

Earth Day cleanup in Lincoln Saturday

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LINCOLN — Earth Day celebrations will begin in Lincoln on Saturday with a cleanup of Lincoln Woods, Cobble Hill Road and Route 246, all sponsored by the town.

Taking charge of the Lincoln Woods and Cobble Hill Road cleanup will be the Lincoln National Junior Honor Society from Lincoln Middle School.

The students, who are in seventh and eighth grades, will clean up Lincoln Woods to the North Providence border on

Old Louisquisset Road as well as picking up trash on Cobble Hill Road. The groups advisor, David Clegg, is organizing the event for the students.

While the students are busy with that area, additional volunteers, including Town Administrator Sue Sheppard and Dave Sale, a program administrator for the town, will be cleaning along the other end of Route 246 near the intersection of Routes 246 and 116.

There are 40 to 45 volunteers already signed up for the cleanup, said Kristin Zawistowski, the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council's coordinator for Keep America

Beautiful. But more volunteers for the Route 246 cleanup are still needed.

"We do have some volunteers, but there's always room for more because there's trash along that whole road," she said.

The volunteers will meet at Lime Rock Fire Department on Twin River Road at 8:30 a.m. for registration. Assignments will be given out at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Coffee will be on hand for the volunteers, who will be given bags, gloves and bottles of water at that meeting point.

"They' don't have to bring anything, just themselves,"

Zawistowski said. "The cleanup will take off around 9 a.m. and will probably last until noon."

Zawistowski also urged groups to get involved.

"If people want, they can get a group together of five or 10 people and they could clean up a particular area," she suggested.

This cleanup is one of more than 100 cleanups scheduled throughout the state during the month of April.

For more information on the Lincoln cleanup, call Zawistowski at 724-2200. For information on other Earth Day events throughout the state, visit www.earthdayri.org.