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## New Jersey American Water Helps Spruce Up Black Run Preserve

VOORHEES (September 28, 2015) – Earlier this month, more than 20 employees of American Water teamed up to sustain the beauty of the Black Run Preserve in the Pine Barrens.

As part of American Water’s “AmerICANs In Action!” month of service, company volunteers removed discarded items, trimmed overgrown vegetation and cleared pathways along portions of the 1,300 acres of wilderness in Evesham Township.

“As a company focused on the quality of our most precious natural resource, water, American Water understands the need to be good stewards of all natural resources,” said Carmen Tierno, senior director of operations at New Jersey American Water. “The Black Run Preserve is a treasure in South Jersey and we are grateful for the opportunity to help maintain the Preserve.”

Black Run Preserve is a pristine Pine Barrens oasis where visitors can enjoy hiking, running, mountain biking, birding, geocaching, as well as nature study of native plants and animals. Several tours and events are scheduled at the Preserve throughout the year. The work completed by the American Water volunteers will help prepare the Preserve for Friends of the Black Run Preserve (FBRP) 5K fundraising event on Oct. 3. Visit [www.blackrun.org](http://www.blackrun.org) for more details.

John Volpa, FBRP Founder and Chair, said, “The FBRP is grateful to its many volunteers, like those from American Water, who maintain the beauty of the Black Run through participation in clean-ups, trail maintenance, special events, and our Citizen Scientist Projects. With the help of so many people, Township officials, and grants from REI, the Black Run Preserve is becoming recognized as a destination for outdoor recreation and education. For example, we’re the Number Five birding hot spot in Burlington County. It’s a beautiful peaceful island of nature surrounded by suburbia.”

Evesham Mayor Randy Brown added: “The Black Run Preserve is a tremendous educational and recreational asset in Evesham Township and we appreciate American Water’s commitment to giving back to the communities where they serve and live.”

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