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**From the Prior Lake/Spring Lake
Watershed District:**

Clean water clean-up results are in

On one of the coolest mornings this fall, 40 volunteers from around the community took part in the fourth Clean Water Clean-up — a “rake for the lake” event at Sand Point Beach Park to prevent leaves and other organic debris from polluting Prior Lake. The event was a joint effort of the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District and the City of Prior Lake.

Volunteers of all ages were spread out over several acres and successfully raked up over 6,360 pounds of leaves and organic debris—slightly more than the spring clean-up at the Park. Leaves and other organic debris can be carried by stormwater into water bodies, and organic debris turns into phosphorus—a favorite food of algae. Severe algal blooms were experienced this year and can impact recreation, wildlife and property values.

Retailers and organizations donated door prizes and volunteers were treated to a picnic lunch. The 2017 spring clean-up event will be scheduled soon.

