

Litter Lifters of West Vincent

2025 Year-end Report

The Litter Lifters of West Vincent Township submit this year-end report for 2025:

Members of the LLWV Committee in 2025 include: Dale Biegel, Carys Egan, Traci Frederick, Beth Intoccia, Vicki Laubach, Dorothy Lynn and Andrea McBride.

Events:

In 2025, LLWV participated in 30 litter clean-up events, including 13 organized by LLWV within West Vincent Township. LLWV has organized cleanups since Sept, 2020, with PennDOT's Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) program by adopting Rt. 100 between Black Horse Road and Horseshoe Trail. Four cleanups were completed on Rt 100 and fulfilled our contract requirement of doing at least 2 clean ups of our adopted road in a calendar year.

After West Vincent Township made the decision that supplies purchased by West Vincent could not be used in other townships, Chester County Litter Lifters (CCLL) was created. St Matthews Road was adopted, a state road managed by PennDOT. Using donations from businesses and individuals, duplicate supplies were purchased to be used at beautification events outside of West Vincent Township.

In 2025, LLWV & CCLL partnered with various groups throughout Chester county and throughout the state. These partners include: Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful; Keep Chester County Beautiful/Chester County Planning Commission; Keep Coatesville Beautiful/Coatesville 2nd Century Alliance and Coatesville Police Dept; West Brandywine Twp; West Pikeland Twp; Green Valleys Watershed Association/Pottstown; Camphill Village Kimberton; Owen J. Roberts High School clubs: Environmental, LEO, Equality Alliance, and Anchor clubs; East Whiteland Twp/ East Whiteland Fire Dept; Huntingdon County Conservation District; Friends of Raystown Lake and Army Corps of Engineers; Little Juniata River Association; Helping Hands of Chester County/AAH (Kathleen Malloy); Creek Cleanup Project/Franklin County; Fellowship Farms AAH (Upper Uwchlan twp).; Pennsylvania State Police.

Summary of Events in 2025

	# of events	# of volunteers	# of volunteer hours	# of bags picked up	Other pick up	# of tons picked up	value at \$30/hr
Total	30	482	1,727	1,003	10 tons 14 tires	25.36	\$64,550
WVT*	13	91	365	236	2 tons 4 tires	3.815	\$14,450

*WVT amounts included in total in BLUE.

PennDOT provides trash bags, some safety vests and incurs the cost of disposal by hauling away the bags of litter, tires and all debris, on Pennsylvania state roads by volunteers. A.J. Blosenski/ Waste Connections donated work gloves, grabbers, and safety vests.

History:

When LLWV was formed in 2020, our primary focus was picking up litter in West Vincent Township. While LLWV has continued to improve our Township, we have also helped other Townships and organizations with preparation for and participation in their events. In 2025, this was done with the creation of Chester County Litter Lifters (CCLL.)

The progression of LLWV & CCLL events, litter removed and value added is illustrated in the chart below.

	# of events	# of volunteers	# of volunteer hours	# of bags picked up	Other pick up	# of tons picked up	Value of volunteers at \$30/hr
2020 Total = WVT*	4	33	148	130	n/a	0.975	\$4,440
2021 Total	7	134	639	396	6 tons 83 tires	9.9	\$19,170
2021 WVT*	3	45	220	191	n/a	1.4	\$6,600
2022 Total	12	172	660	678	2 tons 9 tires 1 loveseat	7.3	\$19,800
2022 WVT*	5	97	343	380	1 tire 1 loveseat	2.96	\$10,290
2023 Total	15	359	1,200	348	8.4 tons, 103 tires	12.1	\$42,650
2023 WVT*	5	112	175	123	3 tires	0.95	\$10,605
2024 Total	20	454	1,644	1,033	6.1 tons 47 tires	14.33	\$49,230
2024 WVT*	6	124	401	260	2 tires	1.98	\$10,245
2025 Total	30	482	1,727	1,003	10 tons 14 tires	25.36	\$64,550
2025 WVT*	13	91	365	236	2 tons 4 tires	3.815	\$14,450
Cumulative	88	1,634	6,018	3,588	32.5 tons 256 tires 1 loveseat	69.965	\$199,840

Cumulative	36	502	1,652	1,320	2 tons 9 tires 1 loveseat	12.08	\$56,630
------------	----	-----	-------	-------	---------------------------------	-------	----------

*WVT amounts included in total.

The impact of our mission has grown due to the commitment of volunteers, who sacrifice their time and offer their expertise. With the help of Chester County residents, government officials, non profits and businesses, we have improved our community by effectively managing the litter. Litter affects property values, community pride and the health of our land and water. Through social media, word-of-mouth and promotion by the Township and County government, the number of volunteers has increased significantly since its inception. There are currently over 190 recipients on our email distribution list, which includes volunteers, supporters, businesses and government officials.

Outreach/Education:

Beth Intoccia is the driving force behind LLWV & CCLL by engaging residents in Chester County. She is an advisory member for Keep Coatesville Beautiful, and a steering committee member of Keep Chester County Beautiful - part of the Chester County Planning Commission. Both require quarterly meetings.

