June 7, 2010) – One hundred and twenty-two volunteers concerned about the bay fought the scorching temperatures on Saturday, June 5, 2010, during the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Clean the Bay Day." Volunteers pitched in to clean Lone Star Lakes, Bennett's Creek Park and the mouth of the Nansemond River, collecting approximately 3,401 pounds of litter.

Along the way, they picked up 575 plastic bags, 1,960 cigarette butts, 1,756 plastic bottles, straws, and cups, 904 aluminum and metal containers, and 924 pieces of paper. Styrofoam/polystyrene, fishing debris, tires and glass were also commonly found.

Some unusual items found during the three-hour cleanup included a screen door frame, a six-foot piece of Styrofoam, and an electric circuit board.

In addition to family and individual volunteers, several groups rallied together for the cause. Among the groups cleaning up were members of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard's Federal Managers Association and the Federal Women's Program, a youth group from Holland Baptist Church, a group of sixth graders from Kings

Fork Middle School, the Nansemond River Power Squadron, Suffolk Master Gardeners, Girl Scout Troop 873, and Boy Scout Troop 911.

“Kudos to all of our volunteers for giving of themselves toward a cleaner bay,” said Hattie Lester, Litter Control Coordinator for the City of Suffolk. “If uncontrolled, litter will eventually wash into our waterways, harming our precious animals and polluting the water. Let’s not stop with Saturday’s event...and instead, work to keep Suffolk beautiful every day.”

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