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## **NJDEP Earns “Enforcement Award” from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council**

**TRENTON – July 21, 2015** – The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has received the Enforcement Award from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) for the “Don’t Waste Our Open Space” campaign, an effort to crack down on illegal dumping in state parks.

“Don’t Waste Our Open Space” was launched in March of 2014, and has yielded several arrests throughout the state, prompted by investigations of illegal dump sites. The campaign aims to raise awareness of this ongoing issue through outreach and education, recruiting resident’s help in reporting illegal dumping.

“The NJDEP has made tremendous strides in putting a stop to illegal dumping on natural lands,” said NJCCC Executive Director Sandy Huber. “We are proud of the department’s efforts to raise awareness about this issue, and salute DEP Commissioner Bob Martin and his team for their dedication to the cause.”

For more information on the NJDEP initiative, please visit [www.stopdumping.nj.gov](http://www.stopdumping.nj.gov).

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).

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