



Let's Put an End to the Plastic Plague!

Biodiversity Alliance
 will conserve biodiversity
 and natural environments
 as part of the global
 conservation community.

Northeast Ohio Environmental Awards

On Friday, October 2nd Biodiversity Alliance and Dominion Foundation hosted the Northeast Ohio Environmental Awards Ceremony to honor the 2009 award recipients.

We would like to congratulate the following individuals/organizations for their accomplishments:

Business – The Lube Stop, Inc.
 Community – Western Cuyahoga
 Audubon Society
 Primary/Secondary Education – Emmett
 Keller, Garrett Morgan School
 Higher Education – Baldwin-Wallace
 College Sustainability Program

Honorable Mentions:

Ruffing Montessori School
 Sea Scout Ship 41
 Buehler's Fresh Foods



The Great Lake Erie BOAT FLOAT

The Great Lake Erie Boat Float, sponsored by Biodiversity Alliance, was held on Saturday, October 3rd at Edgewater State Park Beach. Our celebrity boat builder, Dr. Marcus Eriksen with the Algalita Marine Research Foundation, floated his most recent boat, *The Cola-hoga*. A YouTube video created by Eriksen during the Float can be found at:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2q3rr5Zpk8>

Thanks to all of you who contributed your 2-liter bottles and plastic grocery bags to the event. This special edition of *Connections* is devoted to photos highlighting the Boat Float.

We were delighted to learn that Medina High School hosted their own Junk Boat Float at a lake near the high school. They had 27 boats entered in their double elimination competition. Eriksen also made a YouTube video of their event:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSiH1MKgt2U>

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The Coveted Trophies

Ready....
Set.....
GO!!!!!!



And they're off....

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Division of
Watercraft
watched
over us



Evie Newell
was our “buoy” at 300 feet

Keith Moran &
David Kriska
were our
Rescue Team





The Great Lake Erie BOAT FLOAT

The Cola-hoga
Marcus Eriksen



Vote 4 Tri-C
Tri-C

Zoo Crew Canoe
Zoo Crew





The Great Lake Erie BOAT FLOAT



Medina
High
School

Hi Tide
Sea Scout Ship 41

Winner:
Best Use of
Recyclable Materials



Boat Appetit
Bon Appetit



The Great Lake Erie BOAT FLOAT



Little Webber
Hiram College



Wild Thing
Medina High School

Winner:
Fastest Boat



Down Under
Zoo Crew



The Great Lake Erie BOAT FLOAT



*Deca
Medina
High School*

*The Love Craft
The Love Crafters*



*Guardians of the Garden
Groop*

Winner:
Artistic Style