

TROOP 302 SINKING CREEK CLEAN UP

In 2012, Life Scout Matt Stier, as part of his Eagle Scout Project, coordinated a series of creek clean-ups to restore a section of Sinking Creek to its natural beauty. The section begins where Sinking Creek meets Bartons Creek at the west end of Don Fox Park, and ends upstream at The Jimmy Floyd Center.

Results of the October 2012 Clean-up



Results of the December 2012 Clean-up



The Source of the Debris and Litter

Part of Matt's Eagle Scout project was to identify the main sources of litter found in Sinking Creek. The main sources he found were:

- Uncontained dumpsters and trash cans near watersheds
- Purposeful dumping into creeks and streams
- Storm water runoff from commercial parking areas

Sources of Debris

Uncontained dumpster backing up to Sinking Creek



Trash originating from Baddour Parkway lining Sinking Creek



Trash flowing from commercial parking areas



The Volunteers

October 6th, 2012



December 12th, 2012



Troop 302 Scouts stand beside the “Adopt a Waterway” sign donated by City of Lebanon



How to fix existing problems with litter:

Litter that flows into local creeks comes from a wide array of sources. Some of the trash comes from dumpsters that sit too close to the creek, and are left with the lid open. We propose that ALL dumpsters must be enclosed within a fenced area, and be at least fifty feet from any creek.

Another source of trash comes from parking lots located close to creeks. We propose that all parking lots have a barrier to prevent trash from flowing directly into watersheds near by.

Even if all of these proposals are put into law, trash will still continue to infiltrate the creek. These proposals will greatly limit the amount, but creek clean-ups will still be required to maintain cleanliness. By adopting this section of Sinking Creek, Troop 302 is going to conduct annual clean-ups to keep the creek litter free.