

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

LI Sound Futures Fund 2012 - Education & Mini-Grant - Submit Final Programmatic Report (Activities)

Grantee Organization: American Littoral Society

Project Title: Long Island Sound Component, 2012 NY Beach Cleanup (NY)

Project Period 04/16/2012 - 12/31/2012
Award Amount \$6,000.00
Matching Contributions \$150,000.00
Project Location Description (from Proposal) Beaches of Queens, Bronx, Westchester, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties, NY. Latitude = 40.9371, Longitude = -73.4914.

Project Summary (from Proposal) Coordinate the 2012 International Coastal Cleanup at 87 miles of beaches on Long Island Sound involving 2,900 volunteers with data compiled at 64 sites to develop strategies to combat marine pollution.

Summary of Accomplishments The American Littoral Society coordinated beach cleanups on Long Island Sound as a component of the 2012 International Coastal Cleanup. Since receiving our first grant from the Long Island Sound Study in 1996, the Long Island Beach Cleanup has grown from 27 sites with 960 volunteers to 82 sites with 1,456 volunteers in 2012. Site captains advised that the volunteers removed and documented on data cards over 15,094 pounds of marine debris along 62 miles of shoreline. The resulting data have been forwarded to The Ocean Conservancy for inclusion in their 2012 database. Each of the volunteers signed a Pledge to protect the Sound, emphasizing their commitment to continue to work to clean and preserve Long Island shorelines. The beach cleanup issue of our newsletter, Littorally Speaking was published and detailed the resulting data, number of participants, debris types and amounts, and the miles cleaned. We also wrote articles for community newspapers that focused on ways to mitigate marine debris and how to help care for the coastal environment. We utilized social media and our website to publish cleanup results and to help advocate for better protection for the coastline (@JamaicaBayGuard; @Littoralsociety; www.littoralsociety.org; http://www.nysbeachcleanup.org/; http://tinyurl.com/khtquwu). Partnerships with veteran organizations and Site Captains were renewed and relationships forged with new groups including major corporations and New York Schools.

Lessons Learned We've learned to accommodate groups eager to do a beach cleanup but cannot participate on Beach Cleanup Day. Cleanups can be scheduled for any time in September or October and the results included in the collected data. The largest percentage (42%) of volunteers participating in the Cleanup were on Long Island. We are also noting a changing trend in types of debris collected with large increases in plastic bags and plastic food-related containers. Cigarettes still are the largest collected item, with 34,628 collected state-wide. Unfortunately, shoreline debris in New York is increasing each year which is a disturbing trend happening worldwide. Our Beach Captain and site recruitment was also frustrated by increasing requirements including insurance, permits, and lack of support from local stake holders. Despite this, we successfully formed partnerships with new groups including the Girl Scouts, Public and Private Schools, Surfrider Foundation, and groups formed solely to participate in the cleanup with plans to continue to monitor the shoreline year-round. We've also learned that people, corporations, and organizations are eager to help the environment; you have to provide an uncomplicated, hands-on project.

Conservation Activities

Outreach

Progress Measures	# of volunteers engaged in project
Value at Grant Completion	1456
Conservation Activities	Preparation of materials
Progress Measures	Other Activity Metric (Supplying volunteers)
Value at Grant Completion	65
Conservation Activities	Beach Cleanup
Progress Measures	Other Activity Metric (Miles Cleaned)
Value at Grant Completion	62
Conservation Activities	Collection of reports and data cards
Progress Measures	Other Activity Metric (Number of sites reporting in)
Value at Grant Completion	82
Conservation Activities	Create Beach Cleanup Newsletter
Progress Measures	Other Activity Metric (# newsletter prepared)
Value at Grant Completion	1
Conservation Activities	Conduct beach cleanup
Progress Measures	Other Activity Metric (Lbs of debris collected)
Value at Grant Completion	15,094



Final Programmatic Report Narrative

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1. Summary of Accomplishments

In four to five sentences, provide a brief summary of the project’s key accomplishments and outcomes that were observed or measured.

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2. Project Activities & Outcomes

Activities

- Describe and quantify (using the approved metrics referenced in your grant agreement) the primary activities conducted during this grant. Activities are the actions that you completed with the grant funding. These activities helped you achieve the overall goals of your project. For example, acres restored, # installed rainwater harvesting sites, # of communities or volunteers engaged, data collected and analyzed etc.).

Activities →	Indicator →	Baseline →	Short-term Project Output →
Outreach	Volunteers	2900	1456
Preparation of materials	Supplying volunteers	65	65
Beach Cleanup	Miles cleaned	87	62
Collection of reports and data cards	Number of sites reporting in	64	82

We contacted all previous site captains and reached out to new groups. We prepared all reporting materials and sent supplies to all registered site captains. We encouraged all participants to sign a pledge to “*Protect the Sound*” and compiled reports on number of people, pounds, miles, and types of debris. Summary cards for data were also received from site captains.

- Briefly explain the differences between the activities conducted during the grant and the activities agreed upon in your grant agreement and proposal.

While we did not reach our goal of volunteers or miles cleaned, we did exceed our goal of including new groups including school groups, diving clubs and recreational boaters.

Outcomes

- Describe and quantify progress towards achieving the conservation activities described in your original proposal. (Quantify using the approved metrics referenced in your grant agreement or by using more relevant metrics not included in the application.) Outcomes are defined as the longer-term or “big picture” environmental result(s) that you expect will ultimately occur as a result of a particular activity or activities. For projects with continuing long-term benefits (such as riparian buffer plantings) you may want to estimate the environmental benefits after a set period of time (say, five years). For studies you should describe the usefulness of the data to applied resource management or its role in developing new tools or techniques for applied resource management.

We organized 1,456 volunteers along 62 miles of shoreline. Each volunteer pledged to “Protect the Sound”. Amount of debris documented and removed was 15,094 pounds. The most documented pieces of debris were cigarettes, plastic food-related containers, and plastic bags, respectively.

