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Overpeck Lake Bald Eagle

Overpeck Lake Training and Regatta Center volunteers have begun removing tons of illegally dumped trash on its new property adjacent to Overpeck Lake in Ridgewood Park. To date we have removed 250,000 pounds of bricks, cinder blocks, other assorted masonry, as well as 10,000 pounds of tires, refrigerators and scrap metal. We are also in the process of seeking grant moneys to help restore .123 acres of wetlands located on the property. During the cleanup one of our members spotted a bald eagles nest about 1000 feet north of our property. We are now more determined than ever to remove every single pound of trash and invasive species from our property in order to help create a more health and environmentally sound site for our newest neighbor. In addition, in 2012 we plan on donating a portion of our regatta proceeds to the American Eagle Foundation. Finally, to help promote our efforts and educate local school children on the environment we are planning a competition to name the eagle and any hatchlings should the bald eagle return next year to nest in our neighborhood.

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