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Over 16 Tons of Trash Removed From Spartanburg Watersheds Around Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock

On Saturday, September 10, 2011, approximately 225 volunteers from Spartanburg Water and area schools, colleges, scouting programs and other various community organizations combined efforts during Lake Sweep 2011 to remove over 32,000 pounds of litter from roadsides and waterways surrounding the Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock areas. The types of litter removed this year ranged from old appliances, paper, bottles, cans, furniture and over 300 tires!

This annual trash collection event for the watersheds around Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock is a part of Spartanburg Water's Lake Sweep Program. Furthermore, during Lake Sweep, Spartanburg Water also honored its 2011 Earth Day contest winner. In celebration of Earth Day in April, fifth grade students in Spartanburg County schools were given the opportunity to submit t-shirt designs for Lake Sweep 2011. The first place winner's design was used to create the t-shirts for participants. This year's winner was Trent Philips of Boiling Springs Intermediate School.

"This was the 23rd year that Spartanburg Water hosted Lake Sweep for the watersheds around our lakes and it is exciting to see our community and young people so engaged in helping us preserve and protect our water supply and water quality for today and our future" said Sue Schneider, General Manager of Spartanburg Water.

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