



WWD2014 Centennial Lake Trash

Cleanup Activity, Centennial Park,

Columbia, MD, USA



The Centennial Lake trash cleanup activity was initiated by the observation of trash along the lakeshore in the Centennial Park. After the snowy and cold week, the sudden short and smiley window of 70 Degrees on Saturday, the World Water Day 2014, provided a great opportunity in the afternoon for the Rivers of the World volunteers to conduct this trash cleanup activity. A short report with pictures provided below.

Location: **Centennial Lake Park**, Columbia, Maryland (greater Washington, DC), USA

Date: **March 22nd, Saturday**

Length of the Shoreline Cleaned up – **300 meters**

Trash volume – **2 bags – 50 Kgs.**

Total Numbers of volunteers- 4

The event was primarily coordinated by DR. Bikash Sharma, Subijoy Dutta and Dick Lahn. In addition, Sanjit Dutta also participated in the cleanup activity.

See Pictures below.



WWD2014 Centennial Lake, – Trash cleanup site (L to R - Sanjit Dutta, and Bikash Sharma)

The trash cleanup participants for this event were

1. Dr. Bikash Sharma
2. Mr. Dick Lahn
3. Mr. Sanjit Dutta and
4. Mr. Subijoy Dutta

Background support was provided by **Sanjit** and **Dr. Bikash Sharma** on getting ready for the cleanup within a short notice.

This site had a lot of trash (plastics, cans, bottles, paper and sundry items as shown below. It did not seem to have that much of trash, but going closer to the river bank all of these items were found and cleaned up..

Dr. Bikash Sharma, finishing up his MD in psychiatry noted that it could be of some value to analyze the type of trash we picked up there and see how this could reflect the lifestyle and socio-economic demography of the local community who routinely use this park. We could

have an educational and awareness program designed accordingly to make that most effective.

While grabbing the trash from hard-to-access areas having thorny bushes along the shoreline of the Lake, a number of pictures have been taken by us.



