

## Sierra Club Illinois' Three Rivers Project And The City Of Alton's 4th Ward Alderwoman And Committee To Host Litter Clean-Ups

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ALTON - The Three Rivers Project of Sierra Club Illinois and the City of Alton's 4th Ward Alderwoman and Committee are calling for volunteers to support two litter cleanups in celebration of President's Day! These litter clean-ups will help rid the environment of debris that harms habitats, threatens aquatic life, pollutes our rivers, and endangers coastal environments. Learn more and register to volunteer at one (or both!) of the river clean-ups at <a href="mailto:sierraclub.org/illinois/piasa-palisades/events">sierraclub.org/illinois/piasa-palisades/events</a>.

The first clean-up is hosted by the Three Rivers Project of Sierra Club Illinois and will launch from Clifton Terrace Park at 9:00 am on Monday, February 20. This clean-up will focus on removing litter and debris along the Great River Road between Clifton Terrace and Stanka Lane. The second clean-up will launch at James Killion Park at 11: 00 am on Monday, February 20, and is co-hosted by the City of Alton's 4th Ward Alderwoman, Rosetta Brown, and Committee.

"The Metro-East community is situated at the confluence of the Mississippi, Illinois, and Missouri Rivers, and the Three Rivers Project aims to preserve the integrity of the rivers, wetlands, forests, and floodplains in the region," said Three Rivers Project co-Coordinator Christine Favilla. "Removing litter and debris from the region's natural areas and waterways is critical. This work ensures that debris doesn't make its way into our rivers, wreaking havoc on the environment and public health."

"Protecting and preserving the natural spaces throughout our community is one of my top priorities as Alderwoman, and I'm excited to join Sierra Club Illinois and local volunteers to clean up one of our beautiful parks," said the City of Alton 4th Ward Alderwoman, Rosetta Brown. "Alton's hard-working families deserve access to clean parks, outdoor recreation, and protection from pollution and environmental hazards. I hope residents will join us on President's Day to help make that vision a reality, together."

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