GLOUCESTER COUNTY CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

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The New Jersey Clean Communities Program was created in 1986 through the Clean Communities Acts, which provides grants to municipalities and counties. Clean Communities Account funding results from the taxation of 15 categories of litter generating products, at $300 per million dollars in sales at the manufacturing, wholesale or distribution levels and at 225 per million at the retail level.

The Gloucester County Clean Communities Program is made up of three very distinct, yet equally important aspects, which are:

1) Litter pick-up and removal
2) Environmental Education
3) Enforcement

In the area of ***Litter Pick-up and Removal***, the following programs have been developed by the coordinator in order to meet the goal and objectives of the program. For each program, groups must provide proof of Liability Insurance. Contact Program Coordinator at (856)-478-6045 ext. 14 for more details.

- **Mini Grants** are available for non-profit groups and agencies to perform a one-day **(Three Hours)** of clean up with at least ***Ten People***. All groups will be assigned an area in the Gloucester County. Your Group will not always be assigned to an area in your Municipality. We must address the area's that must be **cleaned** at that moment. Safety vest "Litter Patrol Signs", trash and recycle bags will be provided also.
- **The *Adopt-A-Road Program*** is available for interested groups and individuals who are willing to make a two year commitment to **adopt** a one to two mile section of county roadway. Adopt-A-Road signs are placed at the beginning and end of the adopted road segment, which identify the adopting group. All the necessary supplies are provided for this clean up also. This is a wonderful way for groups to fulfill public service requirements and citizens to volunteer their time. In addition to the name recognition, which is earned by the group, personal feeling of accomplishment is attained.
- **The *Adopt-A-Stream Crossing Program*** is a new, which is geared towards ridding our county unsightly litter along streams and creek crossings. This program is designed to draw attention to the contribution that litter makes to cause non-point source water pollution while at the same time eliminating this problem. Non-point source pollution is the **biggest** threat to many of our ponds, creeks, lakes, wells, streams, rivers and bays our ground water and the ocean. This program is run similar to the Adopt-A-Road Program in which the group needs to make a two

year commitment, perform at least two clean-ups per year and receives similar supplies as above.

- **The Adopt-A-Spot Program** provides school age children the opportunity to adopt their school yard thereby creating a sense of "Ownership." It also provides adults the opportunity to **adopt** smaller areas such as "jug handles" where litter accumulates.

Young students are not able to Adopt-A-Road or Adopt-A-Stream Crossing because of the safety concerns and their proximity to traffic. This program allows them to become actively involved in helping to keep "Their Environment" clean and litter free. This program also allows older individuals or those citizens who may not because of health reasons, have stamina to **Adopt-A-Road**, to become actively involved.

The philosophy behind Adopt-A-Spot is simple; the Program promotes litter abatement via visibility of signs and involvement by all ages. It is a program that demonstrates citizen pride in the appearance of the community to passing motorists.

The preceding four programs all help to instill a feeling of "community citizenship" in young people and participants by illustrating how simple acts like not littering or recycling can make a positive difference in the health of a society. By doing so, it helps to give a "sense of worth" to young people who participate in healthy activities like local litter "clean-up" campaigns.

- Each year the GCIA/Clean Communities Program sponsors a one day **Clean-up.**
- **Fact: over 25,000 car crashes a year are caused by debris littering the highways. The Associated Press reported that a new study by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that those tires pieces, bags of garbage and chunks of scrap metal are responsible for causing up to 90 deaths a year.**
- **Education is the Key!!!!!**
- If we can educate people, young and old, concerning the importance of keeping "OUR" Environment clean and healthy for "All creatures great and small," there will be less litter found along the roads and in our streams, creeks and rivers. People need to learn the importance of taking responsibility for themselves as well as any trash that they generate.

- **"WE NEED TO TREAT THE EARTH AS IF WE INTEND TO STAY!"**

In this day and age school budgets are being trimmed and field trips are much harder to budget. This excursion is a great way to get students interested in and knowledgeable about "their environment" in addition to its being excited and truly memorable experience.

The area of ***Environmental Enforcement***, The Enforcement Officer is responsible for investigating and prosecuting illegal dumpers. **They can be reached in the day time at (856-262-4220), to report illegal dumping, after hours call (856-589-0911).**

Illegal Dumping Signs have been strategically placed at problem areas and those areas where dumping consistently occurs. The tip line phone number is included on this sign and encourages people to call if they have witnessed any dumping activity.

