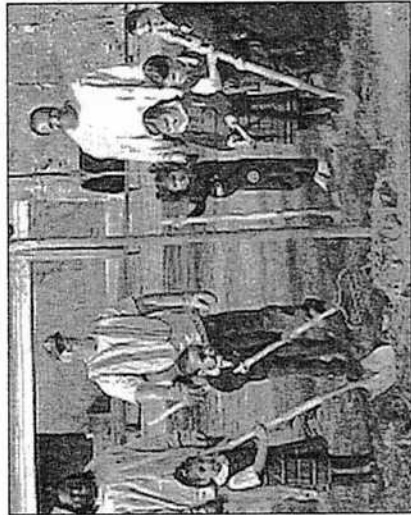


FEELING GOOD ABOUT CLIFTON

Clifton celebrates 10 years as Tree City USA



Lisa Simms, right, from the New Jersey Tree Foundation with Clifton High School teachers and conservationists Marietta Steransak, center, and Irene Dutch, planting fir trees at the award-winning and state-recognized Peace Gardens at the high school.



Students from Pope John Paul Elementary School on Valley Road celebrating Arbor Day with five new trees in front of their property.



Jack Kuepfer, center, Morris Canal Park volunteer coordinator with Lisa Simms from the N.J. Tree Foundation and her tree-planting crew.

For 10 years the City of Clifton has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City USA. The program developed a Community Forestry Management Plan, Tree Farm, Organics Recycling Program, Urban and Institutional Reformation Program and residential Adopt-A-Tree Program - For these efforts Clifton also received recognition as a Growth Award Recipient from the Foundation.

Clifton's Clean Communities recognized in national magazine

The following article appeared in *Take Pride in America*, a national magazine.

For nearly 20 years, residents, children and city leaders in Clifton, New Jersey have worked with the Clean Communities program to maintain and beautify their community.

The Clean Communities program encourages the city's 88,000 residents to be environmentally conscious and to help clean up and beautify the common areas of their city.

Through environmental education, beautification projects, recycling programs and litter cleanups,

residents demonstrate that active citizenship yields results. The Clean Communities program provides supplies such as rakes, garbage bags, gloves and brooms, for groups who want to plan a cleanup project. The program also has a relationship with all 17 schools within Clifton and provides mini-grants for them to engage students in environmental activities.

Whether the grants sponsor ecological science studies or beautification projects on school grounds, students learn early on that contributing to their community is a way of life in Clifton.

Another part of Clean Communities is a program which is similar to the statewide Adopt-A-Highway program.

The Adopt-A-Spot program gives local landscaping companies an opportunity to maintain an area along a county or state road that is often in need of maintenance. In return, the company is recognized with a small business sign at the site to promote their services. Mayor James Anzaldi designated the city of Clifton a Take Pride City earlier this year. Al DuBois, the Take Pride coordinator, is also the city recycling coordinator. Al goes above and beyond coordinating

recycling. He spends some days teaching students about composting as a recycling option, taking adults on supermarket tours to show them how to shop more environmentally conscious, and helping to coordinate community-wide events for Arbor Day and Earth Day. Al was recently recognized by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council with the Excellence in Education Award - 20 Year Commitment for his environmental outreach into his hometown. Congratulations to the city of Clifton and all its residents who continue to Take Pride in America and make the Clean Communities

program a successful example of partnership and active citizenship. Take Pride in America also recognized the Clifton Girl Scouts Troops 41 and 46 for their efforts in cleaning the parks and painting fish around catch basins to alert the public to non-point source pollution along with Schweighardt's Florist and Clifton Vacuum for their beautification project at the Island of Hazel Street and Paulson Avenue.

All Clifton Schools have signed up with Take Pride in America's program and schools are listed on the Web site as members.