

MERRIMACK VALLEY IN A MINUTE

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Group helps add shine to Spicket River

LAWRENCE — Some 500 volunteers picked up more than six tons of trash during Groundwork Lawrence's annual Spicket River cleanup Saturday.

The group also filled a Dumpster with scrap metal, which included an axle pulled from the river near Scarito Park by the New Balance team, said Heather McMann, deputy director of the Lawrence-based non-profit.

The tonnage collected was less than in past years, McCann said, proving that river cleanup efforts have been successful.

Some 100 Lawrence High School students were among the volunteers who worked their way along the 1.5 mile stretch of river, picking up trash and cutting brush to improve the view of the river from four city parks— Hayden-Schofield, Scarito, Misserville and Immigrant.

"The youth groups collected over 100 lawn leaf bags of brush and branches," she said.