

## **Hunterdon County Hosts Clean Communities Kid-Teen Award Celebration and Annual Conference**

Nearly one thousand students from across New Jersey attended the statewide 2018 New Jersey Clean Communities Kids-Teen Award Day and 15th Annual Conference, at the South County Park, hosted by Hunterdon County's Health Division, on May 23-25<sup>th</sup>. The program creates awareness among youth about litter-related issues, promotes a cleanliness ethic, and fosters an understanding of New Jersey's natural beauty and habitats.

The Kids-Teens Awards Day, where awards were presented to young people who have contributed to a clean New Jersey, was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The full day event included attractions that highlight the environment including presentations from the Master Gardens, County Mosquito and Vector Control, and the New Jersey Bee Keeper Association, live animal entertainment and petting zoo, yoga, DJ entertainment, and a healthy lunch for all attendees.

"We are pleased to showcase the natural beauty of Hunterdon County and host students and community partners from all over the state. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the New Jersey Clean Communities Council," said Suzanne Lagay, Deputy Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

As part of the Clean Communities event, Hunterdon County's East Amwell School was awarded a \$1,000 for their work with the Food Council. Additionally, Health Division Public Health Investigator, Jennifer O'Sullivan was presented with the Environmental Quality Award, for efforts enhancing litter abatement in Hunterdon County and for her coordination of the Kids-Teen Award Day.

Key partners in the event included the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC), Raritan Headwaters, New Jersey Department of Health, Hunterdon County's Public Works Department, Parks Division, Facilities and Maintenance Division, Office of Emergency Management and Health Division.