

## **Earth Day Clean up with James River Basin Partnership**

On Friday, April 22, the [James River Basin Partnership](#) will be hosting our annual [Earth Day cleanup](#) where volunteers will work together to remove trash from our local waterways. This year, over 90 participants will be launching canoes and kayaks from [Joe Crighton Access](#) and floating approximately 5 miles to the takeout at Southwood Canoe Access on Lake Springfield, paddling the lake's shoreline, or walking access points around the lake and removing trash and other debris. Partners for this event include The City of Springfield's Department of Environmental Services, Springfield-Greene County Parks and Recreation, Bass Pro Shops, and the Missouri Department of Conservation. The cleanup takes place from 12:30pm-5:00pm.

Check-in, distribution of trash bags and gloves, and a safety briefing will take place at the Southwood Canoe Access on Lake Springfield from 12:30pm to 1:00pm. On-the-water participants will shuttle up to Joe Crighton Access and float back down to Southwood where volunteers will help unload hundreds of pounds of trash, tires, and scrap metal. Participants are estimated to begin arriving at the takeout around 3:30-5:00pm. All three are good locations for photographs and interviews. See attached map and directions below.

[Directions to Southwood Access](#)

[Directions to Crighton Access](#)

[Directions from Southwood Access to Crighton Access](#)

2022 marks the 25th anniversary of the founding of the James River Basin Partnership, a grassroots, not-for-profit organization working to improve water quality in the James River basin, which consists of almost a million acres of land in portions of eight counties.

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