

# Keep October 1, 2005 Open! 8:30 a.m. – Bailey Park

The City of Battle Creek, Calhoun County Community Development, the City of Springfield, and the City of Marshall are hosting **Global Citizens' River Conservation Day!**

*Other Participating Countries*



*Japan, Brazil,  
The Peoples Republic of China  
and the Czech Republic*

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**Keep OCTOBER 1, 2005 open for this year's Global Citizens' River Conservation Day**, which has grown into a watershed-wide citizen cleanup of the Kalamazoo River and its tributaries. Growing out of the successful cleanup program conducted in the Battle Creek and Marshall areas the last few years, it is part of an international cleanup event stemming from the city of Battle Creek's sister city relationship with Takasaki, Japan.

Anyone from kids to the elderly can get involved. Get your Civic Club, Scout group, or Church organization on board! Whole schools or individual classes are welcome!

Over the past several years 45 tons of trash and debris along with hundreds of tires were removed from the banks of the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Rivers in our area. This year the event is being expanded to include conservation activities, such as brush removal, invasive species removal, native planting, storm drain marking, and birdhouse installation, as well as trash pickup.

We will meet at Bailey Park at 8:30 a.m., register, and then head to the sites. All volunteers will receive a commemorative t-shirt designed by a local sixth grade student. To better plan for the event, we are asking volunteers to let us know in advance. If you can assist us on October 1, please give a call.

#### Reasons to Attend:

- Participate in a Community Event.
- Help keep our area clean!
- Be a part of an international effort with the motto, "Let's Think Globally Together!"
- Have fun
- Get a new T-shirt



Stewart Haadsma  
Lakeview Territorial School  
T-Shirt Design Contest Winner

#### To sign up for the cleanup, contact:

##### Greater Battle Creek Area:

Christine Kosmowski, City of Battle Creek  
Environmental Program Coordinator:  
966-0712

##### City of Marshall Cleanup:

Cheryl Vosburg  
781-3289

##### School groups, contact:

Mary Lindow, BCAMSC  
965-9585

