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## **NJ Clean Communities Council Gives “Urban Cleanup Award” to City of Elizabeth**

**ELIZABETH – July 20, 2016** – The City of Elizabeth has received the “Urban Cleanup Award” from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) for its extensive cleanups around the city and waterfront areas.

In October of last year, Elizabeth organized a cleanup to focus on the city’s riverbanks with approximately 150 volunteers. Elizabeth also had a large cleanup this past Earth Day, on April 22, when citizens were encouraged to join a team of volunteers and clean up various streets, parks, lots, and any other public areas.

“Elizabeth is a great example of volunteers coming together to enhance the community,” NJCCC Executive Director Sandy Huber said. “The city is making great strides in making New Jersey a cleaner state.”

NJCCC is a comprehensive, statewide litter-abatement program that has served New Jersey residents and visitors for more than 25 years. Learn more at [njclean.org](http://njclean.org).

**PHOTO CAPTION:** Elizabeth Recycling Coordinator Pasquale “Pat” Vella (left) accepting award from NJCCC President Patrick Ryan.

