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**New Jersey Clean Communities Council Recognizes Ocean County  
Department of Corrections with Open Space Award**

**TOMS RIVER – July 23, 2015** – The Ocean County Department of Corrections has received the “Open Space” Award from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC) for its Community Work Program, which allows minimum-status offenders to undertake various projects in the community.

The Community Work Program began under the direction of Warden Theodore J. Hutler, who has been in charge of Ocean County’s correctional facilities for more than 34 years, and is the longest serving prison warden in New Jersey history.

“The Community Work Program has been recognized by numerous national associations and has won countless awards, validating the program’s outstanding efforts to keep New Jersey clean,” said NJCCC Executive Director Sandy Huber. “We salute Warden Hutler and the other dedicated members of the Ocean County Department of Corrections for their ongoing dedication to the cause and efforts to improve their program.”

The Open Space Award is presented to an organization that has cleaned public property, considered open space.

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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