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Photos: Shore Based and Boat Based JPG Photos Attached

Volunteers Needed for Sept. 21st NJ Delaware River and Delaware Canal Cleanup

In an effort to help cleanup the Delaware River, New Jersey Clean Communities, New Jersey's statewide litter abatement program, has announced the Second Annual Delaware River Cleanup on the morning of Saturday, September 21st from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Volunteers will meet for shoreline cleanups in Kingwood, Bull's Island in Stockton and at the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead in Lambertville. If water levels permit, boat based cleanups will be held out of Kingwood and Bull's Island. This is a rain or shine event except for thunderstorms. Advance registration is required. Further details and registration can be found at www.delawarivergreenwaypartnership.org.

Kathy Klink, a Delaware Township, NJ employee who is helping with the event said, "While it's wonderful to see people enjoying the river, unfortunately trash is often left behind. We hope folks will donate a few hours of their time to help clean the shoreline and waterways. Last year we had 90 volunteers and we hope to increase participation to 150 volunteers." In addition to Delaware Township, the D&R Canal State Park (NJ), Hunterdon County Parks, Delaware River Greenway Partnership, West Amwell Township Clean Communities, Lambertville Clean Communities, Hunterdon County Clean Communities, Kingwood Clean Communities and Delaware Canal State Park (PA) are all co-sponsoring the event.

Adults and supervised children are welcome. School groups and scout organizations are encouraged to participate. Volunteers should bring insect repellent, wear comfortable clothing, long pants, and sturdy, closed-toe shoes and arrive at 8:30 am at their registered locations. Participants will be provided with trash bags and gloves and will receive a t-shirt as a thank you for their time. At noon, a complimentary pizza lunch will be provided to the volunteers.

Besides picking up litter, volunteers are also needed to serve as leaders for the event. Leaders will supervise 10-12 cleanup volunteers and will be trained in safety measures. Required safety training sessions will take place on September 17th in Delaware Township. To help as a leader, email Kathy Klink at kklink@delawaretpnj.org.

If you see someone dumping or involved in illegal activities at any State Park, call the NJDEP at 1-877-927-6337 (1-877-WARN DEP).