2012 Long Island Sound Survey Beach Cleanup Results

County & Sites	Site Captains	Shorelines	People	Debris (lbs)	Miles	Bags
Nassau (16)						
Glen Cove: Garvies Point Preserve	Veronica Natale	Hempstead Harbor	114	208	0.5	27
Glen Cove: Prybil's Beach	Joan Bessette, Damion Stavredes	Long Island Sound	21	724	2	12
Glenwood Landing: Tappen Beach	Barbara Karyo	Hempstead Harbor	18	36	0.25	9
Kings Point: Manhasset Bay @ East Shore Road	Valerie Molinaro	Manhasset Bay	2	15	0.33	10
Sea Cliff: Sea Cliff Beach	Barbara Segal	Hempstead Harbor	10	21.5	0.125	5
West Hempstead: Hempstead Lake State Park	Anthony Wigfall, William Brown	North West Pond	110	4400	1	400
Nassau Total			275	5404.5	4.205	463

Suffolk (58)						
Asharoken: Long Island Sound - LIPA	Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli	Long Island Sound	25	397	2	100
Asharoken: Asharoken Nature Preserve	Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli	Long Island Sound	13	207	3	32
Brookhaven: Belleview Beach (aka Webby's Beach)	Guy D'Angelo	Moriches Bay	1	10	0.1	1

Eatons Neck: Eatons Neck Coast Guard	Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli	Long Island Sound	62	985	4.5	248
Eatons Neck: Sand City	Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli	Northport Bay	24	380	2.5	82
Huntington: Caumsett State Historic Park	Bill Monahan	Caumsett State Park	16	450	0.75	12
Huntington: Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge	Todd Weston, Stella Miller, Rachel Frankel	Huntington Bay	40	500	1	25
Kings Park/Smithtown: Sunken Meadow State Park	Howard Wall, Carolyn Flynn	Long Island Sound	194	474	4.75	58
Kings Park: Kings Park Bluff	Pamela Schmidt	Long Island Sound	75	1038	2	100
Mattituck: Bailie Beach, Bailie Beach Road	Irene Bradley	LI Sound	30	100	2	10
Northport/Asharoken: Asharoken Beach	Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli	Northport Bay	59	935	3	184
Northport: Crab Meadow Beach	Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli	Long Island Sound	11	174	2	34
Northport: Hobart Beach	Catherine Zimmermann	Northport Bay	13	205	0.5	42
Northport: Scudder Beach	Catherine Zimmermann	Northport Harbor	13	224	1.5	40
Northport: Steers Beach	Catherine Zimmermann	Northport Bay	26	413	1	82
Northport: The Sluice	Catherine Zimmermann	Northport Bay	6	109	0.25	20
Orient: Orient Beach State Park	Susanne Wuehler	Gardiner's Bay and Hallock's Bay	4	40	5	7
Orient: Orient Beach State Park	Ruth Eilenberg, Ruth November	Southold Bay	8	120	7	0
Patchogue: Heron Point Beach	Richard Berlin	Long Island Sound	11	250	0.5	8
Riverhead: Reeves Beach	Amy Runnalls, Denise Zaleski and Laurie Ann Pollak	North Shore	31	60	1	40

Riverhead: Woodcliff Park Beach @ End of Oakleigh Ave	Dolores Hofman, Ed Hofman	Long Island Sound	18	250	1	15
Smithtown: Smithtown Short Beach	Terri Perino	LI Sound	18	40	2.5	10
Southold: The Pond at Inlet Pond County Park (UW)	Stephen Grzesik, Tyler Blangiardo	Long Island Sound				
Stony Brook: West Meadow Beach	Eileen Gerle, Peter Schuchman	LIS	204	403	1	58
Wading River/Town of Riverhead: Hulse Landing Beach to Lewin Hills Beach	Susan Ritchie-Ahrens	LI Sound	10	25	0.6	4
Wading River: Wildwood State Park	David Zapasek	Long Island Sound	15	337	1.5	12
Wading River: Wildwood State Park	Romeo Cumento, Belen Gonzales Cunanan	Long Island Sound	6	100	1	3
Suffolk Total			933	8226	51.95	1227
Westchester (8)						
Larchmont: Hommocks Conservation Area	David Lehman	Long Island Sound	13	133	0.5	10
Larchmont: Larchmont Reservoir	Janet Beal	Goodliffe Pond	27	102	1.5	18
Larchmont: Manor Park	Margo Hotston	Long Island Sound	25	200	0.2	8
New Rochelle: Five Islands	Faith Kostel-Hughes	Long Island Sound	12	17	0.2	10
New Rochelle: Hudson Beach Park New Rochelle	Roxanne Neilson	Beach	18	20	0.25	4
Rye: Edith G Read Wildlife Sanctuary	Michael Gambino	Long Island Sound	117	475	0.25	38
Rye: Hen Island	David Spader	Milton Harbor	19	350	0.5	12
Rye: Marshlands Conservancy	Scott A Williamson, Chris Mignone	Milton Harbour	17	167	3	12
Westchester Total			248	1,464.00	6.4	112
Long Island Total			1456	15,094.50	62.555	1802

- Briefly explain differences between what actually occurred compared to what was projected to occur. We did not reach our goal of miles cleaned or Cleanup Sites. But we did meet our goal of encouraging the Protect the Sound pledge which we believe will help participants continue to actively care for the shoreline of the sound year-round. We did reach our goal of increasing group involvements with new school groups, diving clubs, Girl Scouts, and Surfrider Foundation.

- Provide any further information (such as unexpected outcomes) important for understanding project activities and outcome results.

3. Lessons Learned

Describe the key lessons learned from this project, such as the least and most effective conservation practices or notable aspects of the project's methods, monitoring, or results. How could other conservation organizations adapt their projects to build upon some of these key lessons about what worked best and what did not?

We've learned to accommodate groups eager to do a beach cleanup but cannot participate on Beach Cleanup Day. Cleanups can be scheduled for any time in September or October and the results included in the collected data. We've also learned that people, corporations, and organizations are eager to help the environment; you have to provide an uncomplicated, hands-on project.

4. Dissemination

Briefly identify any dissemination of lessons learned or other project results to external audiences, such as the public, governmental agencies, educational entities, scientific, community-based and conservation organizations.

The resulting data have been forwarded to The Ocean Conservancy for inclusion in their 2012 database. The beach cleanup issue of our newsletter, Littorally Speaking was published and detailed the resulting data, number of participants, debris types and amounts, and the miles cleaned. We also wrote articles for community newspapers that focused on ways to mitigate marine debris and how to help care for the coastal environment. We utilized social media and our website to publish cleanup results and to help advocate for better protection for the coastline (@JamaicaBayGuard; @Littoralsociety; www.littoralsociety.org; <http://www.nysbeachcleanup.org/>; <http://tinyurl.com/khtquwu>). Statistics for Long Island Sound were sent to the County Executives in Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester. Our Annual Report on the Beach Cleanup was sent to our key partners, stakeholders, and public officials.

5. Maintenance and Management

Describe specific provisions for long-term maintenance, management and protection, as appropriate, associated with project (i.e., maintenance of debris-catching devices, LWD jams, or removing blockages etc.)?

Shoreline debris amounts are increasing each year. We hope that by encouraging a pledge to Protect the Sound from our volunteers that we will create momentum to clean year-round. Participants that volunteer to clean the beach have a vested interest to continue caring for it. They see first-hand the problem of marine debris and how to help solve this increasing global problem.

6. Partners:

Describe the contribution of any partnering organization to the project or new partnerships that were developed as a result of the project?

