



Morris County Municipal Authority

Clean Communities Statistical Report Review Meeting

May 5, 2026

The Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority (MCMUA) hosted a virtual Clean Communities Statistical Report Review meeting on May 5, 2026. The meeting was held from 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM with a total of 38 recorded attendees, with 22 municipal Clean Community Coordinators in attendance. The meeting was approved for 1 NJCCC Credit, 1 CRP Classroom Credit, 1 CPWM Government Credit (#18019), and 1 Public Health Continuing Education Credits (CEUs).

Welcome & Introduction

Attendees signed onto Webex and attendance was taken throughout the virtual meeting.

Michelle Chavanne, Morris County Clean Communities Coordinator, welcomed attendees that include new and returning clean communities coordinators and alternates. Chavanne reviewed the history of clean communities along with its 3 components: cleanups, litter education, and litter enforcement. Chavanne reviewed what Morris County does when it comes to the 3 components, as well as what other towns are doing. This includes using their funds for cleanup internships, Adopt-A-Spot programs, and coordinating with local businesses to sponsor cleanups.

Chavanne went over the steps to do a statistical review. Firstly, you would need to learn the ways of spending your grant funding. The funds can be broken down into the 3 components for allowable and unallowable expenses. Secondly, coordinators should determine their initial grant funding by visiting the NJCCC website. Chavanne stated that the 2026 Grant Funding has been announced. Thirdly, coordinators should budget and track their grant funding (budget caps) for equipment, stormwater management, and administrative costs. Fourthly, make sure to use all funding by June 30th. Fifthly, make sure to fill out the annual statistical report by July 31st.

Chavanne then shared with attendees the MCMUA website and how to navigate the website to get to the Clean Communities page. Lastly, Chavanne went over a simplified list of how to carry out a program.

NJCCC Presentation

JoAnn Gemenden, Executive Director of NJ Clean Communities Council, reviewed the upcoming events and deadline which include, “Let’s Chat About State” with NJCCC (virtual) on Wednesday, May 13th, MCMUA Sustainability Artwork Contest Award Ceremony (Morris County Library) on Thursday, May 14th, NJ Sustainability Summit (Holmdel) on Friday, May 15th, Clean Communities funding must be spent; any extensions must be requested by this date with an official letter head on Tuesday, June 30th, 2025 Statistical Report is Due on Friday, July 31st, Registration Deadline for Clean Communities Certification on Monday, September 7th, Annual Clean Communities Meeting (Kean Skylands) on Wednesday, September 16th, and NJCCC’s Fall Litter Summit & Awards Ceremony (Manahawkin) on October 8-9th.

Gemenden reviewed the statistical report with tips on how to properly fill it out. It was stressed that the NJDEP and NJCCC is looking into ways to improve the number of municipalities filling out their reports.

Q & A/Meeting Wrap-Up

Both Chavanne and Gemenden wrapped up the meeting with a Q & A for attendees and shared their contact information. Questions included allowable and unallowable expenses, how to find the initial grant funding, how to request an extension, and stormwater management allowable costs.