

Illegal Dumping

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Pennsylvania Chapter History

- The PA chapter was organized in the early 1970s
 - Officially opened its doors in Harrisburg in 1983
- Volunteer leaders across the state provide organizational support

Organizing a Clean-up

- A member scouts a location for safety and accessibility to determine what demographics are eligible to participate in the cleanup
 - Includes identifying the type of litter being picked up
- Forms partnerships with many organizations to coordinate clean-ups across the state
 - NEPA does at least 10 cleanups in spring



What are we picking up?



Tires

- Commonly dumped item due to their size and inconvenience of disposing of them

- 2023
 - 17 tires
- 2024
 - 11 tires
- 2025
 - 10 tires



2023

Other Commonly Dumped Items:

- Televisions
- Refrigerators
- Car parts
- Fluorescent tube lights
- Mercury Thermostats
- Couches and Mattresses



If a person can back up into a spot to dump, they will toss things out!

Location: Defy Trampoline Park, Dickson City



Couch and Chair

Tube Television

Tires



Location: Ayelsworth Park, Jermyn



Carparts

Tires

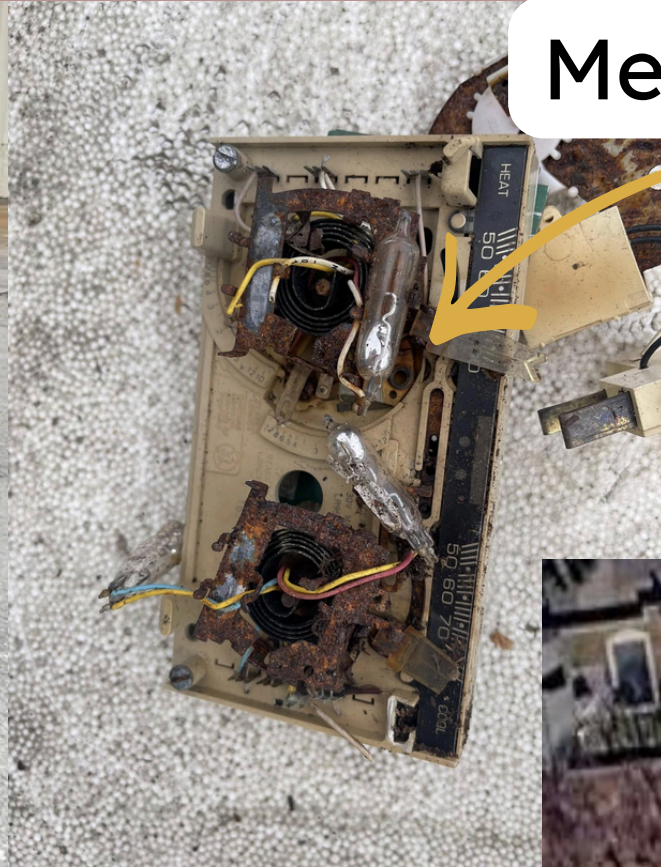


Location: Jed Pool Supplies, Old Forge

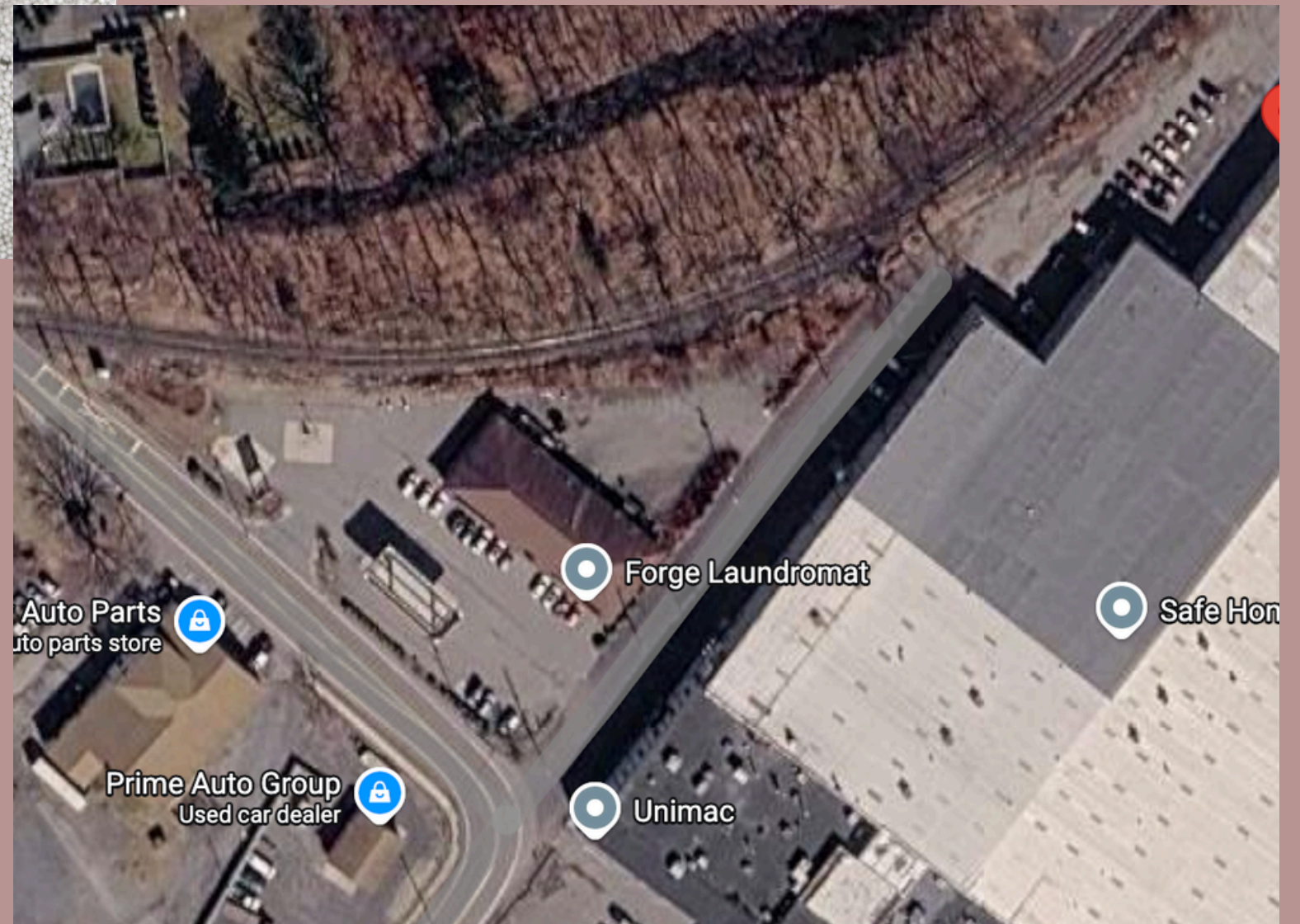


TV

Tires



Mercury Thermostat



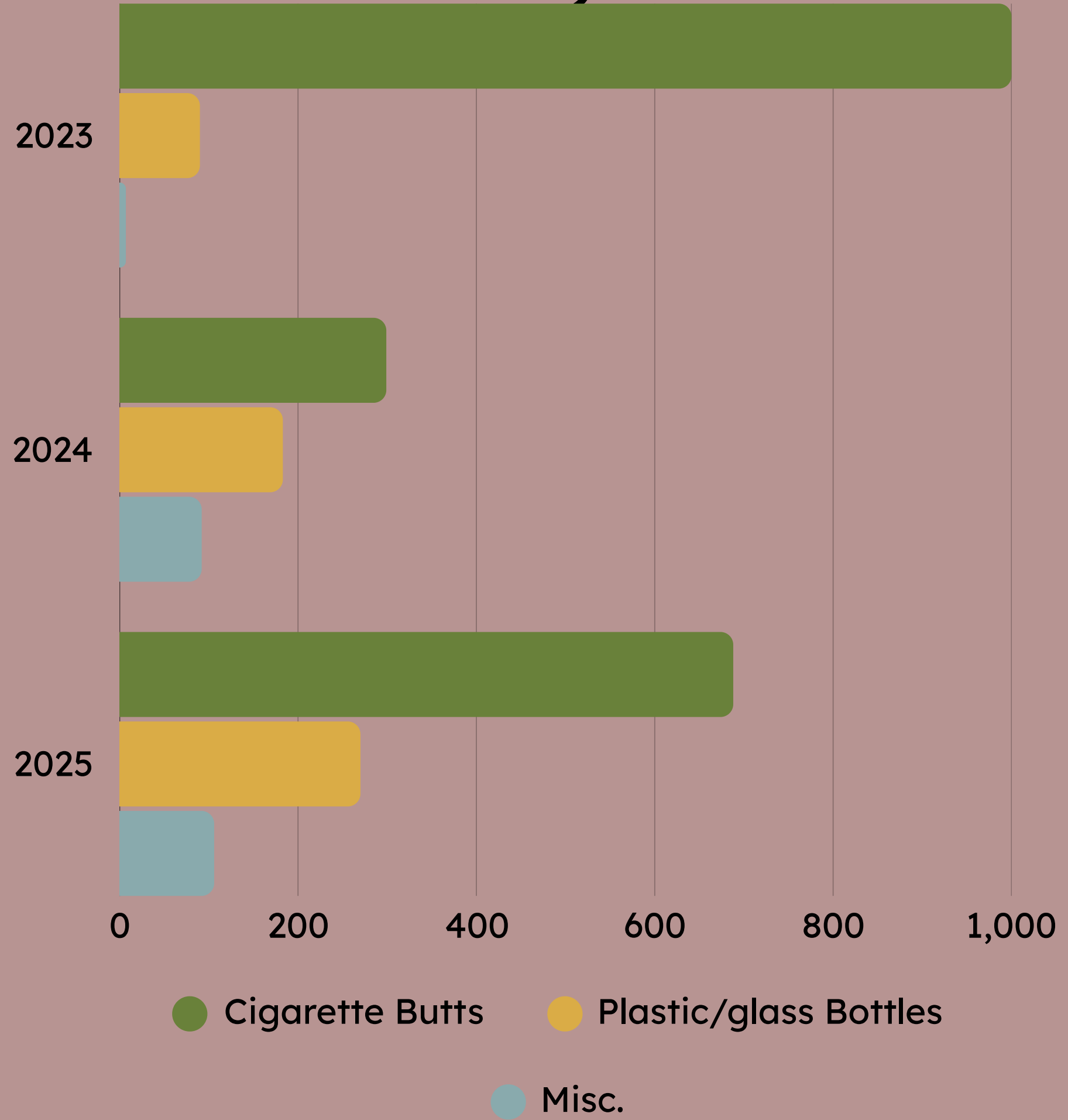
Are areas improving?