We forged new partnerships with new school groups, diving clubs, Girl Scouts, Estee Lauder, and Surfrider Foundation.

7. Project Documents

Include in your final programmatic report, via the Uploads section of this task, the following:

- 2-5 representative photos from the project. Photos need to have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi;
- report publications, GIS data, brochures, videos, outreach tools, press releases, media coverage;
- any other project deliverables per the terms of your grant agreement and in your original proposal.

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American Littoral Society Northeast Chapter

2012 Annual Beach Cleanup Report





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The American Littoral Society is a non-profit 501(c)3 coastal conservation organization. Since the founding of the Northeast Chapter, our mission is to empower people to care for the coast through programs focused on education, advocacy, and restoration. The Northeast Chapter was founded in 1981 to serve members in New York State and New England.

Headquartered in Broad Channel, Queens, adjacent to the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, a focus of our work has been the protection, preservation, and restoration of New York's urban wilderness. A cornerstone of this work is our management and promotion of New York State's participation in the annual International Coastal Cleanup and the Jamaica Bay Guardian program which protects, preserves, and enhances the Jamaica Bay Estuary, one of the largest remaining areas of open space in New York City and an important urban oasis.

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On behalf of the American Littoral Society - Northeast Chapter, we wish to express our appreciation to our Funders, Members, Friends of Jamaica Bay, Beach Captains, and Volunteers. Your support made 2012 a productive and successful year!

Soundings From the 2012 New York State Beach Cleanup



International Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest volunteer event on the planet. Volunteers in over 100 countries around the world come together with one goal: preventing hundreds of thousands of pounds of pollution from trashing our oceans and harming marine wildlife. The problem of marine debris is familiar to everyone living near the coasts. You may have walked on a beach recently and noticed the usual litter—cigarette butts, coffee cups, or fishing line

tangled in the wrack. Perhaps you have strolled past an abandoned fishing boat washed up after a storm. Such debris is not only unsightly; it is a real danger—a threat to wildlife and to human health and safety. International Coastal Cleanup Day is a huge step towards removing these hazards from the shorelines throughout the world. But just how much marine debris is out there? Where does it come from? The International Coastal Cleanup also seeks to answer these questions, and address the larger question — how can we prevent the accumulation of marine debris? Volunteers don't only clean the beaches; they record information about how much and what kinds of debris they find. Scientists and conservation organizations use this data to raise awareness, inform policymakers, and track trends worldwide. Since 1986, the Northeast Chapter of the American Littoral Society coordinates coastal cleanups in New York State as a part of the International Coastal Cleanup Day. This massive volunteer effort fulfills the Littoral Society's goals of encouraging better understanding of the marine environment, and



advocating for protection of the delicate life along the shore.

The Northeast Chapter has grown this grassroots program from 100 volunteers at 4 sites in New York City to over **9,235 volunteers who documented and removed over 186,582 pounds of debris from 243 sites.**

Each year we compile a dirty dozen of the most frequently found items during the cleanup. The resulting statistics and data will be used to continue to raise awareness as to the sources of pollution and inform ongoing efforts to encourage environmental stewardship, and support habitat restoration year-round.

2012 was my second year as the Littoral Society's Northeast Chapter coordinator for this event. I am very grateful for the opportunity to be involved with so many amazing beach captains and volunteers.

For information about upcoming cleanups, please see our websites:

www.littoralsociety.org or

www.NYSbeachcleanup.org

email: NYSBeachCleanup@gmail.com

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NYS Beach Cleanup Coordinator



We love our volunteers and supporters!! For more information about the New York State Beach Cleanups near you, please see our websites:
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Since 1986, the American Littoral Society has been organizing state-wide coastal cleanups in New York for the Annual International Coastal Cleanup Day in late September. In 1986, we started with 4 cleanups and 100 people in NYC; by year 2011, we had over 300 beaches/shorelines and 11,000 people involved in this grass roots effort to focus attention on marine debris. Aside from negatively affecting the quality of life for people wishing to enjoy beaches and other shorelines, marine debris is a serious world-wide problem impacting fish, birds, marine mammals and other coastal wildlife. Volunteers physically remove tons of trash each year and document the types of debris found so we can hopefully find its source and educate the public about the problem. I hope you will join us in September of 2013 at a beach near you. It is a great way to get your community involved in conservation and enjoyment of the outdoors.

Don Riepe

Director, Northeast Chapter

Friday, February 17, 2012

Women Do The Heavy Lifting To Clean Bay



When it comes to the Liberal Society and cleaning the area around Jamaica Bay, it's often the women that do the heavy lifting. On Sunday, February 12, the organization lifted more than 10,000 pounds of debris from the shoreline, a good portion of it done by the group's "Women's Heavy Lift Team" pictured here. For more photos, see page 8.

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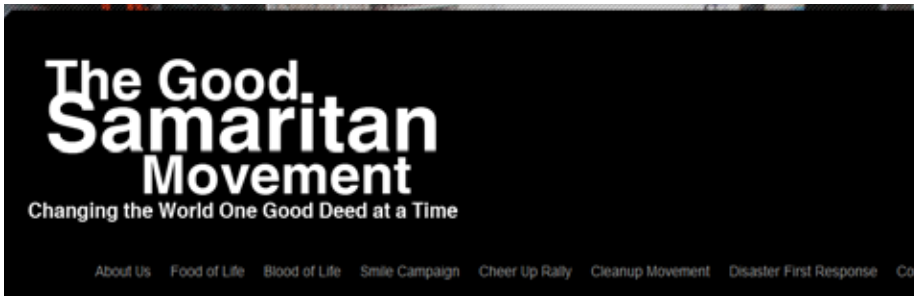




“During the Littoral Society Earth Day cleanups, approximately 4,000 pounds of shoreline debris was cleaned from three sites in Jamaica Bay,” reported Don Riepe, Jamaica Bay Guardian.



From top to bottom, Church members pose for group photo; Volunteers remove major marine debris and abandoned boats



Plum Beach Cleanup

Several hundred members of the World Mission Society Church of God in the New York Metropolitan Area gathered on February 12, 2012 to participate in the Clean World Campaign at Plumb Beach in preparation for the sacred Passover feast which will be celebrated on April 5th, 2012.

As part of the Good Samaritan Movement aimed at changing the world one volunteer service at a time, the Church of God volunteers arrived that Sunday morning at Plumb Beach in the New York City borough of Brooklyn. Once a popular bathing beach, Plumb is now a site for abandoned boats and garbage that washes up ashore and the sand is littered with broken shells.

Dressed in bright yellow and green volunteer garb accompanied with infectious smiles, each member seemed intent on focusing their efforts on delivering the teachings of Christ. As they began their mission inspired and burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit, the strong winds became calm and the brisk cold seemed to melt away. In unity and brotherly love, church members moved along like ants.

