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Another Successful St. Marys River Cleanup

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Nassau County, FL -- 370 Volunteers came together on April 23 to clean up the St. Marys River for the 24th annual St. Marys River Cleanup. Engaged citizens, river advocates, and several environmental organizations participated by land and water to pull more than 8 tons of litter, tires, debris and junk from the water, shores and surrounding areas.

They gathered at 29 sites in Nassau and Baker counties in Florida, and Camden and Charlton counties in Georgia. The St Marys Riverkeeper in partnership with Keep Nassau Beautiful coordinated the cleanup with trash and tire disposal assistance from many local agencies and businesses.

In Nassau County, 187 volunteers collected 4,817 pounds of trash!

"This important event would not have been successful without our volunteers and supporters," said St. Marys Riverkeeper Emily Floore. "The economy of our region depends on the health of our river. Thank you to all Volunteers and Site Captains! Such an impressive show of support for a healthy St. Marys River watershed."

Following the event, volunteers were invited to attend the annual Earth Day Volunteer Appreciation Celebration hosted by White Oak Conservation in Yulee, FL. Guests enjoyed a complimentary lunch at this unique and beautiful wildlife conservation park.

St. Marys Riverkeeper would like to extend thanks to the following companies and organizations for contributing to the success of this effort: Keep Nassau Beautiful, Nassau County Public Works, Waste Management, One Hundred Miles, Fish and Wildlife Conservation, White Oak Conservation, Rayonier, Cheryl Smith & Company in partnership with St. Marys Realty, St. Marys River Water Management Committee, and St. Marys Riverkeeper Board of Trustees.

The St. Marys River is 130 miles long and winds through four counties in two states. More than 60,000 residents depend on the health of the river for tourism, recreation, commercial fishing, and safe drinking water. Wildlife and plant ecosystems rely on the continued cleanliness of the watershed. Let us do our part to ensure a healthy St. Marys River for all who depend on it!

St. Marys Riverkeeper is a nonprofit environmental organization devoted to protecting and enriching the St. Marys River through water quality monitoring, education, and advocacy.