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Paterson Wins Statewide “Cleanup Award” from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council

PATERSON – July 14, 2016 – The City of Paterson has received the “Urban Cleanup Team Award” from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC).

On August 25, 2015, the City of Paterson held its annual cleanup of the Great Falls on the 99th birthday of the National Parks Service. The 77-foot-high water fall was shut off in order for volunteers to clean up behind the historic falls.

Those who participated in the cleanup included local residents, workers from the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, and the Great Falls Youth Corps, a program developed under the New Jersey Community Development Corporation that encourages youth to educate the public and clean the nation’s parks. Volunteers collected discarded litter as well as a mattress and a small boat.

“The comprehensive effort in Paterson to preserve the city’s falls and clean up the litter scattered throughout made the city very deserving of this award,” said NJCCC Executive Director Sandy Huber.

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.

PHOTO CAPTION: Paterson Recycling Coordinator Diane Polifronio (left) accepts Cleanup Award on behalf of the City of Paterson from NJCCC President Patrick Ryan.

