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**NJ Clean Communities Council Honors Atlantic County Utilities Authority
with the “Adopt-a-Highway” Award**

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP – June 23, 2015 – The Atlantic County Utilities Authority (ACUA), an organization committed to protecting waters and lands from pollution, has received the statewide “Adopt-a-Highway” Award from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council.

ACUA was the first organization to participate in the Adopt-a-Highway program in 2012, which encourages volunteers to clean and maintain state highways to enhance New Jersey’s landscape, collecting tons of trash every year and recycling hundreds of pounds of material.

“This year, the hidden spots that had been used for illegal dumping in previous years were much cleaner,” noted Rebecca Turygan, Environmental Research Assistant and head of the Adopt-a-Highway Program at ACUA. “Our cleanups have had an impact on the community and have helped reduce the presence of litter and dumping in the area.”

The Adopt-a-Highway Award is presented to a business, community organization, school, or individual who has cleaned and maintained public property for at least two years.

“The ACUA has been a trusted partner of ours for years and was the ideal organization to win the award this year,” said Sandy Huber, executive director of the New Jersey Clean Communities Council. “I would like to salute Rebecca and her team for their commitment to a litter-free Atlantic County.”

New Jersey Clean Communities is a comprehensive, statewide litter-abatement program that has served New Jersey residents and visitors for more than 25 years. Learn more about the New Jersey Clean Communities Council at njclean.org.

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