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THANK YOU!

Clifton Declares Park Areas "Pesticide Free Zones"!

**Dear Clifton NJ Environmental Federation (NJEF)
Members and Activists,**



On July 7, 2006, Clifton Mayor James Anzaldi revealed Clifton parks as Pesticide Free Zones (PFZ)!

NJEF would like to thank our members who took the time to write letters and take action on this important environmental and public health issue. We couldn't have done this without you!

We would also like to acknowledge our community organizers who worked diligently on this campaign.

Clifton joins other communities which have designated Pesticide Free Zones in parks including Brick Township, Chatham, Irvington, Ocean City, Pine Beach and the County of Burlington.

"As a matter of policy and practice, we don't use pesticides in the maintenance of our city parks. We want to protect water quality and public health, especially the health of young children who are more vulnerable to the hazards of pesticides than adults," said Mayor Anzaldi.

Fortunately, alternatives exist that are cost effective and friendly to the environment, simple things like hand pulling weeds, mulching areas properly to prevent weeds, planting native plants that don't get insect problems, and reducing or eliminating lawns to cut down on the need for watering, fertilizing and mowing.

Residents can do their part in reducing pesticides in the environment and keeping air, water and land safe from toxic chemicals. Non toxic lawn care tips and "PFZ" ladybug logo yard signs are available from <http://cleanwateraction.org/njef/pesticides.htm> or www.pesticidefreelawns.org. For more information, contact Jane Nogaki, 856-767-1110 or email janogaki@cleanwater.org. Natural methods of pest control are also available from Master Gardeners of Passaic County at 973-305-5743.

Thanks for taking action!

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