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## **New Jersey Clean Communities Council Recognizes Coopers Ferry Partnership and the Camden Illegal Dumping Team with Open Space Award**

**CAMDEN – June 08, 2016** – Coopers Ferry Partnership (CFP) and the Camden Illegal Dumping Team have received the “Open Space” Award from the New Jersey Clean Communities Council (NJCCC), honoring their participation in the state Department of Environmental Protection’s Illegal Dumping Program.

The City of Camden was one of three cities to pilot the program, designed to prosecute dumpers and provide legal evidence needed for court. CFP, a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to coherently planning and implementing high-quality urban redevelopment projects in Camden, and the Camden Illegal Dumping Team aim to transform Camden into a greener, cleaner, and safer city while educating the public about the city’s environmental issues.

“We are excited to watch Camden grow into a metropolitan city through the volunteer service and commitment from the community,” said CFP Vice President of Neighborhood Initiatives, Meishka Mitchell.

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

“The Illegal Dumping Program has been recognized by numerous national associations, validating the program’s outstanding efforts to keep New Jersey clean,” said NJCCC Executive Director Sandy Huber. “We salute Coopers Ferry Partnership and the dedicated members of the Camden Illegal Dumping Team for their ongoing dedication to the cause and efforts to improve their program.”

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).

Photo Caption: From left to right, Detective Keith James (Camden County Police Department), Meishka Mitchell (Cooper’s Ferry Partnership), and Chuck Giacobbe (Camden County Office of Environmental Affairs) accept the Open Space Award from NJCCC President Patrick Ryan.

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