

## Mulga Loop Road 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Litter Cleanup Project

Saturday, March 23, 2019

9:00am – 12:00pm

This project was spearheaded by the Village Creek Society in conjunction with the University of Alabama's *Into the Streets* program. It was coordinated by a working committee with representatives from the Alabama People Against a Littered State (AL PALS), City of Birmingham, Jefferson County Commission, Jefferson County communities of Minor Heights and Edgewater B, Jefferson County Department of Health Watershed Protection Program, Storm Water Management Authority, Inc., Town of Maytown, Town of Mulga, University of Alabama Birmingham, Village Creek Human and Environmental Justice Society along with the faith based community organizations such as First Baptist East Mulga, FOAM Ministries, Open Door, St. John's Baptist and Westmont Churches.

This project consisted of 2 volunteer registration locations, 5 communities, 5 faith based organizations, and 4 jurisdictions coming together to pick up litter along roadways and ditches along Mulga Loop Road and Bayview Lake Bridge protecting the Village Creek Watershed from pollution.

The following areas were targeted:

- Residential roadways and ditches within the City of Birmingham, Jefferson County Communities of Minor Heights, Town of Maytown and the Town of Mulga. The majority of the volunteers for these areas came from UAB students, the local faith based community organizations along with the participating communities.
- Mulga Loop Road, an arterial roadway connecting Highway 269 and Minor Parkway. The majority of the volunteers for these areas came from UAB students, the local faith based community organizations, along with the participating communities.

### Project results:

- A total of 155 people participated in this event (volunteers, administrative, and safety support)
  - 20 people assisted with the material sorting and registration set up the day before the event (March 22).
  - 135 people participated on the day of the event.
- A total of 7.14 tons of material was picked up and properly disposed as a result of this event.
  - 0.98 tons of materials was picked up by volunteers on the day of the event and properly disposed of by the Jefferson County Roads and Transportation Department.
  - 6.16 tons of material was picked up and properly disposed of by City of Birmingham Public Works the week before the event.
- Water, trash bags, gloves, trash grabbers, back packs, and event t-shirts were provided to volunteers from Jefferson County Department of Health Watershed Protection Program, Jefferson County Stormwater Program, and Village Creek Human and Environmental Justice Society.
- Volunteer transportation was provided by St. John's Baptist Church and community volunteers.
- Traffic control was provided by the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Maytown Fire and Rescue Department during the event.

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Please join the Village Creek Human and Environmental Justice Society, Inc. in partnership with the local communities and faith based organizations in their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Litter Clean-Up along Mulga Loop and surrounding roadways. This event is focused on removing litter from along the roadways to prevent it from being washed by rain or carried by wind into Village Creek and Bayview Lake becoming pollution.

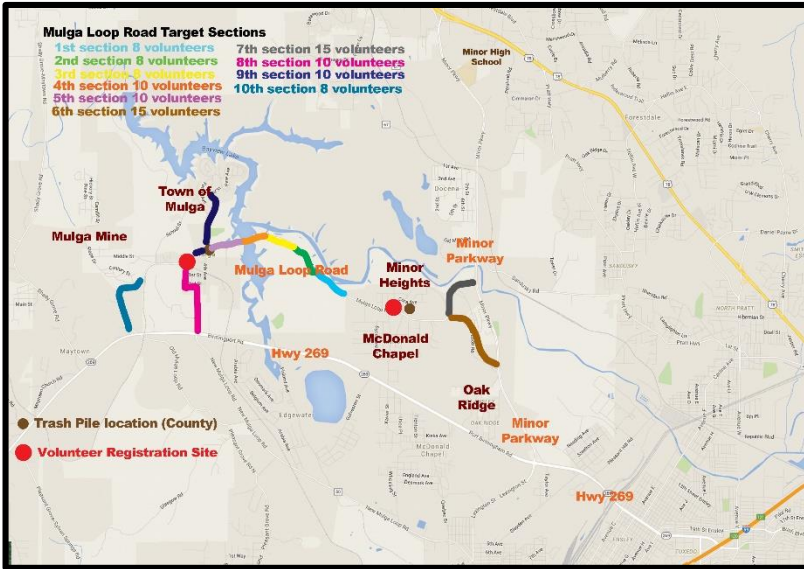
8 hours community service available. Wear long pants and closed toed shoes, gloves, trash bags, and water are provided.

