



Pawtucket's Coveted Golden Bucket Award

Rhode Island group recognizes National Grid volunteers for helping clean up the city

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More than 100 volunteers from local businesses got together recently in Pawtucket, Rhode Island's Wilkinson Park armed with gloves, rakes, shovels and an enthusiastic work ethic as they helped beautify parks, planters and gateways into the city during Pawtucket Proud Day 2012.

Thirty-two of these individuals were first-time company employee volunteers, who found the experience fulfilling and fun. And by the end of a busy cleaning day that included sweeping city streets; painting park benches; and weeding, mulching and planting, they received this year's coveted Golden Bucket Award for their efforts.



Pawtucket Proud chairman John Partridge presented the award to **Lori Spangler**, Manager, Community and Customer Management, RI, saying: "The same people here who take care of downed wires in a storm are the same people who are working hard beside you today."

Lori says, "This was a great opportunity for employees from different departments across the Rhode Island jurisdiction to bond and get to know each other, while working for a good cause in our community. We accomplished all we hoped and will plan more community volunteer activities in the future."

RI Jurisdiction President **Tim Horan** was on-hand to show his support to workers "and everyone really appreciated that," says Lori. "All in all, the day was a great way to engage employees *and* give back to the communities we serve."



In addition to supplying volunteers, National Grid proudly showcased its company banner for being a financial sponsor with a \$250 donation.

The Pawtucket Foundation presents the Golden Bucket award (named for the city's 'Bucket' nickname) each year to the individual or team that exhibits outstanding work as they help "enhance neighborhoods and beautify the urban landscape" during Pawtucket Proud Day. Mayor Donald Grebien also participated in clean-up activities, and thanked the 35 corporate sponsors and businesses involved in the event.