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The Bulletin

West Rox Bikes hosts spring Enneking Pkwy cleanup

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West Rox Bikes hosted their annual spring cleanup along the Enneking Parkway on Sunday, April 10. Nine community members joined the cleanup and collected 30 bags of trash.

West Rox Bikes organizer Ben Wetherill said this was the third such event in which members came out to clean up on the Enneking Parkway, which stretches from the Stony Brook Commons to Gordon Avenue in Hyde Park, and borders West Roxbury, Hyde Park, Roslindale, and Dedham. Most of the cleanup took place north of the Turtle Pond entrance trail.

"The first cleanup was near the south entrance to Turtle Pond. The second was near the north entrance to Turtle Pond. And this one was farther north near the utility lot," said Wetherill. "We [West Rox Bikes] have been trying to cover a different section each time."

Those participating in the

and we also pulled another 12 bags of contractor construction site trash out of the woods along Washington St.," said Wetherill.

West Rox Bikes members chose to focus on the Enneking Parkway for picking up trash because it is a popular bike route for many people and is a nice green area with lots of nature, but always seems to always have a lot of trash.

"Stony Brook Reservation is a very nice park, but people do seem to throw trash in it more than normal," Wetherill explained. He also remarked that he has seen more litter in the area since the pandemic began. Dog dropping bags also seem to be in high concentration at Stony Brook.

Wetherill said the cleanups along the Enneking Parkway can sometimes be difficult due to the wide roads, no sidewalks, and the many fast cars.

"Enneking Parkway is an important bike route for exercise cycling, but there are basically no shoulders or at

he would like to see some traffic calming measures along the Enneking Parkway to make the route more accessible for pedestrians and cyclists.

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) handled the trash bag pickup, as Stony Brook Reservation is owned by the state. The park itself features 12 miles of trails for hiking and Turtle Pond boasts "plenty of sunfish" to catch, according to DCR's website. Go to <https://bit.ly/37ghgO2> for more information on the park itself.

West Rox Bikes is a neighborhood bicycle advocacy committee that works to improve bicycle infrastructure and safety in West Roxbury. "We are interested in promoting a safe bicycling environment, where commuters, shoppers, children, and seniors will all feel comfortable using bikes to get around the community. We believe that promoting a safe bicycling environment goes hand-in-hand with a safe pedestrian environment." West Rox Bikes



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