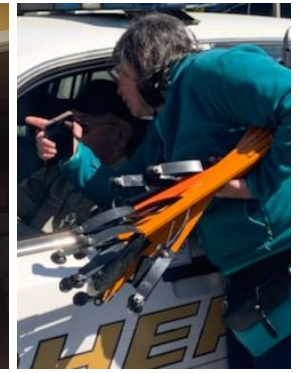
**REGISTRATION 9:00AM:**  
Minor Community Center  
3105 Church Avenue  
AND  
Mulga Town Hall  
505 Mulga Loop Road

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:**  
Minor Heights Community:  
Josh Brenceman 205-390-0321  
Debbie Blackburn 205-786-2700  
Town of Maytown:  
Mayor Martin 205-613-2774  
Town of Mulga:  
Lee Taylor 954-536-2041  
Village Creek Society:  
Yohance Owens 907-0355  
Faith Based Community:  
Glenda Davis 205-515-1930

**Sponsored by:** VILLAGE CREEK HUMAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SOCIETY, UAB, PALS, STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, INC., TOWN OF MAYTOWN, TOWN OF MULGA, JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMISSION, JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM, FIRST BAPTIST EAST MULGA, FOAM MINISTRIES, OPEN DOOR, ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST, WESTMONT BAPTIST CHURCHES.

In addition, this event is in partnership with the Town of Maytown, unincorporated communities of Minor Heights and Mulga Mines, UAB *Into the Streets*, along with the faith based community organizations listed in alphabetical order: First Baptist East Mulga, FOAM Ministries, Open Door, St. John's Baptist, and Westmont Baptist Churches.







# Mulga Loop Road Litter Cleanup Project

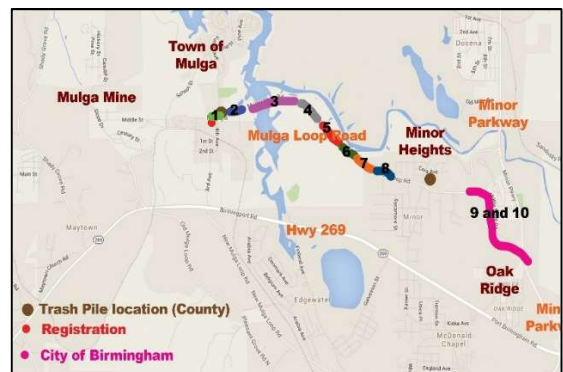
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The Village Creek Society in conjunction with Renew Our Rivers and University of Alabama's Into the Streets program is spearheading this project.

## Mulga Loop Road:

- Is an arterial road connecting Highway 269 and Minor Parkway and is five (5) miles long.
- Passes through four jurisdictions: City of Birmingham and the Oak Ridge Neighborhood; Town of Mulga; Unincorporated Jefferson County and the communities of McDonald Chapel, Minor Heights, and Mulga Mines; and the Town of Maytown.
- Will be divided into 10 numbered sections (see map attached) with a set number of volunteers assigned to each section. The sections will leave Mulga Town Hall in the order listed below:
  - Section 9 and 10: 25 Volunteers.
    - These volunteers will drive in their own vehicles to the church located at the “y” intersection located just before Docena Cut Off Road. They will be given their trash grabbers and transported by local section leaders to their assigned section. Volunteers will be driven back to their vehicles where trash grabbers are returned and certificates distributed.
  - Section 8-1: 75 volunteers
    - These volunteers will be transported by a section leader to their assigned area. They will receive their trash gabber at Town Hall. They will be transported back to Town Hall where trash grabbers are returned and certificates distributed.
      - Section 8 of Mulga Loop. This will be 7-9 volunteers.
      - Section 7 of Mulga Loop. This will be 7-9 volunteers.
      - Section 6 of Mulga Loop. This will be 7-9 volunteers.
      - Section 5 of Mulga Loop. This will be 7-9 volunteers.
      - Section 4 of Mulga Loop. This will be 7-9 volunteers.
      - Section 3 of Mulga Loop. This will be 7-9 volunteers.
      - Section 2 of Mulga Loop. This will be 7-9 volunteers.
      - Section 1 of Mulga Loop. This will be 7-9 volunteers.
  - The section leaders are people from the Town of Mulga and or Minor Heights Community who will transporting their section volunteers to and from their assigned area. They will transport the trash collected from the volunteers to one of the two designated trash piles. The section leaders are asked to arrive at Town Hall at 9:00am. They will park their vehicles in numerical order. They will have section number signs for their vehicles.



#### Law Enforcement:

- Jefferson County Sheriff's Office will patrol their jurisdictional area of Mulga Loop Road (Jefferson County and Town of Mulga)
- City of Birmingham Police will patrol Docena Cut Off and their jurisdictional area of Mulga Loop Road

#### Safety procedure:

For sections 1-8, volunteers placed into groups of 7-9 volunteers per group. The groups be assigned a section, which will be led by a section leader. The Section Leaders are from the local community. They are responsible for transporting their assigned volunteers to and from their designated areas. They will keep their vehicle with the volunteers during the event as further traffic control / protection. The Section Leaders will stay with their group except when need to drop off the bags of trash and other items collected to one of the two trash piles. The vehicles will have a caution "litter pickup" signs attached.

#### Trash piles and trash disposal:

- The bagged trash will be brought to one of two designated trash pile locations: #1 Mulga Loop Road & Bayview Drive (entrance to the baseball fields) and #2 Behind the Minor Heights Fire District Office (1135 Broad Street, Bham 35224).
- Jefferson County Roads and Transportation will pick up and dispose of the trash collected.

