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Virginia Port Authority Employees Chip-In to Help Clean the Chesapeake Bay

Norfolk, VA – Fifty Virginia Port Authority (VPA) employees and their families came together Saturday, June 2, and gave their morning to picking up garbage along the tributaries of the Elizabeth River as part of the larger Clean the Bay Day effort.

Clean the Bay Day is an all-volunteer event focused on cleaning up the shores of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries; this is the event's 19th year. Port Authority employees have been volunteering for event for six years and each year more people give their time.

“It doesn't take much to find people who want to help,” said Jerry A. Bridges, the VPA's executive director and a volunteer. “Though we use the Bay everyday, we understand that this is a one-of-a-kind body of water that needs to be taken care of; the VPA wants to be a good neighbor and lead or assist in these kinds of projects.”

In addition to the VPA volunteers, 57 people from the region's large maritime community, including the US Navy, also donated their time, trucks, boats and food and water to the effort. In total, Norfolk had 1,400 volunteers for the event.

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