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Public-Private Partnership Support Cleanup and Beautification of Rahway Riverfront Park

Rahway River Association and JFK Community Center Join Team Effort!

‘Thinking globally and acting locally’ is the theme in the effort to cleanup Rahway Riverfront Park in the City of Rahway. Rahway River Association is teaming up with Union County Utilities Authority and Covanta Energy on Wednesday, May 27th to remove invasive plants, pick up litter, collect man made materials and tidy the trails of the Riverside Park along the Rahway River, located on Lawrence Avenue in Rahway. Children from the JFK Community Center will also be joining the efforts at 3:30 p.m.

An ambitious expansion of the butterfly garden will be developed as well. Composed of native plants that provide food for butterflies, beneficial insects, bees and songbirds, the garden will provide color and fragrances through the seasons. The garden was designed by the Rahway River Association’s Executive Director Dennis Miranda and to be planted by Covanta Energy and Union County Utilities Authority volunteers. Miranda states, “The RRA Board of Trustees are proud of the generous contributions made by Covanta Energy and the excellent support provided by the Union County Utilities Authority”.

“Union County Utilities Authority is pleased to offer this opportunity to our employees to engage in this community service for to benefit our partners and community neighbors” said Sunil K. Garg, Ph.D., Esq, Executive Director of the UCUA.

Rahway Riverfront Park is part of the Rahway River Greenway proposed by the Rahway River Association and created in the mid 1990’s when the Union County facility was constructed. During the height of spring migration, dozens of species of songbird can be heard singing from the treetops or flitting on the branches in search of insects. In 2008 NJ threatened Osprey bred on nearby Staten Island and used this stretch of the Rahway River to feed their young.

The Rahway River Association is a non-profit conservation organization whose mission is to preserve open space, protect natural resources and improve water quality of the Rahway River watershed. For more information regarding the Rahway River Association please visit <http://www.rahwayriver.org>.

Schedule of Events

10:30 Opening Remarks & Kick off

12:30 Lunch

3:30 Children from the JFK Community Center join the efforts.