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### Volunteers Collect 4,080 Pounds of Trash on Earth Day

CHENANGO COUNTY – On Saturday, April 22, approximately 40 volunteers from across Chenango County gathered to clean the Chenango River Trails and the Chenango River in Sherburne. Volunteers included members of the Chenango County Environmental Management Council, the Chenango Greenway Conservancy, Chenango County Soil and Water Conservation District, Friends of Rogers, and community volunteers.

The cleanup was located on the Greenway River Trails from State Route 320 to Hosbach Trail, covering roughly three miles of trail along the Chenango River. In addition to this, a satellite cleanup was hosted at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation River Access on State Route 80 in the Town of Sherburne. Between the two cleanups, 4,080 pounds of trash was collected from the trails.

The trash that was pulled from the trails included fourteen tires, clothing items, blankets, shopping carts, and plastic containers.

The cleanup was part of the statewide celebration from Parks and Trails New York's Canal Clean Sweep. *Canal Clean Sweep* highlights the growing significance of the Canal System and the Canalway Trail as a recreational and tourism destination across the state and here in Chenango County. Community organizations, service groups, municipalities, and businesses across the New York State Canal System participated in *Canal Clean Sweep*, hosting more than 100 local clean-up activities in Canalside parks and other community spaces, and on their local Canalway Trail segments. Our cleanup in Chenango County was located on the Chenango Canal Heritage Trail.

We would like to send our sincere gratitude to the volunteers who helped make this event a success. In addition, this event would not have been possible without the sponsorship from Casella Waste Systems.

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