

# 2022 Wabash River Defenders Wabash, IN – July 30, 2022

## Event:

- Annual event to restore and remove debris from the Wabash river. Held in Wabash County, Indiana by volunteers. The largest water cleanup event in Indiana!
- Lakes in the Upper Wabash Project Office apply for a flow deviation each year to provide safe access to participants.

## Operational Objectives:

- EDUCATE the public on the importance of conserving and improving water quality in the Upper Wabash River Basin.

## Activities:

- USACE Upper Wabash Project received the Tall Sycamore of the Wabash award for our continued involvement/Partnership with WRD. USACE coordinates water releases to achieve river depth and water flow suitable for volunteers to safely and effectively remove debris along with a water safety message to the 200-person volunteer group.
- Collect debris from the rivers and banks.
- Separate the material on land for recycling and proper disposal of trash.

## Key Take-Aways:

- Continued efforts to foster partnerships within our operational area.
- Since 2010, the volunteer group has collectively removed at least 200 tons of trash and debris from the river with approximately **75** percent being recycled.
- Local Volunteers provide selfless service and support the broader mission.

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