- Yes and no

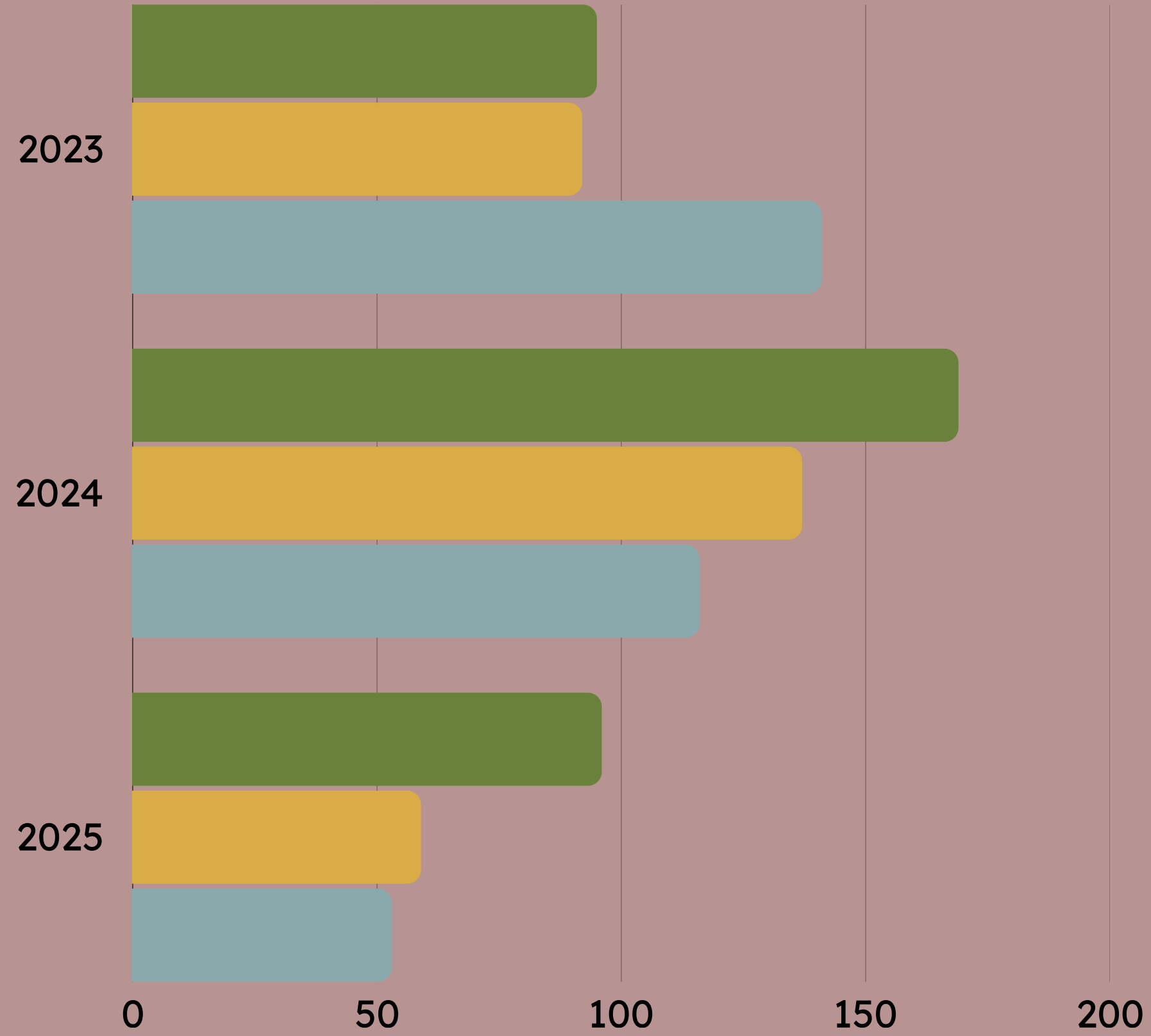
Let's get into it!



