



# EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP CLEAN COMMUNITIES MINI-GRANT PROGRAM



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW & GUIDELINES

### 1. What is the Clean Communities Program?

The East Amwell Township Clean Communities Program is part of a statewide comprehensive strategy to clean up and prevent litter on beaches, parks, streets, recreation areas, construction sites, cities and towns (not private property). The Clean Communities Act provides grants to municipalities and counties for litter pickup and removal programs. This money results from the taxation of litter-generating products at the manufacturing, wholesale, distribution and retail levels.

### 2. Three-Fold Attack On Litter:

- **Clean Up:** promoting public lands cleanup programs by community volunteers.
- **Enforcement:** adoption and enforcement of anti-littering laws.
- **Education:** establishing an education program within the community for adults and children. The Township has educational materials available for this purpose and may be able to provide a qualified presenter/trainer.

### 3. Township Mini-Grants

Funds are made available to groups to clean up public areas, roadways & waterways in the township with top grant awards for priority projects as determined by the Clean Communities Director with input from various Township Committees. East Amwell Township Committee members and their family are not eligible for a mini-grant. Awards range from \$100 to \$500.

## 2021/2022 MINI-GRANT GUIDELINES

1. All groups must submit a mini-grant application and receive prior approval from the Clean Communities Director **before** conducting a cleanup project. Groups can “adopt a spot” to clean up quarterly. Based on the work a group offers, the Mini-Grant approval committee will determine the amount of a grant should it be approved.

<p><b>\$100 Grant examples</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up Clawson Park</li> <li>• Clean up Township Road (~1 mile long) with no less than 3 volunteers</li> <li>• Host a clean communities education event (coordinated with another activity)</li> </ul>
<p><b>\$300 Grant examples</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up Township Road/Roads (2+ miles long) with no less than 3 volunteers</li> <li>• Host a dedicated clean communities education event</li> </ul>
<p><b>\$500 Grant example</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean up all waterways in East Amwell Township (including but not limited to Raritan River, Amwell Lake, Back Brook, etc)</li> </ul>

<p><b>Adopt a Spot Program</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify a public area in East Amwell Township to Clean-Up each month from April 1 – November 1 and submit a Clean Community Mini-Grant form.</li> <li>• If approved, signage will be placed to recognize the “Adopt-A-Spot” group and a mini-grant between \$100 - \$500 will be determined by the approval committee.</li> </ul>
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**Email or mail completed applications to:**

East Amwell Township  
 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ 08551  
 Rosemary Georgett, Clean Communities Director

[rgeorgett@eastamwelltownship.com](mailto:rgeorgett@eastamwelltownship.com)  
 908-782-8536 Ext 11

2. All cleanups must be conducted on **Township property** or approved roadways, adjacent waterways and/or easements.
3. Each group must complete a Mini-Grant Summary Report.
4. Each group must agree to provide a **minimum** of 5 workers for 2 hours, plus an adult supervisor for every 6 youth workers (under age 18).
5. All recyclable items must be sorted and put into separate clear bags for recycling by the Group. Groups can coordinate to bring recycling to the monthly Depot,
6. Each group must affirm their purpose (what makes them a group) and each participant must sign an individual release form prior to participation.



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## APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

*Please print or type the following information*

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Number under age 18: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unsure of a clean-up site or project, contact the Clean Communities Director at [rgeorgett@eastamwelltownship.com](mailto:rgeorgett@eastamwelltownship.com) or 908-782-8536 Ext 11.