One member identified a large wrecked motor boat. A loud call for "Brothers!" filled the air, and what would have been impossible for him to move alone was accomplished within a matter of seconds with the help of all the members working in unity. Several more large boats were moved in the same fashion. Other

members formed assembly lines to carry piles of heavy garbage off shore. Don Riepe, Director of the American Littoral Society, who has witnessed the work of the Church of God members throughout the years, said, "You all are going to make a believer out of me...we could have never done this without all of you!"

After the event, Don followed up with the Church of God members letting them know how impressed he was by their "enthusiasm, behavior and can-do attitude." He always looks forward to working with the volunteers from the Church of God and presented the Church of God with an award from the National Park Service and American Littoral Society for the volunteers' dedication to the environment.

The World Mission Society Church of God members always work together in hopes that the world will understand the spiritual through the physical: as this world needs cleaning in order for its beauty to be revealed, so too the souls of the people need cleansing, which can only be possible through the Passover Feast of God. This is the only biblical Feast of God that contains that promise of the forgiveness of sins in order to receive eternal life.

As Church of God members continue in their efforts of providing good deeds through the Good Samaritan Movement, they aim to serve as ambassadors proclaiming to the world that Christ has indeed already come!



From top to bottom, Don Riepe, presents the of Service Award of Recognition, Volunteers clearing debris



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Cleaning up Jamaica Bay

The American Littoral Society on Sunday, Feb. 12 launched efforts to clean up Jamaica Bay by removing more than 10,000 pounds of debris from its marsh and shorelines.

More than 150 young members of the Church of God joined Littoral Society staff and volunteers to remove abandoned boats, dozens of heavy timbers, as well as 100

bags of plastic, recyclable bottles and other debris.

The next cleanup is scheduled for April 21 and 22 at Dubos Point, at B. 65th Street in Rockaway. To enlist, contact the American Littoral Society at (718) 318-9344 or send an e-mail to donriepe@gmail.com.

Check aisnyc.org in March for more information.



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Littoral Society Helps Restore Plumb Beach Marshes

On Sunday, February 12th, the American Littoral Society initiated their Jamaica Bay program by removing over 10,000 pounds of debris from the



Littoral Society clean-up volunteers remove a derelict boat from Plumb Beach marsh.

marsh and shorelines of Plumb Beach near Jamaica Bay.

On the bitter cold and windy day, over 150 young members of the Church of God joined with Littoral Society staff and volunteers to remove several abandoned boats, dozens of heavy timbers, plus 100 bags of plastic, recyclable bottles and other floatable debris from the shorelines of Gateway National Recreation Area.

"It was really inspiring to see such enthusiastic, polite, and hard-working young people remove an amazing amount of debris," said Don Riepe, the society's NE Chapter Director and event organizer. "If I didn't stop them after three hours, they'd still be out there cleaning the shoreline! This is the third time the Church of God has sent large num-

bers of volunteers to help clean up the bay and I'm always impressed by their positive attitude and work ethic."

Aside from their usual clean-up projects, this year the society has a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to remove old boats and large debris items such as docks and floats from Jamaica Bay marshes.

The next cleanups are scheduled for April 21st and 22nd (EARTH DAY) at Dubon Point (Beach 65th Street, Queens) and Floyd Bennett Field shoreline in Brooklyn. To enlist your group, family or just yourself, contact the American Littoral Society at (718) 318-9344; e-mail: doriepe@gmail.com. Check their website in March for more information: www.alstryc.org



Church of God clean-up group stand behind their trash removed from marsh.



American Littoral Society staff (l to r, front) Elizabeth Manclark, Don Riepe, and Lisa Scheppe stand with Church of God volunteers at Plumb Beach, Brooklyn.



Plumb Beach marsh site.





Operation Clean Sweep

The Jamaica Bay Guardian engages citizens and decision makers to become better stewards of the fragile ecosystems of our nation's most urban littoral zone. Operation Clean Sweep is a task force that restores Jamaica Bay's coastal marine habitats, including salt marsh, mud flats, and intertidal beaches, by removing derelict boats and other large marine debris. In addition to improving water quality and protecting the salt marsh, this initiative preserves migratory stopover and breeding grounds for over 330 species of birds, preserves estuarine nursery and habitat for over 100 species of finfish, and improves the recreational environment for anglers, boaters, and community members. In 2012, over 300 volunteers participated in Operation CleanSweep events that involved governmental agencies and local community groups. After Super Storm Sandy, major marine debris is a critical problem affecting the salt marsh and shorelines of Jamaica Bay. Continued and documented monitoring on a monthly basis and organizing Post-Sandy cleanups will ensure remediation of the most severely impacted and eroded sites in Jamaica Bay.





Top, Submerged abandoned boat leaching contaminates into Jamaica Bay

Middle left, Working to remove large marine debris

Middle right, Volunteers remove an abandoned jet ski from the shoreline

Above, Abandoned barge

Right, Lisa Scheppke, Littoral Society Restoration Coordinator, works tirelessly to target critical areas and remove major marine debris



Above: Joe Polonsky, Robin Kahn and Karin Bravin are just some of the dedicated volunteers who participated in International Coastal Clean-up Day on Fire Island.

International Coastal Clean-up Day Comes to the Shores of Fire Island

By Shoshanna McCollum

Protecting Fire Island’s sandy white shores for surfers, beach revelers and generations to come is a job that begins now, not later. It was in this spirit that enclaves across the Great South Beach barrier island participated in International Coastal Cleanup Day organized by the American Littoral Society on Saturday, September 15th. The lists included the Davis Park / Ocean Ridge community, Fire Island Lighthouse Bay, Ocean Beach Village, Robert Moses State Park, and Sailor’s Haven.

The Fire Island Nations Seashore sponsored clean-up efforts also included the land tract dubbed the “Meat Rack” between Cherry Grove and Fire Island Pines. The residents of the Grove and the Pines have organized grassroots organized clean-ups of this stretch of ocean to bay wilderness on an ad-hoc basis for quite some time. By tying the event in with Coastal Clean-up Day, FINS cooperated in their efforts this year in an official capacity.

Under the auspices of the Ocean Conservancy, the Littoral Society has been running International Clean-up Day for over 25 years with 234 sites in New York State. It is an activity that reaches beyond picking litter off the beach. Gathered items are counted and cataloged to better understand what items are ending up on our shores and why. Bottles, cans, even a refrigerator was uncovered at what FINS was calling the “Carrington Tract” while cigarette butts, shoes, and even a pair of lace underwear were scooped up by the crews who walked along the dunes at Ocean Beach.

“I came here to sit and enjoy the beach,” said Ocean Beach resident Karin Bravin. “But when I saw the clean-up happening I figured why not?”

