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# Volunteers help clean up around Lake Reidsville

The weather cooperated as volunteers headed out to pick up litter along the shoreline of Lake Reidsville Wednesday morning.

DRBA (Dan River Basin Association), which partners with the City of Reidsville on a variety of projects, spearheaded the cleanup day. Six volunteers took to their kayaks and canoes to clean up along the lake shore, picking up about 60 pounds of trash.

“Considering the amount of shoreline around Lake Reidsville, only 60 pounds of trash is good,” said Jenny Edwards, Program Manager of DRBA.

One volunteer Laura Gonzo battled a nest of tiny spiders to wrestle about 100 feet of fishing line off a tree where a heron has been hanging out. Fishing line was easily the number one litter issue at the lake, Edwards said, adding the heron was in threat of entanglement if the fishing line wasn’t removed.

Edwards thanked the Reidsville Area Foundation, Dan River Basin Association and Duke Energy for their support of the rivers and lakes cleanup efforts in Rockingham County. She also thanked Fred Thompson, the City of Reidsville’s Parks & Recreation Superintendent, and #Team Reidsville for getting the word out about the event.

In turn, Thompson talked of the great relationship between the City of Reidsville, his department and DRBA.

“The Dan River Basin Association, (DRBA), has been instrumental in assisting in promoting the history, natural resources and unique features of the City of Reidsville and surrounding areas,” Thompson said. “Their efforts are greatly appreciated and an asset to this area.”



Volunteers traveled along the shoreline of Lake Reidsville July 24<sup>th</sup> to clean up trash. Pictured are, from left: Lori Laxton Thorn (front), Greg Munukka Sr., Laura Gonzo, Carlann Minnick and Bill Davis. (Photos Courtesy of Jenny Edwards)



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