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RCDA and DSNY Continue Anti-Litter Partnership to Keep Public Spaces Clean and Safe on Staten Island

Partnership between RCDA and DSNY identifies litter-filled public areas and deploys DSNY teams for clean-up and enforcement actions; 4 large sites on Staten Island recently cleaned

Staten Island, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon and Commissioner of the New York City Department of Sanitation Edward Grayson today highlighted several recent successful litter clean-ups resulting from the continued partnership between RCDA and DSNY to keep public spaces on Staten Island clean and safe. The ongoing anti-litter and anti-dumping initiative between RCDA and DSNY seeks to identify and track areas on Staten Island often riddled with litter and debris, with DSNY deploying cleaning units to these locations or taking enforcement actions through the issuing of summonses. Working with members of RCDA's Community Partnership Unit, DSNY was notified of several problem areas around Staten Island – including in vacant lots and along public sidewalks – and took swift action to ensure these areas were cleared of any debris and litter. In total, DSNY deployed units to clean four large sites on Staten Island, including vacant lots on Thompson Street and along Henderson Avenue. *See the attached photos and additional details.*

“Keeping our public spaces clean and safe is tantamount to the work we do each day to improve quality of life and prevent crime on Staten Island, and I am thankful DSNY continues to join us in this fight,” **said Staten Island District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.** “Through our partnerships, we are cleaning-up our borough one vacant lot and overlooked street corner at a time, making our communities safer and more livable. We encourage all Staten Islanders to do their part and always properly dispose of their trash.”

"All New Yorkers deserve safe, clean public spaces, and I thank District Attorney Mike McMahon for being a partner in the Department of Sanitation's efforts to achieve that goal on Staten Island," **said Edward Grayson, Commissioner of the New York City Department of Sanitation.** “Together, we were able to address several sites

in the fight against litter, illegal dumping and other unsafe conditions, uplifting neighborhoods across the borough. We remind all New Yorkers that they have a legal and moral obligation to put litter in its proper place, and we urge anyone who sees litter or debris on public land to call 311 so we can address it.”

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