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## Volunteers and Great American Cleanup Events Help Keep Beaufort County Beautiful

Beaufort County is getting cleaner and greener due to a collaboration of volunteers participating in the 2015 Great American Cleanup. Entering its seventeenth year, the Great American Cleanup is one of the country's largest community improvement programs, with more than 4 million volunteers across 20,000 communities participating each spring. The program allows participants to get involved with their community through events designed to remove litter and debris, reduce waste, and increase recycling.

In support of this program, Keep Beaufort County Beautiful and the Beaufort County Public Works Department, Solid Waste and Recycling Section, jointly hosted a successful Great American Cleanup event in the Town of Port Royal earlier this month. Event organizers partnered with 48 volunteers, the Town, Beaufort Kayak Tours, and the U.S. Naval Hospital Beaufort to collect more than 1,125 pounds of litter from land and water. In a similar effort, staff members at Port Royal Elementary School and approximately 200 students picked up waste from the school campus and nearby roadways and public areas.

Given the success of these efforts, organizers are planning more community cleanup events for the month of April. For more information, visit [www.bcgov.net/recycle](http://www.bcgov.net/recycle) or [www.neighborsforcleanwater.org](http://www.neighborsforcleanwater.org).



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