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Annual Patcong Creek Cleanup Planned for Sunday, May 22

Want to spend the morning seeing some great wildlife while doing battle against litter? Then the Linwood Environmental Commission wants you!

The Patcong Creek is the home to ospreys, bald eagles, and herons and is a tributary of the federally designated Wild and Scenic Great Egg Harbor River.

The public is welcomed to participate in the Seventh Annual Cleanup of the Patcong Creek between Ocean Heights and Poplar Avenues in beautiful Linwood, New Jersey from 10 am to noon on Sunday, May 23, in conjunction with the Atlantic County Utilities Authority.

Volunteers will meet at the Linwood Public Works Building on Hamilton Avenue at 9:30 am and then they will be dispatched to one of six clean up areas, three on the water and three on the land. This event is planned rain or shine.

Volunteers will be treated to a picnic lunch at Linwood's picturesque Memorial Park immediately following the clean up (of course you can go home and get changes if you are really dirty, but it is not necessary). Kids will have a great time digging for sharks' teeth in a huge sandbox created by Linwood City Public Works staff. Please feel free to bring Frisbees, soccer balls, kites or other sports equipment.

Those who can provide their own boat or kayak will be asked to patrol the water and pick up litter, while others will clean up the sides of the creek and roadside areas that border the creek.

The ACUA will give free T-shirts to all who participate, and organizers will give prizes for the muddiest volunteer, best trash found, and other categories.

The event is made possible by the following sponsors: The Atlantic County Utilities Authority, New Jersey Clean Communities Program, Linwood Public Works Department, Lang's Garden Center, AmeriCorps Watershed Ambassadors, Beacon Cycles, Pizzatega, Primo Pizza, Rominelli's and others.

Preregistration is required. To register please call Leigh Ann Napoli, Linwood City Clerk, at (609) 927-4108, or stop by City Hall.