Everyone wants on the Rouge bandwagon

UNE 6 is D-Day for the Rouge

River.
New "Friends of the Rouge director Bonnie Andarson will lead the battallon of gican-up volunteers who hope one day to make it safe for boaters and batters.

tathers.
"["Our goal is to have people swim-poing in the Rouge by the year 2006," anderson said. "Wouldn't that be something?"

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ANDERSON HOPES 4,000 people in double last year's number — will dedicate that Saturday to the river's specond clean-up.

Liferaspects look good, she said.

"Our sponsors are back and a pumber of, new commenties have glined us." Anderson said. "We're explied about the project." Between the project in the said of the project. The project is specified about the project. Plymouth said Westland, as well as Bloomfield and Canton townships are joining this year's effort.

Farmington Hills and Southfield, pioneers from last year's clean-up, are also expected to participate.

Volunteers from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Civillan Conservation Corps are also expected to lend a hand.

"Friends of the Rouge" is having a membership meeting. Thurnday, April 9. For information on the meeting, or Rouge Rescue II, call 42-ROUGE.

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seal themselves," Anderson said. It only if they can flow." Lougo River Rescue II is a big un-

aking, especially for a new-er. But Anderson is an old hand

When it comes to entrocenter.

The Birmingham resident has dedicated much of her adult life to environmental causes. Slints as executive director for the East Michigan Environmental Action Council and as a governor's appointee to the Michigan Environmental Review Board — a position she still holds — dot her resume.

SHE HAS BEEN drumming up support for the June clean-up since taking the "Friends of the Rouge" post last month. She replaced Bruce Monson, who remains as executive director of the group.

Anderson hopes to expand the river's restoration into a year-around project.

project.
"We're expanding beyond a one-day effort," she said. "We're looking at carrying it through the whole

year."
Having high school classes monitor the river is one of Anderson's proposals. Another involves year-round public education on Rouge-related issues.

Hotel Issue.

HOLDER OF a master degree's in social work and science, both from the University of Michigan, Anderson calls herelf a specialist in conflict management and resolution. But she has been pleased to find there's no conflict when it comes to cleaning up the Rouge.

"One of the nice things is that everyone's on the bandwagon, everyone wants to clean up the Rouge, "one of the nice things is that everyone's on the bandwagon, everyone wants to clean up the Rouge, "one of the nice things is that everyone's on the bandwagon, everyone wants to clean up the Rouge," he said. "We're getting tremendous support from the state and local governments are also supportive." The 20-year cleanup project began last summer. Anderson's interest in environmental causes dates back more than 20 years.

The environmental movement of the late 1980s and early 1970s had its effect, but Anderson said she was in-

terested in olironmental Issues long before it itume [ashlonable. "Things likelarth Day of nationwide 1970 olironmental rally) helped energizine, but it's not as if it was a catasis," she said. "I have always been aire of myself as part of the environment on apart from the environment."

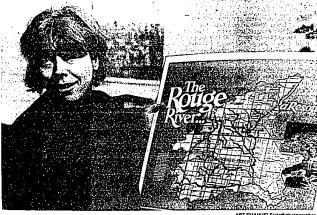
THAT AWAENESS has led her nto raising a organic vegetable into raising a organic vegetable garden at her imily's Birmingham home, where the often surprises neighbors wit home-canned pro-

neighbors wit home-canned produce.

"I realize it a little unusual for Birmingham, he laughed.
But it's also/rust her into numerous environmental conflicts throughout the state, ic's consulted numerous citizen grays on waste removal, groundwater at wetlands protection issues.

Recently, st has been involved with protectit wetlands near the soon-to-be expided 1-598 freeway.
Cleaning uphe Rouge could prove her most ambious project. Already in her running for a national award, is project has attracted internation attention as well.

"We've receved contact from people living not the Ganges River—they're interpted in what we're doing." Andenn said. "So, we can not only have, national impact."



Bonnie Anderson, who will head the June 6 clean-up drive: "Our sponsors are back, and a

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because they aren't from around here and mayother the other trees. The Wilderss and Natural Areas Advisory Bold has recommended that a large and of the pine trees be removed fin along Lake Michi-gan at Saugath Dunes State Park. The panel ants to preserve the

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