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5th Annual Trash Dash Unites Local Communities

CANTON, NEW YORK — The St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau is proud to announce the 5th Annual Trash Dash, taking place the weekend of May 3-4, 2025. This countywide event brings people of all ages together to help clean up our communities and celebrate the pride we take in where we live.

Each year, the Trash Dash continues to grow in participation and impact, with volunteers spanning all corners of the county. Participants can register as individuals or as part of a team and will have the opportunity to choose from several community locations. Cleanup efforts will take place on Saturday, May 3 at 9:00 AM in Gouverneur, Rensselaer Falls, and Potsdam, and on Sunday, May 4 at 1:00 PM in Massena and Ogdensburg. Specific meeting locations and parking information will be provided upon registration.

“This is one of those events that truly brings out the best in our communities,” said Alexa Backus Chase, Director of the St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau. “Whether you're walking with your family, classmates, coworkers, or neighbors, the Trash Dash is about more than just picking up litter, it's about working together and feeling connected to where we live.”

In 2024, nearly 100 youth took part in the effort, including several school and civic groups. Volunteers collected over 1,300 pounds of trash, showing the power of collaboration and shared civic pride. Now in its fifth year, the Trash Dash has become an annual tradition that participants look forward to as a simple yet powerful way to make a difference together.

Safety training and cleanup equipment will be provided on the day of the event. Participation is open to all ages, and both individual and group registrations are welcome. Registration deadline is Tuesday, April 29, 2025. For more information or to register, please contact Ken Taylor, Youth Development Program Coordinator, at KTaylor@stlawco.gov or by calling (315) 379-9464.

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