

27th Annual Waterways Cleanup
Saturday, September 29th

Here at the Cumberland County Improvement Authority (CCIA) keeping our county clean is extremely important. The CCIA is committed to do whatever it takes to protect the environment so all can enjoy the things we love to do outside such as hiking, swimming, fishing, kayaking, hunting, and watching wildlife. Throughout the year, CCIA staff and volunteers can be seen about Cumberland County keeping the most troublesome county roads free of litter. Each year we host an annual Trash Hunt in March and an annual Waterway Cleanup in September. These events are designed to allow the community to give back to the natural resources of Cumberland County.

The global implications of pollution do not go unnoticed here. Within the state, the New Jersey Clean Communities Council sponsors the International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) which runs from September until December. The ICC has brought over 100 countries together. During their 2017 campaign over a **half million participants collected 18 million pounds of trash.**

We all contribute to protecting our local resources. Together we can assist locally and globally to reduce plastic waste found in our waterways. An estimated 1.4 billion pounds of litter ends up in the oceans each year through our local streams and rivers. Only by our combined efforts can we make this statistic one of the past.

We hope that your organization will consider joining us on September 29 for our 27th annual Waterways Cleanup. Every group will be provided with gloves and bags to assist in their cleanup. CCIA will handle the pick-up of all of the trash collected. Boats and kayaks are encouraged to help reach areas on and along the rivers and lakes. For more information, contact Loretta Pregartner at 856.825.3700 x1270 or lpregartner@ccia-net.com. Click here for an online registration form <http://www.ccia-net.com/environmental/programs-and-events/waterways-cleanup/>



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