

Butts Creek Watershed Trash Clean-up

Sponsored by the Pope Valley Watershed Council (PVWC)

Project Goals

The Pope Valley Watershed Council (PVWC) organizes an annual trash clean-up event in Butts Creek watershed. Board members and volunteers collect tires & rims, appliances, furniture, and other trash along roadways, creeks, and canyons and coordinate proper disposal.

The goals of the clean-up event are:

- 1) Remove trash that may negatively affect water quality in Butts Creek watershed
- 2) Raise awareness about the impacts of illegal dumping through community events and outreach

Methods

Starting in 2007, the PVWC has organized a spring weekend trash clean-up. Volunteers collect garbage along various stretches of Butts Canyon and Snell Valley Road. Campground areas of Berryessa Estates are also covered. Napa County collects and disposes the trash. During the rest of the year, volunteers collect trash along the road ways and monitor dumping sites.

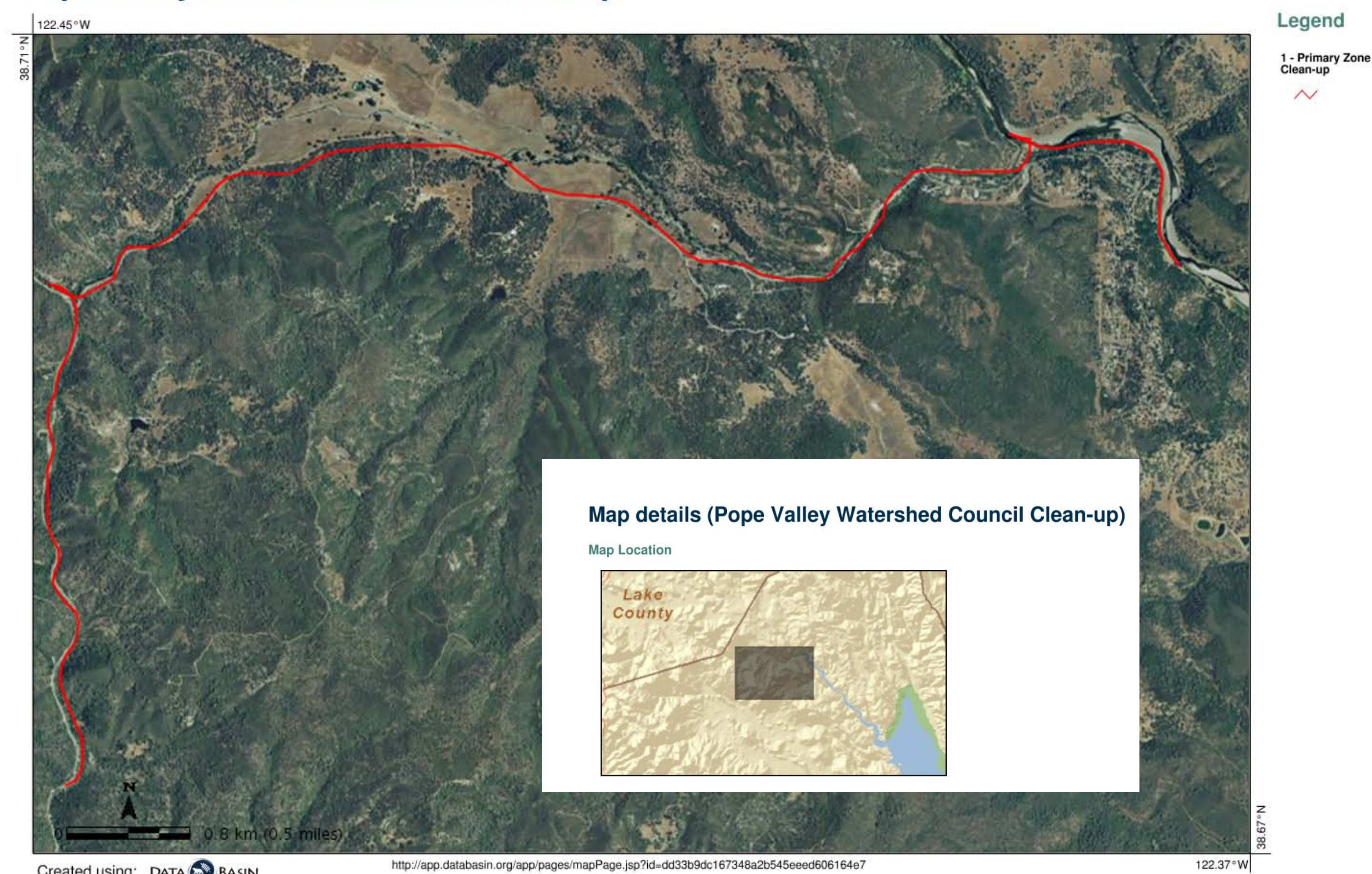


Community Engagement & Participation



Location

Pope Valley Watershed Council Clean-up



Results

Over the past five years, the PVWC annual clean up event has resulted in the removal of a substantial number of tires, appliances, furniture, and general trash.

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
Tires & rims	162	20	36	24	26	268
Appliances	13	0	0	0	2	15
Furniture	4	3	0	0	3	10
Trash (yd)	60.5	7	11	9	10	97.5
Number volunteers	20	12	12	12	13	69



Next Steps

The PVWC will continue coordinating the annual trash clean-up. In the coming years we hope to build new partnerships, expand youth outreach activities in Pope Valley, and provide low-cost opportunities for legal trash disposal.

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