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VOLUNTEERS PICKED UP MORE THAN 2,000 POUNDS OF TRASH DURING TOWN-WIDE CLEAN UP

PURCELLVILLE, Va. April 9, 2021 — More than 180 volunteers participated in the annual Town-wide Clean Up on Saturday, March 20 and Sunday, March 21. Over the course of the two-day period, volunteers picked up 216 bags of trash and recycling throughout the Town of Purcellville. The grand total of everything collected was 2,100 pounds.

This effort is conducted annually in partnership with Keep Loudoun Beautiful. The Purcellville-area leader, Clay Grisius, organized the effort with support from Town staff. This year's effort required extra planning and coordination to ensure that COVID safety protocols were followed, which is why the event spanned two days instead of one. A variety of other changes were made this year, including a recorded message from Mayor Kwasi Fraser and Clay. The recorded remarks were emailed to the volunteer group contacts in lieu of the usual in-person remarks historically made to all volunteers at the start of the event.

Over the two-day collection period, volunteers were joined by Mayor Fraser and Council Members Tip Stinnette, Joel Grewe, and Chris Bertaut. As groups reported back in, Clay tallied the number of bags of trash and recycling collected. The full bags were picked up by Pack Rat Hauling which generously donated its services for this important effort.

Thank you to Clay Grisius and his family, all of the volunteers, and Pack Rat Hauling for helping clean up Purcellville.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

"Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper," is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 13th year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked "Safest City" in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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