#### Volunteer materials:

- Safety t-shirts to be worn by Section Leaders (Jefferson County Health Department Watershed Protection Program or Jefferson County Stormwater Program)
- Gloves (Jefferson County)
- Backpacks – brightly colored (Jefferson County Stormwater Program)
- Water (VCS)
- Trash grabbers (VCS and or Jefferson County Health Department Watershed Protection Program)
- Trash bags (AL PALS via Jefferson County)
- Registration forms (Jefferson County)
- Signed certificates (VCS)
- Orange rectangle Litter Caution Signs (Jefferson County)

Proposed Registration Location(s): Registration location will be open at 8:45, registrations to begin at 9:00am.

- Minor Community Center (old Minor Methodist Church) 3105 Church Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35224. Volunteers from Minor Heights, UAB and Alabama Power will register at this location.
- Mulga Town Hall (505 Mulga Loop Road; Mulga, AL 35118). Volunteers from Town of Maytown, Town of Mulga and Mulga Mines will register at this location at 9:00am.
  - They will clean Bayview Drive, Slope Drive.
- Section Leaders and Committee members will register at 8:30am
- UAB Students will register as early as 9:00am.

#### Certificates of Participation.

Signed certificates from the VCS for 8 hours of community service will be available for those interested. Certificates will be given out post event only after the volunteer has returned their trash grabber.

**Day before event activities: Friday March 22 from 9:30am-11:30am**

Various staff (Jonika, Hana, Lyn, Angie, and Mrs. Roberts) to meet at Minor Community Center on Friday March 22 from 9:30am-11:30am to stuff the backpacks. Backpacks will include gloves, 4 trash bags and 1 bottle of water.

**If possible, Yohance to bring 125 bottles of water to Mulga Town Hall the week prior to the cleanup.**

**Proposed Saturday Morning Town of Mulga Registration site:**

8:30 am	Deb Blackburn, Community coordinator for Minor Heights will open the Minor Heights Community Center and take point on registration for volunteers.  Lee Taylor, Town of Mulga Mayor Pro Tem, will open the Town of Mulga City Hall and take point on registration for the Town of Mulga volunteers cleaning Bayview Drive. Lee will put out safety cones for sections 1-8.  Yohance Owens brings 125 trash grabbers
8:30 -9:30	Volunteer registrations. UAB Volunteers are assigned to sections. Yohance gives a brief safety talk to volunteers. Section Group Photo taken, volunteers dispatched. NOTE: those volunteers assigned areas towards Mulga will drive and leave their car at Mulga Town Hall.
11:45	Section leaders call last bag and get volunteers to wrap up section. NOTE: if volunteers finish their assigned area, then they are released early.
12:00	Volunteers report to Minor Community Center and or Mulga Town Hall, return trash grabbers get certificates.
12:30	Section leaders and committee members meet for group photo at trash pile.
12:45	Close down registration sites

**Media: Mayor Keith Varner and Yohance Owens will be the media contact.**

**Coordinating agencies / organizations:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization Affiliation</b>	<b>Task</b>	
Direcus Cooper / Troy Perry	City of Birmingham Stormwater Program	Coordinate litter cleanup in COB jurisdictional area and obtain COB Police to assist with traffic control.	Direcus.Cooper@birminghamal.gov 254-7771
Hana Berres / Lyn DiClemente	Jefferson County Stormwater Program	Coordinate with communities and County Departments that have provided volunteer resources. Lyn to coordinate Sherriff's Office	Hana.Berres@jccal.org cell 223-9261 Lyn.diclemente@jccal.org
Jonika Smith	Jefferson County Department of Health Watershed Protection Program	Coordinate with Town of Mulga and Town of Maytown for their participation in this event and provide backpacks for all volunteers and safety shirts for section leaders.	Jonika.smith@jcdh.org Cell 960-8579
Mayor Ramona Martin	Town of Maytown	Solicit community members. Help obtain section leaders and trucks	martinramona9@gmail.com cell 613-2774
Debbie Blackburn and Josh Brenneman	Minor Heights Community	Solicit community members to participate as section leaders.	Josh: jc.brenneman7@gmail.com 874-5871 Debbie: dblackburn2700@charter.net 205-786-2700
Carmanitta Shelley	Mulga Mines Community / President of Civic League	Solicit community members to participate.	
Lee Taylor	Town of Mulga (Mayor Pro Tem)	Coordinate litter cleanup in Town of Mulga; provide Town Hall for registration site and obtain at least 8 section leaders	leetaylor52@gmail.com
Yohance Owens	Village Creek Society	Coordinate with Alabama Power, UAB volunteers and partnering agencies / communities.	yohancevilcreek@yahoo.com 907-0355
Marilyn Roberts	Village Creek Society	To many tasks to list ☺	marilynvilcreek@bellsouth.net 798-0087
Glenda Davis	First Baptist East Mulga	Coordinate volunteers to assist with driving volunteers	glenda1962@hotmail.com 515-1930 fbembelievers@hotmail.com