List (in descending order of preference) project/sites desired for program approval:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FORM

If awarded a Clean Communities Mini-Grant, the Group agrees to:

- a) Provide adult supervision for all Group participants under the age or 18, such that a ratio of no less than one (1) adult supervisor for each six (6) participants under the age of 18 is assured;
- b) Schedule the project/site clean-up for no less than two (2) hours in duration;
- c) Provide all transportation needed including the pick-up and return of any and all items loaned by the Township. Any equipment and tools must be coordinated through the DPW and returned with 72 hours;
- d) Provide the Township with the following information within two (2) weeks of completion:
  - a. A one-page narrative describing the clean-up activities
  - b. A completed "Clean-Up Information Form" (attached)
  - c. Copies of photos of the clean-up activities;
- e) Indemnify and hold harmless the Township and its employees from any accidents and/or injuries to persons or property resulting either from direct or indirect participation in the project/site clean-up;

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

PROJECT SUPERVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



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### SUGGESTIONS FOR CLEAN-UP DAY

In order to keep the day safe and fun for everyone, the Township asks that you follow these suggestions:

1. Instruct participants not to handle anything that looks dangerous, hazardous or is an unknown substance. Inform the DPW and Clean Communities Director of what was found and the approximate location.
2. Wear appropriate clothing. Although it may be hot out, we suggest participants wear long pants (blue jeans), long sleeve shirt and sneakers or work boots, if possible. Garden or work gloves are a must. Watch out for insect and animal nests.
3. Lunch/refreshments are the responsibility of the group and be certain to bring water to stay hydrated. You can have participants bring a bag lunch, snack or get a local merchant to donate food and beverages (for formal & non-profit groups).
4. Remember to use bathrooms before you begin work. There may not be one close to the clean-up area.
5. Chose a rain date (even a second rain date may be a good idea) in case the day you choose is inclement. Be sure that on each of the days chosen, your group will have enough participants available.
6. Designate one (1) adult to pick up any items borrowed from the Township during working hours (not the day of the clean up!) and return them within 72 hours of project completion. *Any damage or loss may be subtracted from the total amount of the mini-grant awarded.*
7. Have an adult bring a camera and take pictures! We would love to include pictures on our website or in our newsletters – the local newspapers may print them as well.
8. Make this a learning experience. Ask participants to write about the clean up and the litter problem in general. The Township would appreciate hearing from participants and would make every effort to have something published on our website, social media and in a local newspaper to carry the experience forward to every resident.

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAM! WE HOPE YOU AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP HAVE A GOOD TIME AND LEARN ABOUT LITTER: ITS CAUSES, THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT OCCURS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WHAT WE CAN DO TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITY A CLEANER, GREENER AND HEALTHIER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK!**



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## INDIVIDUAL RELEASE

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that participation in the Clean Communities Program involves activities which pose a potential risk of personal injury. Some examples of these activities include handling sharp or heavy trash; working outdoors in weather that can turn unexpectedly hot, cold, windy, or stormy; and walking on surfaces which can conceal sharp or hazardous objects. I assume all risks associated with participation in the program and hereby for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators waive and release the Township of East Amwell, its Staff, officers and employees from all claims, liability, risk of loss or injury and damages of any kind including wrongful death associated with or arising out of my participation in the Clean Communities Program. I certify that I have reviewed and understand the Clean Communities packet materials prior to my participation in the Program. I understand that while those materials contain instructions intended to protect me from injury, even my full compliance with those instructions will not guarantee that no injury will occur.

**IF A SIGNATORY IS LESS THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE THIS MUST ALSO BE SIGNED BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Group/Affiliation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address



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## SUMMARY REPORT

Following completion of the project, this report must be completed and returned within two (2) weeks to:

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PROJECT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

GROUP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. PARTICIPANTS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOURS WORKED: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please ESTIMATE the following to the best of your ability:-**

Total area from which litter was picked up:      **Miles:** \_\_\_\_\_      or      **Acres:** \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of bags and estimated weight of **TRASH (NON-RECYCLABLES)** collected:

	<b>No. of Bags:</b>	<b>Weight (in lbs.):</b>
	_____	_____

Total number of bags and estimated weight of **RECYCLABLE** litter collected:

	<b>No. of Bags:</b>	<b>Weight (in lbs.):</b>
Commingled (glass/alum/plastic)	_____	_____
Wood	_____	_____
Other (please specify)	_____	_____
Total	_____	_____

Description of clean up: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_