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Mr. Mike Bradway
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Dear Mr. Bradway,

The AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program would like to thank you for helping to organize and participating in the Burnt Mill Pond Cleanup on Saturday, January 22, 2011. A half-dozen people from the Tri-County Sportsmen Motorcycle Club and residents of the lake came out to help with the cleanup.

With your help, we successfully removed most of the trash on the city property at Burnt Mill Pond. We removed twelve bags of trash that included two tires, a basketball, a volleyball, a plastic chair, a kid's pool, a sleeping bag, and a metal sign advertising Never-Dull magic wadding polish, circa 1950s in perfect condition, which was taken home by one of the volunteers. Additionally, your efforts on January 8th are thanked. Despite the snow, you successfully removed the vegetation that was on the historic bridge on the city property.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated and we are hopeful that this cleanup will raise awareness of the property and the efforts being done to improve the quality of the lake. As you know, Burnt Mill Pond is affected by eutrophication, which means that the pond is slowly reverting back into a wetland. Every summer, the pond is inundated with algae, which reduces the recreational quality of the pond for fisherman and residents. It is the hope of those working on the issue that we can reduce the amount of nutrients being inputted into the waterway. Additionally, it was our hope to raise awareness of the historic bridge on the property. The bridge was part of the original Delsea Drive and dates from 1897.

We hope you enjoyed coming out to Burnt Mill Pond. The AmeriCorps NJ Watershed Ambassadors Program looks forward to working with you on the ongoing efforts to improve Burnt Mill Pond. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Philip Arsenault