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Subject: NJ Clean Communities Regional Workshops

Dear Mayor, Municipal Clerk and Administrator:

The NJ Clean Communities Council will be hosting three regional workshops, October 22, River Winds, West Deptford; October 28, The Breakers, Spring Lake; and October 30, The Fiesta, Wood-Ridge. Among the topics to be discussed will be NJDEP crackdown on illegal dumping in state parks - "Don't Waste Our Open Space". Other agenda items include statistical reporting and Best Practices in Clean Communities.

In March of 2014, the NJDEP launched the "Don't Waste Our Open Space" campaign to stop illegal dumping. The initiative combines increased enforcement and tough penalties with community awareness and volunteerism to provide a smart, cost effective model to catch and prosecute illegal dumpers. Six months into the program 20 people have been charged with nearly \$30,000 in court-ordered fines collected and more than \$450,000 in fines pending. Hundreds of community volunteers have been engaged and dumpsters full of illegally dumped materials have been cleaned up from our open spaces. The "Don't Waste Our Open Space" initiative is a model for counties and municipalities statewide. DEP representatives will be at the workshops to discuss the initiative so that you may learn how to work with the Department to expand these efforts into your towns.

We are asking you to attend one of the workshops or to send a representative. Public Works Managers and Certified Recycling Coordinators can earn recertification credits. There is no fee to attend. Lunch will be served.

You may visit www.njcean.org to register and for more information.

Thanks so much!

Sincerely,

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