Beth has attended various conferences as a panel/guest speaker to talk about “litter clean up best practices” including the Chester County Conservation District and Chester County Water Resource Authority 2024 Watershed Roundtable event and Green Valleys Watershed Association for Pennsylvania Master Naturalist Organization. Presentations were made in West Bradford, West Brandywine, East Whiteland, West Whiteland, the city of Coatesville and Westtown township, Longwood Rotary, Coatesville Rotary, Glenmoore-Eagle Lions Club and Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce. In October, Beth was the keynote speaker for Chesco Green team- all government employees. Beth is working with county government officials to reduce the number of political yard signs left behind after elections.

At the May 15 West Vincent Elementary School Earth Day event, LLWV committee members and retired PA Fish and Boat Conservation Officer Bob Bonney volunteered for the day. Traci Frederick, Dale Biegel, and Beth Intoccia presented education outreach “Open Your Eyes to Litter” developed by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful - to 560 students who received content on protection of our environment. Dale built 4 monofilament containers, wore a Spiderman costume, and talked about all things to do with protecting the environment, especially not leaving fishing line behind. They covered the three R’s: Reduce Reuse Recycle; a teacher wore a costume provided by the Chester County Solid Waste Authority. Bob Bonney, former PA Fish and Boat Waterway Conservation officer for Chester County helped prepare content about fishing line, balloons and strings, and the detriments of litter in waterways.

Two monofilament containers have been installed at Chambers Lake via the Chester County Park system, and 2 have been installed at Lake Galena via the Bucks County park system.

LLWV have been featured in several articles in the Daily Local- The articles can be found at these links.

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2025/09/24/litter-lifters-volunteers-make-a-clean-sweep-in-coatesville-for-world-clean-up-day/>

<https://www.dailylocal.com/2024/08/14/litter-lifters-stoop-to-pick-up-trash-all-over-chester-county/>

As a result of the articles, other Townships have reached out to LLWV Committee members for help in planning events and setting up groups to clean their own municipalities, including East Whiteland, Coatesville, Westtown and West Bradford townships.

Coatesville: Since Sept of 2024, CCLL helped organize and execute 7 clean up events, including a landscape installation project with Keep Coatesville Beautiful. World Cleanup Day is in September - we offered our expertise in litter management to a community that appreciated our guidance. The 1st event was in the Fall of 2024, where over 50 volunteers helped clean up Rt 82 and Lincoln Highway, and removed 447 bags of litter and 38 tires. This effort made an impact on the environment and started the momentum of building community. The landscape installation was at the Coatesville Library. There was a time crunch to use a grant from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. 30 volunteers installed 50 plants and 200 flower bulbs. The whole event was organized in a matter of weeks. A cleaner Coatesville is a cleaner Chester County. Because of our leadership and guidance, 2nd Century Alliance is now an affiliate of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, and adopted Lincoln Highway- the heart of Coatesville-with PennDOT.

Conferences/Workshops:

In 2025, Beth attended: Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Litter Summit for Community Stewardship at Penn State University.

Recognition:

As the driving force behind LLWV, Beth and her team of volunteers has been recognized by different organizations for their passion and activities related to litter clean up and environmental issues. US Representative Chrissy Houlahan recognized Beth for her efforts sending the letter below.

CHRISSY HOULAHAN
6TH DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
1727 LONGWORTH BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

201 PENN STREET
SUITE 201
READING, PA 19601

709 E. GAY STREET
SUITE 4
WEST CHESTER, PA 19380



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-3806

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES
PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON
INTELLIGENCE

August 13th, 2025

Beth Intoccia
1024 Linden Ave
Chester Springs, PA 19425

Dear Beth,

I've recently learned of your work founding and running the Litter Lifters of West Vincent, and I wanted to sincerely thank you for your service and the inspiration you provide to others. Your work not only preserves the natural beauty of our community but sets a profound example of environmental stewardship. Thank you for your commitment to a cleaner and healthier Chester County. You represent the very best of us, and I look forward to seeing your efforts continuing to leave a visible and lasting mark on our community. There are so many ways to improve where we live, and I am inspired by your example.

If there's ever anything I or my office can do to be helpful to you, don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chrissy Houlahan".

Representative Chrissy Houlahan

HOULAHAN.HOUSE.GOV

Award by Ocean Conservancy/ International Coastal Clean Up- 5 straight years 2020-2025 presented to the entire group

<https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/international-coastal-cleanup/>

WITH GRATEFUL APPRECIATION Ocean Conservancy Recognizes

Litter Lifters of West Vincent

for outstanding and dedicated service to
the International Coastal Cleanup and commitment
to achieving trash free seas.



PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA 2024
supporting the Ocean Conservancy's
International Coastal Cleanup

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janis Jones".

JANIS JONES
CEO, Ocean Conservancy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Reiter".

SHANNON REITER
President, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful



Beth highlighted as a volunteer with Humans for Earth

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C8FX9uaqnWa/?igsh=NzZwaG4yc3N0OTdj>

In summary, the LLWV will continue planning and executing litter clean ups in the township as needed, doing outreach, and empowering residents to think about litter management. In addition, CCLL will help support other townships and Chester county government to assist people in starting litter pick up groups and planning road clean ups.