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Hunterdon County And Towns Lead Volunteer Clean-Up Along The Delaware River

The Hunterdon County Division of Health, on September 15th, teamed up with volunteers from Delaware Township and Kingwood Township Clean Communities programs, the D & R Canal State Park, the County Parks Division, and the Delaware River Greenway Partnership in a litter clean-up along the Delaware River, as part of the International Coastal Cleanup, a statewide program focusing on litter abatement in rivers, lakes, and streams throughout New Jersey.

Freeholder Board Deputy Director Suzanne Lagay, liaison to the Health Services Division, said, "The Division collaborates with several agencies devoted to environmental health. Our County provides many programs keeping our parks and water systems clean, and we appreciate the partnering agencies and volunteers who supported the river clean-up."

On Saturday, September 15, a team of seventy-five volunteers and five community agencies participated in the litter clean-up along the Delaware River. Starting at the Bull's Island Pedestrian Bridge and winding through trails along the river's edge, volunteers cleaned and picked up litter all the way to Frenchtown's 12 Street access. As a result of the event, fifty-three bags of trash and thirty-five bags of recyclables were removed from the banks of the Delaware River.

Jennifer O'Sullivan, Hunterdon County Public Health Investigator and Hunterdon County's Clean Communities coordinator said, "We had an overwhelming number of volunteers this year, from scout groups to individual residents who care about the environment and Hunterdon County. This is the first county-wide cleanup program and it was hugely successful. We plan to recruit additional volunteers next year."

The Hunterdon County Clean Communities Program is funded through a Department of Environmental Protection grant, and to learn more visit the County Health Division website or follow us on Facebook.