

## Rotary Club of Pittsford



*"Service Above Self"*

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### The Rotary Club of Pittsford Pitches in with the 2nd Annual Canal Clean Sweep

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Our community is blessed with a historic, scenic environment that many enjoy—the New York State Canal System. What may be taken for granted are the efforts committed to keeping our area's section of the Erie Canal Trail attractive and inviting.

The Rotary Club of Pittsford is one of the many volunteer groups who have helped maintain more than a mile of the Erie Canal Trail for the past 5 years. Rotarians, along with Pittsford Interact Club Members (a Rotary-sponsored volunteer group of high school students), enjoyed the fresh air while working to clean up a dedicated section of the Canal Trail.

The Pittsford Rotary usually mounts a cleanup effort of the Erie Canal Trail annually, which also includes the south side of the canal along Route 96—the Cartersville Trail. This year, the Rotary tied into the statewide cleanup activities planned along New York State Canal System. "Canal Clean Sweep" was in preparation for the upcoming 182<sup>nd</sup> consecutive navigation season on the New York State Canal System, and in recognition of Earth Day 2007.

The Pittsford Rotary takes great pride in helping maintain the Erie Canal System, as it is a unique recreational and tourism destination in the Pittsford area. The Erie Canal Trail is one of four historic waterways making up the New York State Canal System. These also include the Champlain, the Oswego and the Cayuga-Seneca Canals, which together span 524 miles across New York State. The Erie Canal Trail that our community enjoys is part of a waterway that links the Hudson River, Lake Champlain, Lake Ontario, the Finger Lakes and the Niagara River with communities rich in history and culture.

To Pittsford Rotarians, Interact Club Members, and other volunteers this activity represents more than just picking up litter—it's having the opportunity to meet others in our community who enjoy the canal's setting.

**About the Pittsford Rotary – Pittsford Rotarians benefit from a blend of "Fulfillment, Friendship, and Fun".** The Rotary Club of Pittsford, which was chartered in 1940, embodies the philosophy of "Service Above Self". It is an organization of approximately 60 active and retired business and professional men and women who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in our local communities and in the world beyond. In addition to the rewarding experience of service above self, the club provides members with opportunities for personal and professional growth and development in a fun atmosphere of friendship and fellowship. The Rotary Club of Pittsford meets Wednesday Mornings for breakfast from 7:00 AM to approximately 8:15 AM at the Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street in the Village of Pittsford, New York. For more information, visit the Rotary Club of Pittsford at <http://www.pittsfordrotary.org>.

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Photos attached



Pittsford Rotary Canal Cleanup Crew



Pittsford Interact Club Canal Cleanup Crew