Volunteer numbers were not as robust in Ocean Beach with only 10 listed volunteers, when four years ago this number was closer to 50. However what volunteers there were reported a much cleaner beach then in past years possibly pointing to more responsible habits. The Lighthouse tract got only 6 volunteers, while Davis Park reported numbers closer to 30 resident volunteers.

“[International Coastal Clean-up Day] is always a good time,” wrote Mary Parker, Captain of the Davis Park crew. “[It] comes at the most beautiful time of year and everyone is in great spirits.”

Indeed keeping the shoreline free of debris is not just a feel-good gesture. It is a quality of life issue for all of earth’s creatures great and small.





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Coastal Cleanup 2012 Results

The International Shoreline Clean-up in Gerritsen Beach was last September – and the results are in! The GB Cares group of 100 volunteers cleaned up 1,400 pounds of trash, stuffed into 300 bags. That put us in the top 20 overall and 3rd for the number of bags collected. Amazing turn-out from all our volunteers! Be sure to keep September 22, 2013 open for this year's event. Let's see if we can beat our record! To see the results for all NYS participants, go to: www.NYSbeachcleanup.org





Above, The College at Brockport, SUNY campus and community members helping clean the coastline during the International Coastal Cleanup September 2012.

Six Ways You Can Help Take on the Trash:

1. Join the International Coastal Cleanup: Check out signuptocleanup.org to find cleanup opportunities.
2. Sign the pledge and invite your friends to Take on the Trash: build the movement to reduce the impact of trash on our ocean.
3. Clean up in your neighborhood with our downloadable kit.
4. Check out Ocean Conservancy's new mobile app, Rippl: Sign up to be among the first to know when it's released. Rippl helps you make sustainable lifestyle choices by delivering weekly green living tips and helping to build new habits that lead to a lower trash impact.
5. Support Trash Free Seas: Donate to help.
6. Get Inspired: Check out Ocean Conservancy's running list of features, blog posts and more.

Right, The College at Brockport, SUNY Swim team participated in the Annual International Coastal Cleanup. Over 250 participants this year cleaned nearly 2 miles of Lake Ontario shoreline!

Join Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup

By Susan Colby, August 20, 2012

Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup Set for Sept. 15 This Year

Ocean Conservancy's 27th Annual International Coastal Cleanup is September 15 this year and you can become one of more than 600,000 volunteers worldwide who take the pledge to "Take on the Trash." By taking the pledge, you help build the Trash Free Seas movement by reducing your own trash impact and cleaning up what others have left behind.

With the added impact of the Japanese tsunami debris that is already desecrating the west coast shores of the United States, more volunteers are needed to clean up and collect data that can be compared to historical data from years past.

"Trash jeopardizes the health of our ocean, our economy and people," said David Pittenger, director of Ocean Conservancy's Trash Free Seas program. "Sometimes there are uncontrollable events – like the Japan tsunami – that add to the larger problem of marine debris. That's why it's important to tackle what's preventable."

"We need more volunteers than ever," Pittenger said. "Last year, volunteers found enough food packaging to get takeout for breakfast, lunch and dinner every day for the next 858 years."

The 2011 International Coastal Cleanup, by the numbers:

Nearly 600,000 people picked up more than nine million pounds of trash along over 20,000 miles of coastlines.

Over the past 26 years, more than nine million volunteers have removed one hundred and fifty-three million pounds of trash from more than three hundred and twelve thousand miles of coastline and waterways in 153 countries and locations.



The IEC continues to work in collaboration with the Newtown Creek Alliance and the North Brooklyn Boat Club to get the community involved and educated about the Creek in terms of water quality and environmental issues so that you can become well informed about access and potential uses of this valuable resource. Together with the NCA and NBBC, IEC is participating in the **Ocean Conservancy's 2012 International Coastal Cleanup**. In the past, global participants have picked up everything imaginable along the world's shorelines: cigarette butts, food wrappers, and even the proverbial kitchen sink. Participants not only pick up trash that endangers the health of waterways, they count every item as well. The resulting item-by-item, location-by-location Ocean Trash Index provides an invaluable snapshot of just what's out there, and helps inform lasting solutions...

WHAT WILL WE FIND ON NEWTOWN CREEK?



Ways to get involved:

- Join IEC staff, NCA, NBBC, and local community volunteers at the start of the Cleanup route at 10am. The first location in Queens is along the bulkhead of Vernon Blvd along Newtown Creek: <http://www.habitatmap.org/markers/3436-nc-3>
- Or sign up to Google Latitude & track IEC water quality researcher along our Newtown Creek/Dutch Kills cleanup route that day: iecwaterqualityres@gmail.com
- Or join our IEC researcher's Google+ Water Quality Circle <https://plus.google>.

International Coastal Cleanup- Coordinated by the American Littoral Society

Newtown Creek Event Details:

Start time: 10 am, September 15th, 2012

Place: Vernon Blvd & Newtown Creek <http://www.habitatmap.org/markers/3436-nc-3>

Clean-up route: We will work our way over to Borden Ave Bridge around 11am and finish up at Hunterspoint Bridge by 12:30.

Afterwards, all are encouraged to take the short walk over the Pulaski bridge to the Newtown Creek Nature Walk: <http://goo.gl/maps/GmaBo> where the Newtown Creek Armada will be open 1-4pm, weather permitting. In case of rain, check the Armada website for an update: <http://newtowncreekarmada.org>

The Newtown Creek Armada is an art installation that invites the public to explore the past, present and future of a contaminated New York City waterway.

For more information on a whole day full of Newtown Creek community events visit the Newtown Creek Alliance website:

<http://www.newtowncreekalliance.org/2012/09/07/garbage-boats-and-birdsjust-anothersaturday-on-newtown-creek/>



Newtown Creek Alliance is a community-based organization dedicated to *restoring, revealing and revitalizing* Newtown Creek.

GARBAGE, BOATS AND BIRDS...just another Saturday on Newtown Creek September 7th, 2012



On September 15th we have your whole day planned. Just let NCA be your guide!

Stop 1: GARBAGE: International Coastal Cleanup on Newtown Creek with IEC

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**GARBAGE: International Coastal Cleanup on Newtown Creek**

Participation led by Interstate Environmental Commission Saturday, Sept. 15 from 10am to 1pm

Meet up at 10am sharp at Vernon Blvd Street End

Follow the cleanup group as they rove the coast via their Google tracking tool on the IEC website.

Questions about this activity? Contact Caitlyn Nichols at [cnichols@iec-nynjct.org](mailto:cnichols@iec-nynjct.org)

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### INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN-UP IN BRONX



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September 16, 2012  
Saturday 10:00 AM

Soundview Park  
Lafayette Ave & Boynton Ave.  
Bronx, New York 10473  
[Map](#)

PERFORMERS:  
No Performers Listed

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## Fire Island

National Seashore  
New York

### International Coastal Cleanup on Fire Island



Pitch in and leave your favorite beach a little bit cleaner. Join Fire Island National Seashore’s International Coastal Clean-up Day event on September 15 or its National Public Lands Day activity on September 29, 2012.