Main Street, Archbald



Winton Street Trailhead

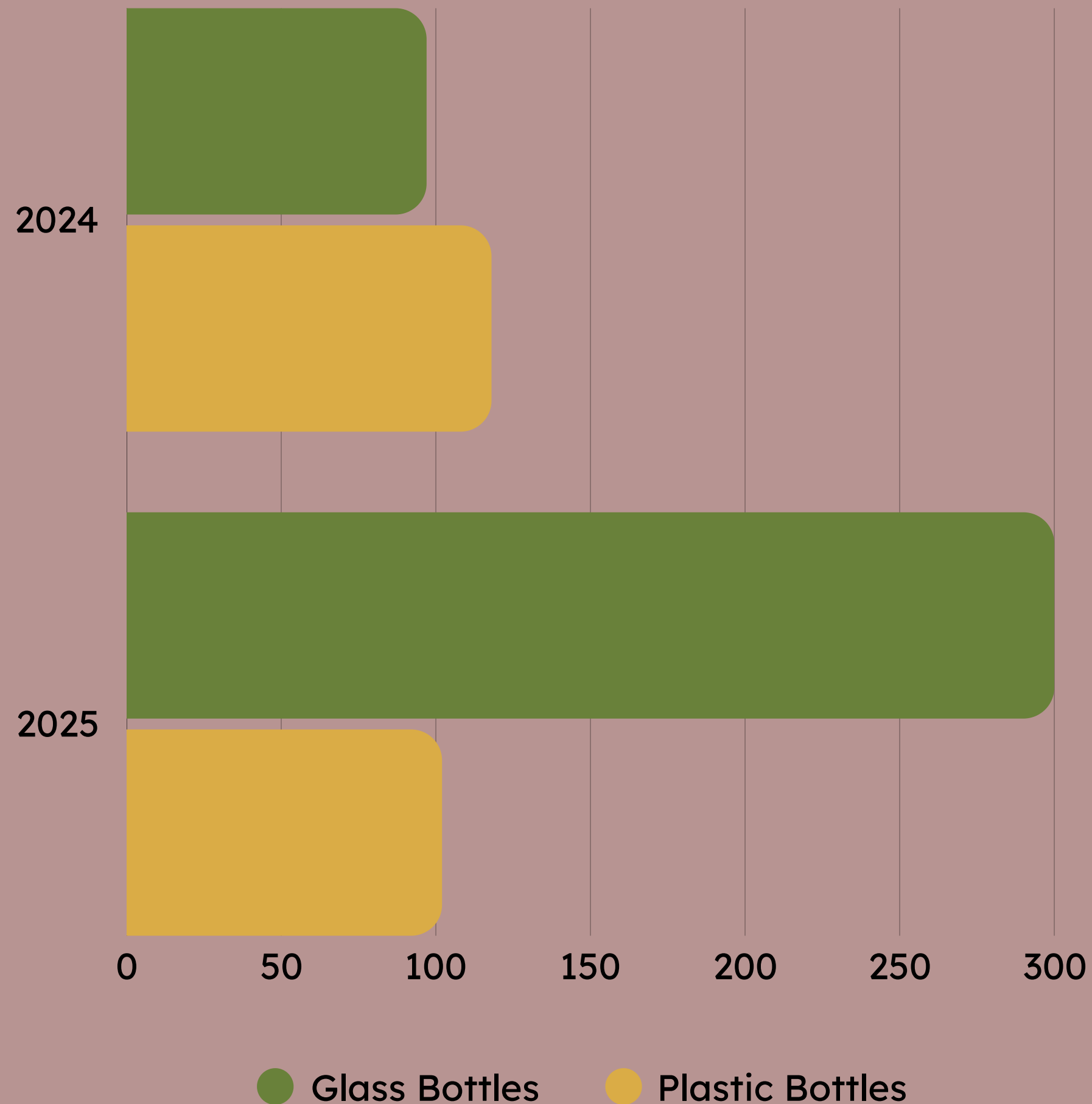


● Glass Bottles

● Plastic Bottles

● Cans

Jessup Park n Ride



“This is 100% from drinking, both people drinking and dumping it from sports games and drinking in the woods, and probably drinking while driving.”

-Fawn C., Sierra Club Outings Leader

The Why?

- At the cleanups, we do talk about where the litter is coming from
 - Is it blowing out of garbage cans?
 - Is it being thrown out of vehicles?
 - If there are cart wipes, where are they coming from? A grocery store?
 - If you find shopping bags, it's important to consider their source. While cleaning along Commerce Blvd, you can reasonably assume they originated from one of the nearby stores.



How to get Involved!



- Scan the QR code
- Or visit:
 - <https://www.sierraclub.org/pennsylvania/upcoming-outings>



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Thank you!

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