

<u>District 7010 Water Stewardship Initiative – Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup 2022</u>

Launched in April 2021, as part of Earth Day, the *Great Lakes Watershed Cleanup* (GLWC) is back this year. A total of 7 Rotary Districts surrounding the Great Lakes/St. Lawrence River and their clubs are being invited to participate.

As you may recall, our District expanded the scope of the cleanup initiative to also include our clubs <u>outside</u> of the Great Lakes watershed and we are doing so again this year as our "District 7010 Water Stewardship Initiative".

This will involve all interested clubs participating in a cleanup project in their respective areas, with the focus on waterbodies and waterways, followed by parks, highways, etc. For some clubs, this will simply be a continuation of your ongoing environmental cleanups (Rotary parks or trails, Adopt-a-highways, etc.).

The plan is for individual cleanups to be held between Saturday April 16th and Sunday April 24th, to coincide with the Earth Day (April 22). However, we appreciate that for a variety of reasons, you may be looking at other date(s) throughout the course of the year.

Please use the online <u>Metrics Reporting</u> spreadsheet to input your results – for any cleanups you club/groups undertake over the course of this year.

If you have any questions, please contact us at - RIDistrict7010@gmail.com.

Background Info:

The GLWC involves Districts and clubs on any waterway that directly or indirectly empties into, or in the case of the St. Lawrence River, out of the Great Lakes are participating in this cleanup.

However, our District has expanded the geographical area to include our most northern clubs who are situated within the Artic Watershed.

Participating clubs will carry out cleanups, potentially involving community partners and/or individuals or families, etc., with the focus on waterbodies and waterways, followed by parks, highways, etc. For some clubs, this will simply be a continuation of ongoing environmental cleanups (Rotary parks or trails, Adoptahighways, etc.). For other clubs it will be a new project.

Club generic graphics for promoting project(s)

Generic Safety Guidelines For Volunteers