Date: September 12, 2012  
Contact: Paula Valentine, 631-687-4759  
You can be a part of the 27th Annual International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) by joining an organized beach cleanup on Fire Island this Saturday, September 15. Fire Island National Seashore is hosting a clean-up event on the Fire Island Lighthouse bayside beach from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Parking is available at Robert Moses State Park Field #5 (\$10/vehicle fee charged). Reservations are accepted by calling 631-687-4780. Registration and check-in will be at the Fire Island Lighthouse on the

morning of the program. “We’ll work in teams,” said park volunteer coordinator Irene Rosen, “scouring about a mile of the shoreline along the Great South Bay between Robert Moses State Park and the community of Kismet.” Just dress for the weather, pack your lunch, bring your work gloves, and wear comfortable work boots or sturdy shoes and a hat. “The results of our morning’s efforts will be recorded and added to the tallies from all the other New York coastal cleanup sites,” said Rosen. Last year, 25 Fire Island National Seashore

participants gathered 10 bags of trash from six miles of shoreline. Some of the Fire Island communities have also been involved in this annual cleanup for many years. The American Littoral Society (ALS) coordinates the International Coastal Cleanup programs for New York. In 2011, ALS reported that 6,368 volunteers participated at almost 200 cleanup sites, removing 93,644 pounds of debris (5,819 bags) over a total of 262.18 miles of New York’s shoreline. ALS has posted a list of the New York State 2012 Beach Cleanup Sites. Part of the program includes

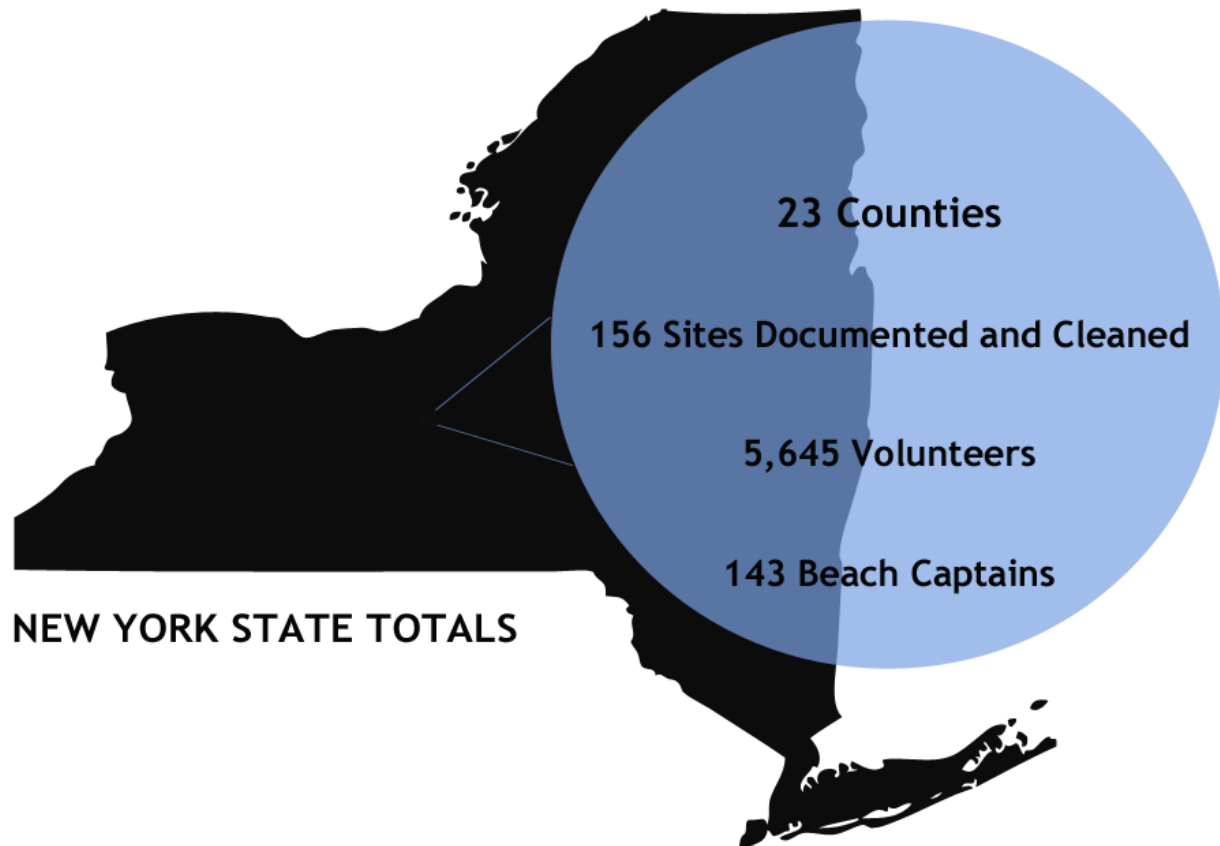
an analysis of the debris collected. Volunteers record the number of bags, balloons, bottles, fishing line, buoys, crates, building materials, car parts, cigarette filters, and more. “We appreciate the volunteers’ efforts to help clean up the beaches,” said Fire Island’s Chief of Interpretation Kathy Krause, “but we hope that this brings attention to the fact that our oceans are a valuable natural resource, and we should all do our part to ensure that litter and debris doesn’t make it into the streams, rivers, bays and ocean to begin with.”

