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**GATEWAY RESIDENTS GET INVOLVED IN EARTH'S WEEK
CITYWIDE CLEANUP
Many Learn More About Environmental Sustainability**

PERTH AMBOY – April 28, 2016- The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Revitalization for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (P.A.R.T.N.E.R.), the nonprofit organization of the Housing Authority of Perth Amboy, joined in with the City of Perth Amboy's, "CLEAN UP GREEN UP" event, held on Saturday, April 23, 2016. The city-wide event designated six areas for volunteers to meet, sign in, and host neighborhood clean ups of each local area to pick up litter and encourage residents to keep the areas clean. Several local organizations, city departments, and local businesses took part in the clean-up initiative.



P.A.R.T.N.E.R. hosted Area 3, assigned to Patterson Street between Grant and Sheridan Street. This partnership alongside with the City of Perth Amboy came underway as part of the Gateway Neighborhood Collaborative (GNC); a neighborhood revitalization grant through Wells Fargo Regional Foundation, that aims to organize residents and relevant partners to participate in events in an effort to enhance the viability of the GATEWAY Neighborhood and improve the quality of life for its residents through the following grant goals:

1. Enhance community organizing
2. Promote a new mix of retail, residential and other land
3. Encourage the connectivity of facilities and services through the intense collaboration of existing services

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41 volunteers signed up to participate in the neighborhood cleanup at Area 3- Gateway Neighborhood. “A clean and safe neighborhood was one of the issues identified from our Gateway residents,” stated Douglas Dzema, Executive Director of P.A.R.T.N.E.R. “We are enthusiastic to team up with the City of Perth Amboy and be part of the collective team of organizations in fostering opportunities to residents and businesses for a welcome, safe, and clean environment. We are also extremely grateful for the volunteers from Our Lady of Fatima Church’s JRIC program and students from Academy for Urban Leadership Charter School who covered 17 blocks of clean up from Dorsey Street through Prospect Street back to the meet up location on Patterson Street during the cleanup.”

This event is one of three cleanups scheduled to occur annually and target different parts of the Gateway neighborhood. The next GNC cleanup is anticipated in the Fall of 2016.

“All of these efforts could not be done without each and every one of our community partners. These clean-ups not only beautify our City, but they unify our community. I am so proud of all we have been able to accomplish together with our residents,” said Mayor Wilda Diaz.

The “CLEAN UP GREEN UP” was one of seven events that occurred during the City of Perth Amboy’s Earth Week (April 18-24) celebrating sustainable living, environmentally friendly practices and community beautification initiatives.

About the Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise & Revitalization (PARTNER)

The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Team for Neighborhood Enterprise and Revitalization (PARTNER) is a 501 C3 non-profit organization established by the Housing Authority of the City of Perth Amboy. PARTNER is committed to creating housing services and economic opportunities for low and moderate income families and individuals. Services include, but not limited to job training, career counseling, employment opportunities, job skills, budgeting, housing counseling, and stress management. These services are offered to support individuals become economically independent. For more information, visit www.partnernj.org

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