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MAYOR BOLLWAGE AND THE CITY OF ELIZABETH HOST CITYWIDE CLEANUP

ELIZABETH, NJ— May 14, 2019 – Earlier this morning, Mayor J. Christian Bollwage joined the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, Councilwoman-At-Large Patricia Perkins-Auguste and First Ward Councilman Carlos Torres at this year’s Elizabeth 2019 Citywide Cleanup. This annual celebration in honor of Earth Day draws hundreds of volunteers from the city and county, along with non-profit and private organizations, who joined together to clean and beautify the neighborhoods throughout the City of Elizabeth.

“This event is a wonderful opportunity for the City of Elizabeth to increase awareness about the importance of keeping our City clean,” said Mayor J. Christian Bollwage. “By working together, we can create an environment that demonstrates how recycling, properly disposing of trash or beautifying our surroundings can make a lasting impression for future generations. I would like to thank everyone who participated in today’s event.”

The cleanup event, which began at 9:00 a.m. outside of City Hall, attracted over two hundred volunteers, who collected almost one hundred bags of garbage. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the teams cleaned up various sites that they had chosen in the City, including Broad Street, Elizabeth Avenue, Pedestrian Plaza, Elizabeth River Trail and Centre Street.

This year’s teams included: Smithfield Elizabeth, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Teva Pharmaceuticals, Union County College’s Center for Economic and Workforce Development (CEWD), The CEO Group, PSE&G, New Jersey Youth Corps, Elizabeth Avenue Partnership, Historic Midtown Special Improvement District, Stephen Sampson Center, O’Donnell Dempsey Center, Peterstown Community Center, Liberty Square Senior Center, Elizabeth Public Library, Save Me Movement, Groundwork Elizabeth and Elizabethtown Gas.

Earth Day concluded with an awards luncheon at 12:00 p.m. at the Peterstown Community Center, located at 408 Palmer Street. A Golden broom was awarded to Teva Pharmaceuticals for coming in first place in collecting the most garbage and plaques were awarded to Elizabethtown Gas and UCC CEWD for second place.

“I applaud all of the organizations and volunteers, who dedicated their time and effort to come out and help revitalize our neighborhoods,” said Councilwoman-at-Large Patricia Perkins-Auguste. “This is our city and we have to make sure we do our part in keeping it clean. If we pick up any litter or debris we see, not just today, but every day then our City will continue to shine.”

This year’s event was hosted by Mayor J. Christian Bollwage, the City of Elizabeth and New Jersey Clean Communities, which is a community driven, statewide litter abatement program funded by the Clean Communities Act. This program is managed by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council and the State Department 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, the County of Union, Elizabeth Public Library, Groundwork Elizabeth, Historic Midtown Special Improvement District, Elizabeth Avenue Partnership, Coca-Cola Company, Union County College, Elizabethtown Gas, Waste Management and Regional Industries.