The Waterways Restoration Team is a multi-crew unit dedicated to performing stream cleanup work throughout the city including large trash and debris removal, and the restoration of eroded streambanks and streambeds.

The Philadelphia Water Department’s Waterways Restoration Team serves the 100 miles of stream systems that define our City’s neighborhoods. The Waterways Restoration Team works in partnership with the Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, local Friends of the Park groups as well as our watershed partnerships to maximize resources and build positive relationships with our communities.

Since their creation in 2004, the Waterways Restoration Team has visited over 400 cleanup sites, removing:

- 250 cars
- 12,916 tires
- 1245 shopping carts

A total of 7,173 tons of trash and debris*.  
* As of June 30th 2013

To report illegal dumping of trash or other large debris, please call 215-685-6300.

To learn more about the Waterways Restoration Team and the Water Department’s efforts to keep our waterways clean visit: www.phillywaterways.org/what_were_doing

Green City, Clean Waters

Green City, Clean Waters is Philadelphia’s 25-year plan to protect and enhance our watersheds by managing stormwater with innovative green infrastructure. The Philadelphia Water Department developed Green City, Clean Waters to provide a clear pathway to a sustainable future while strengthening the utility, broadening its mission, and complying with environmental laws. Learn about the Green City, Clean Waters plan and all of its benefits at www.phillywatersheds.org.