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City of Fairmont Utilities and its Volunteers Take Action for a Cleaner, Greener Tomorrow as they Participate in the 2017 WV Make It Shine Statewide Cleanup

-Cleanup and beautification efforts to take place nationwide as part of America's largest community improvement event led nationally by Keep America Beautiful-

The City of Fairmont Utilities Stormwater Program will be holding its sixth annual "Stream Cleanup Day" on April 12, 2017 in conjunction with the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's "2017 Make It Shine" program. Fairmont's WV Make It Shine activities are part of a larger national effort, Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup, that is expected to involve close to 3 million people. The 2016 WV Make It Shine Statewide Cleanup produced phenomenal results with nearly 300,000 pounds of litter and debris collected by more than 4,000 volunteers. These hard working volunteers were also able to clean 180 miles of stream and 2,400 acres of park.

The WV Make It Shine program is part of the Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan, REAP, initiative under the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection. All of West Virginia's volunteer-driven cleanup programs fall under REAP – The Next Generation.

Efforts of this event will be focused on Hickman Run Drainage Basin area from May Brothers on Wabash Street to the Monongahela River. Volunteers will assist City of Fairmont Utility employees, the Stormwater crews, Public Works crews, and Fairmont State University in the removal of litter and debris from the drainage area where it will then be disposed of properly.

Volunteers shall meet at May Brothers Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m. on April 12, 2017. Lunch and drinks will be provided. If you wish to sign up to volunteer or have any questions, contact Mike Bragg, Stormwater Program Manager, at 304-366-0540 extension 238.