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### **The Tireless Project to Clean Up Chartiers Creek**

*Kayakers and canoeists to collect trash from Carnegie to McKees Rocks*

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, October 14, 2011 — The Tireless Project announced today that it will finish its ninth season of cleaning up the waterways of Allegheny County by engaging kayakers and canoeists to clean up Chartiers Creek on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

The Tireless Project is a collaborative endeavor of several organizations with a common interest in the waterways of Pittsburgh. Launched in 2003 by the Three Rivers Rowing Association in partnership with Nat Stone, a free-lance writer and rower, and RiverCubes, the Tireless Project now boasts 11 partners – Allegheny CleanWays (managing entity), Friends of the Riverfront, Nine Mile Watershed Association, REI, RiverCubes, The City of Pittsburgh, The Student Conservation Association, Three Rivers Rowing Association, Venture Outdoors and their newest partners – Paddle Without Pollution and Three Rivers Waterkeeper. Since its beginnings, more than 1800 Tireless volunteers have extracted close to 2000 tires, 117 tons of debris and 301 bags of recyclables from the shores of our rivers and streams.

The October 22<sup>nd</sup> cleanup will begin in Carnegie near the Municipal Building at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will break for lunch at the Sharp Edge in Crafton, and continue to McKees Rocks in the afternoon. Paddlers are encouraged to join us for one or both legs of the trip. Shuttle service and all supplies and equipment will be provided, including kayaks and canoes courtesy of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. A rain/storm date is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2011.

Funding for the event is provided by a generous grant from REI. REI is a national outdoor retail co-op dedicated to inspiring, educating and outfitting its members and the community for a lifetime of outdoor adventure and stewardship. REI Outreach Specialist, Peter Greninger will be on hand to give away T-Shirts to all pre-registered volunteers.

For more information or to register for the event, visit [www.alleghenycleanways.org](http://www.alleghenycleanways.org).