# 2012 New York City Beach Cleanup Results



| County & Sites                                                         | Site Captains                                 | Shorelines                | People     | Debris (lbs) | Miles        | Bags       |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Bronx (5)</b>                                                       |                                               |                           |            |              |              |            |
| Bronx: Twin Island                                                     | David Kunstler                                |                           | 56         | 300          | 0.5          | 0          |
| Bronx: Twin Islands                                                    | David Kunstler                                | Twin Island/Orchard Beach | 37         | 286          | 0.5          | 31         |
| City Island: City Island Bridge                                        | Felicia Salamone                              | Long Island Sound         | 15         | 100          | 2            | 10         |
| City Island: City Island Bridge - Orchard Beach                        | Patricia Grondahl                             | Long Island Sound         | 23         | 330          | 0.25         | 20         |
| City Island: Thomas Pell Wildlife Sanctuary                            | Eleanor Rae, Patricia Grondahl                | Hutchinson River          | 37         | 1200         | 3            | 38         |
| <b>Bronx Total</b>                                                     |                                               |                           | <b>168</b> | <b>2216</b>  | <b>6.25</b>  | <b>99</b>  |
| <b>Kings (13)</b>                                                      |                                               |                           |            |              |              |            |
| Brooklyn: Brighton Beach                                               | Danielle Buckingham                           | Brighton Beach            | 11         | 86           | 0.5          | 7          |
| Brooklyn: Brooklyn Bridge Park                                         | Sarah Ward                                    | East River                | 19         | 250          | 0.25         | 22         |
| Brooklyn: Canarsie Pier                                                | John Bilas                                    | Jamaica Bay               | 11         | 206          | 1            | 0          |
| Brooklyn: Coney Island (W. 24th to W. 29th Streets)                    | Cathy Phillips, Frederica Edwards             | Atlantic Ocean            | 114        | 111          | 2            | 27         |
| Brooklyn: Coney Island (W. 8th to W. 20th Streets)                     | Michele Hern, Margaret Sheri                  | Coney Island Beach        | 90         | 90           | 0.75         | 50         |
| Brooklyn: Coney Island - New York Aquarium (Ocean Pkwy. to W. 8th St.) | Chanda Bennett, Melissa Carp, Robert Cummings | Atlantic Ocean            | 130        | 200          | 1            | 4          |
| Brooklyn: Floyd Bennett Field                                          | Lisa Scheppke                                 | Jamaica Bay               | 11         | 2000         | 0.1          | 0          |
| Brooklyn: Gateway Marina                                               | John Bilas                                    | Atlantic Ocean            | 16         | 350          | 1            | 5          |
| Brooklyn: Gerritsen and Shellbank Creek                                | Michael Taylor, Janet Behrens                 | Atlantic Ocean            | 75         | 900          | 1            | 200        |
| Brooklyn: Kaiser Park Beach (UW)                                       | David Rosenfeld                               | Kaiser Park Beach         |            |              |              |            |
| Brooklyn: Plumb Beach                                                  | John Rowden, Don Riepe                        | Beach                     | 52         | 2000         | 0.6          | 110        |
| Brooklyn: Prospect Park Lake                                           | Spencer Service, Jessica Jamhoury             | Prospect Park Lake        | 66         | 315          | 1.1          | 70         |
| <b>Kings Total</b>                                                     |                                               |                           | <b>636</b> | <b>8776</b>  | <b>10.15</b> | <b>510</b> |

| County & Sites                                                    | Site Captains                         | Shorelines                  | People      | Debris (lbs) | Miles        | Bags          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>New York (6)</b>                                               |                                       |                             |             |              |              |               |
| Manhattan: Riverside Park 116th to 125th Streets                  | John Bilas                            | Hudson River                | 18          | 130          | 1            | 21            |
| New York: 100th street Cherry Walk, Riverside Park                | Lynda Miller, Nya Jackson             | Hudson River                | 89          | 187          | 0.6          | 70            |
| New York: Inwood Hill Park                                        | Hannah Cox Peralta                    | Inwood Hill Park            | 27          | 222          | 0.5          | 10            |
| New York: Randall's Island Park                                   | Victoria Ruzicka                      | East River and Harlem River | 6           | 571          | 0.3          | 10            |
| New York: Riverside Park Pier I                                   | Lynda Miller, Nya Jackson             | Hudson River                | 68          | 675          | 1.1          | 30            |
| New York: Sherman Creek Waterfront Park @ 203rd St. & 11th Ave    | Obed Fulcar                           | Harlem River                | 8           | 180          | 0.5          | 6             |
| <b>New York Total</b>                                             |                                       |                             | <b>216</b>  | <b>1965</b>  | <b>4</b>     | <b>147</b>    |
| <b>Queens (9)</b>                                                 |                                       |                             |             |              |              |               |
| Bayside: Little Neck Bay West                                     | Shawn Spencer                         | Little Neck Bay             | 179         | 3000         | 1.2          | 350           |
| Broad Channel: BCAC Ball Field                                    | Don Riepe, Deborah Williams           | Jamaica Bay                 | 33          | 350          | 0.117        | 25            |
| Broad Channel: GNRA: Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge                  | Bradley Wilkens, Edgardo Castillo     | Jamaica Bay                 | 34          | 480          | 0.25         | 40            |
| Broad Channel: GNRA: North Channel Bridge                         | Park Ranger, Colleen Sorbera          | Jamaica Bay                 | 10          | 260          | 0.5          | 20            |
| Broad Channel: Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge & North Channel Bridge | Don Riepe                             | Jamaica Bay                 | 200         | 6000         | 0.2          | 25            |
| Far Rockaway: Beach 59th St boardwalk                             | Mark Hoffacker, Jeanne DuPont         | Atlantic Ocean              | 70          | 500          | 2            | 150           |
| Howard Beach: Charles Park                                        | TC Westcott                           | Jamaica Bay                 | 23          | 75           | 0.5          | 8             |
| Rockaway Beach: B. 96th to B. 106th Streets                       | Ira Stern, Kyle Kozar, Lauren Standke | Atlantic Ocean              | 21          | 144          | 0.6          | 17.5          |
| Rockaway: Rockaway Beach, B. 106th to B. 116th Streets            | Christopher X. Dougherty, LMSW        | Atlantic Ocean              | 33          | 300          | 0.5          | 10            |
| <b>Queens Total</b>                                               |                                       |                             | <b>603</b>  | <b>11109</b> | <b>5.87</b>  | <b>645.5</b>  |
| <b>Richmond (3)</b>                                               |                                       |                             |             |              |              |               |
| Princess Bay: Lemon Creek - Seguine Point                         | James Scarcella                       | Lower NY bay                | 7           | 400          | 0.5          | 12            |
| Staten Island: Seaside Wildlife Nature Park & Crescent Beach      | Sandra Dinger                         | Lower New York Bay          | 13          | 500          | 0.25         | 25            |
| Staten Island: Sharrot Avenue Fishing Pier                        | Chuck Perry, Dominick Durso           | Raritan Bay                 | 14          | 262          | 1.2          | 21            |
| <b>Richmond Total</b>                                             |                                       |                             | <b>34</b>   | <b>1162</b>  | <b>1.95</b>  | <b>58</b>     |
| <b>New York City Total</b>                                        |                                       |                             | <b>1657</b> | <b>25228</b> | <b>28.22</b> | <b>1459.5</b> |