The Gloucester County Clean Communities Program has received accommodations from local as well as state agencies for its assistance in various environmental projects and programs.

The Gloucester County Clean Communities Program received The National Association of Counties 1993 **Achievement Award** for innovative program designing and addressing specific concerns in our county.

The Gloucester County Clean Communities Program and the municipalities' sponsored a County Wide Clean up during April 20, 2017, in the Township of Logan. During this time the (3) Communities become as one Logan Twp., Woolwich Township and Swedesboro combine forces to tackle litter in our communities. This Event helped put a handle on some of the litter areas in the Township such as parks, streets, the highways and along the lakes in this Gloucester County Community. Along with the sponsor GCIA / Logan Township the following communities also participated: Clayton, Deptford Twp., Franklinville, Glassboro, Harrison Twp., Paulsboro, South Harrison Township, Westville, Williamstown, Woodbury and Woolwich Twp. Also with the help from many of the agencies our program is doing well by getting a handle on and controlling the litter along the roads and highways. The GCIA / CCP have given out about 150 grants to the many agencies in the Gloucester County Areas.

During April 21, 2018. The GCIA / Gloucester County Clean Communities Event was held in Mantua Township, with the assistances of Pitman and Deptford Township as areas to cleanup. The same municipalities above once again came out for the GCIA Cleanup. We had a total of 25 agencies during this year, one of the most ever for the community cleanup.

The GCIA/CCP also has a summer program that services the 24 Gloucester County municipalities. The program takes place during June to August for 6 to 8 weeks.

EVENT REQUIREMENTS

1. If participants are under the age of 18, there must be one on site Supervisor present at all times for each five participants.
2. ALL participants must wear safety protective gear (Vests, Gloves and etc.) provided by the GCIA / CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM.
3. Event Supervisor must be responsible for placing the SAFETY SIGNS at the Clean-up location.
4. Within three (3) days of the EVENT, arrangements MUST BE MADE TO RETURN ALL EQUIPMENT TO THE GCIA / CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR!
5. Event Supervisor is responsible for the completion of the Litter Report Forms Attached!
6. ALL SUPPLIES PLUS THE LITTER REPORTS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE YOUR PAYMENT CAN BE MADE!
7. GCIA / CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR INFORMATION IS LISTED BELOW

   GCIA/CCP
   503 Monroeville Road
   Swedesboro NJ 08085
   Office (856) 373-5504, ext.5504 (Direct Line)
   Cell (856) 498-1768E-Mail: jhamilton@gcianj.com

*****On behalf of the Organization, I hereby grant full permission to the sponsor and /or agents authorized by them to use any photo, videotape, recording or any other recordings of these activities for legitimate purposes.**

Print Name: _____

Signed _____

Date: _____

NOTE: FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS OLD, AN ADDITIONAL FORM (ATTACHED) MUST BE SIGNED BY EACH PARENT OR GUARDIAN!

No less than one (1) week prior to the EVENT you must submit to the GCIA COORDINATOR THE FOLLOWING:

* The completed **Mini-Grant Application** and the **Organizations Non-Profit / Tax ID Forms**
*A copy of the **Organization's Certificate of Insurance Liability Form** showing a minimum Coverage of $1,500,000 and listing the GCIA/CCP, 109 Budd Blvd, Woodbury NJ 08096 as the additional insured (sample attached).

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APPLICATION AND LITTER REPORT

All Gloucester County non-profit organizations and / or volunteer groups participating in the Clean Communities Mini-Grant Program must complete this form and return it to the Clean Communities Coordinator within five (5) working days of the approved event.

Name of Organization: _____

(This is the name that will be on the grant check)

Contact Person Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Email _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Date of Clean Up Event: April 25th

Number of Participates: _____ Minors: _____ Supervisors: _____

Area Being Cleaned: City of Woodbury

It is critical that the weight and number of all bags trash and/recyclables are recorded after each cleanup

TRASH (LITTER)

Number of Bags_____ Weight of Bags_____

RECYCLE (LITTER)

Number of Bags_____ Weight of Bags_____

TIRES

Number _____

OTHER ITEMS (Please Specify)

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