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## **ELIZABETH CELEBRATES EARTH DAY WITH CITY WIDE CLEANUP**

**ELIZABETH**—In celebration of Earth Day 2007 Mayor Chris Bollwage announces a citywide cleanup effort in the City of Elizabeth. On April 26, volunteers from city, county, and private organizations will get together to clean and beautify neighborhoods throughout Elizabeth.

“Clean up events such as these give residents and local organizations the opportunity to work together to revitalize our City,” said Mayor Bollwage. “Through hard work and dedicated efforts, these volunteers continue to make a difference in our communities. Their contributions improve the quality of life for all our residents.”

The Earth Day event will start at 9:00 a.m. outside City Hall at 50 Winfield Scott Plaza where participants will register and join their designated teams. The event will include teams from City Hall, the Elizabeth Fire Department, St. Patrick’s High School, the Historic Midtown Special Improvement District, the Elizabeth Avenue Partnership, Bovis Lend Lease, Brand New Day, Light of Day, Elizabeth Development Company (EDC), Bank of America, and Wakefern.

From 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. the teams will clean various sites that they have chosen in the City including areas in Eport, along Broad Street and Elizabeth Avenue, in Jackson Park, and Elmora Avenue.

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Earth Day will conclude with an awards lunch that will be held at 1:00 p.m. at Carteret Senior Living, 1155 East Jersey Street. Gold silver and bronze brooms will be awarded to the most successful cleanup teams.

“Earth Day Citywide Cleanup is a wonderful event where we can take an active role in keeping our city clean,” said Councilman Nelson Gonzalez. “I am proud to be part of this program and the positive impact it continues to have in our neighborhoods.

This year’s Earth Day event is hosted by the City of Elizabeth and New Jersey Clean Communities, a community driven, statewide litter abatement program funded by the Clean Communities Act. The program is managed by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council and the state departments of Environmental Protection and Treasury, which work with municipalities and counties to keep New Jersey clean.

Sponsors for the event include The City of Elizabeth, Union County, Elizabeth Public Library, Groundwork Elizabeth, Historic Midtown Special Improvement District, Elizabeth Avenue Partnership, Shop Rite, Carteret Senior Living, Waste Management and Regional Industries.

For more information about Earth Day and the events please contact Paola A. Moreno in the office of Public Information at 908-820-4026.