465  
Volunteers



~ 12,621  
Pounds of Trash



5.27  
Miles

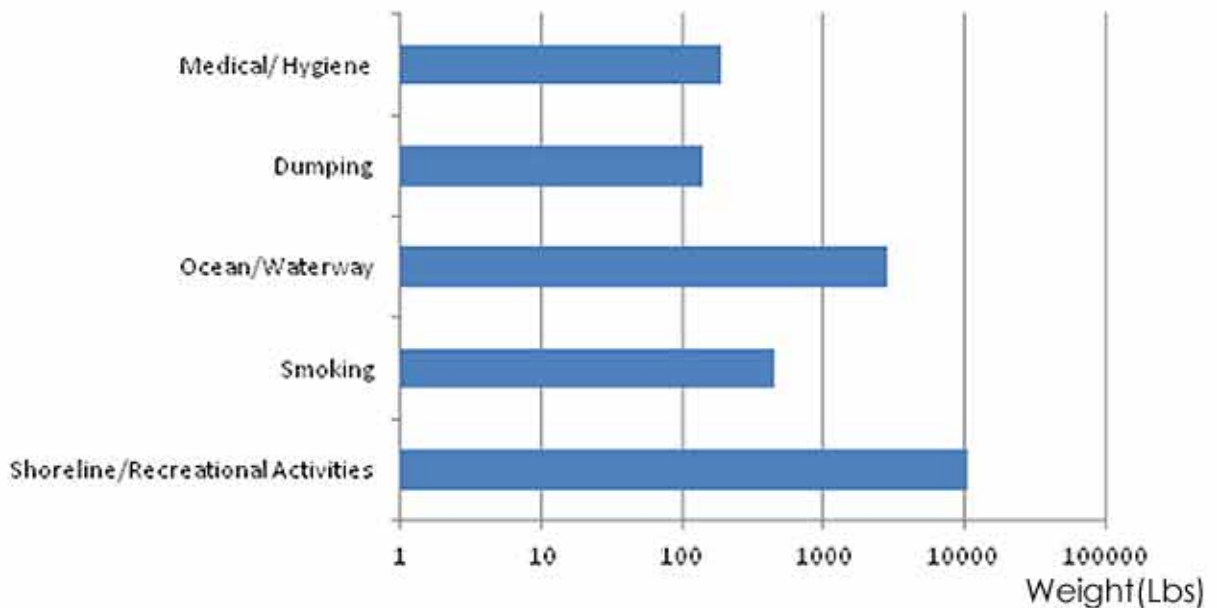


The total combined weight of trash removed from Jamaica Bay's shorelines is equal to the average weight of a full-grown elephant.

If arranged in a line, the total number of bottles and cans collected would be great enough to span the length of the Cross Bay Memorial Bridge (about 3,000 feet).



### 2012 New York State Beach Cleanup Jamaica Bay Item Totals



# 2012 Upstate New York Beach Cleanup Results

| County & Sites               | Site Captains                                   | Shorelines | People    | Debris (lbs) | Miles       | Bags      |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Chautauqua (2)</b>        |                                                 |            |           |              |             |           |
| Dunkirk: Point Gratiot Beach | Christina Jarvis, Michelle Kuns, Mitch Cummings |            | 45        | 115          | 0.25        | 5         |
| Dunkirk: Wright Park Beach   | Christina Jarvis, Michelle Kuns, Mitch Cummings |            | 52        | 737.2        | 0.5         | 30        |
| <b>Chautauqua Total</b>      |                                                 |            | <b>97</b> | <b>852.2</b> | <b>0.75</b> | <b>35</b> |

|                                           |                                     |                     |            |             |             |            |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>Erie (15)</b>                          |                                     |                     |            |             |             |            |
| Brant: Evangola State Park                | Sharen Trembath, Sue Peterson       | Lake Erie           | 18         | 100         | 1           | 10         |
| Erie: Hoover Beach To Woodlawn            | Sharen Trembath                     | Lake Erie           | 7          | 50          | 1           | 10         |
| Erie: Little Sister Creek to Cradle Beach | Sharen Trembath, Joyce Torge        | Little Sister Creek | 4          | 20          | 1           | 2          |
| Erie: Private Beaches Evans to Hamburg    | Sharen Trembath                     | Lake Erie           | 28         | 300         | 19          | 50         |
| Evans: Bennett Beach                      | Sharen Trembath, Misty Kerl         | Lake Erie           | 15         | 50          | 1           | 7          |
| Evans: Cradle Beach                       | Sharen Trembath, Bonnie A. Bruski   | Lake Erie           | 32         | 50          | 0.2         | 12         |
| Evans: Evans Town Park                    | Sharen Trembath                     | Lake Erie           | 18         | 100         | 1           | 0          |
| Evans: Grandview Bay, Evans Town Park     | Sharen Trembath, Laura Whittinghill | Lake Erie           | 30         | 200         | 1           | 40         |
| Evans: Lake Erie Beach                    | Sharen Trembath, Ed Schneider       | Lake Erie           | 18         | 100         | 1           | 2          |
| Evans: Roat Acres                         | Sharen Trembath, Pat Davison        | Lake Erie           | 12         | 40          | 0.5         | 20         |
| Evans: Sturgeon Point                     | Sharen Trembath                     | Lake Erie           | 38         | 200         | 1           | 20         |
| Evans: Wendt County Park                  | Sharen Trembath, Judy Strade        | Lake Erie           | 25         | 100         | 2           | 10         |
| Hamburg: Hamburg Town Park                | Sharen Trembath, Bev Preichel       | Lake Erie           | 11         | 50          | 2           | 20         |
| Hamburg: Hoover Beach                     | Sharen Trembath, Francine Guyer     | Lake Erie           | 27         | 750         | 1           | 25         |
| Hamburg: Woodlawn State Park              | Sharen Trembath                     | Lake Erie           | 510        | 1100        | 2.5         | 0          |
| <b>Erie Total</b>                         |                                     |                     | <b>793</b> | <b>3210</b> | <b>35.2</b> | <b>228</b> |

|                                                             |              |             |          |              |             |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Jefferson (2)</b>                                        |              |             |          |              |             |           |
| City of Watertown: Watertown - Waterworks Park              | Kalie Brady  | Black River | 4        | 180          | 1           | 9         |
| Wilna: Villages of Carthage and West Carthage Boat Launches | Lori Borland | Black River | 3        | 24.5         | 0.25        | 1         |
| <b>Jefferson Total</b>                                      |              |             | <b>7</b> | <b>204.5</b> | <b>1.25</b> | <b>10</b> |



| County & Sites                                                                                          | Site Captains      | Shorelines  | People    | Debris (lbs) | Miles      | Bags      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>Lewis (2)</b>                                                                                        |                    |             |           |              |            |           |
| Greig: Glenfield Boat Launch                                                                            | Nichelle Billhardt | Black River | 3         | 15           | 0.3        | 2         |
| Lyonsdale: Lyons Falls (Upper and Lower Boat Launches), Port Leyden (River Road) and Burdick's Crossing | Rocky Fawcett      | Black River | 35        | 210          | 3          | 18        |
| <b>Lewis Total</b>                                                                                      |                    |             | <b>38</b> | <b>225</b>   | <b>3.3</b> | <b>20</b> |

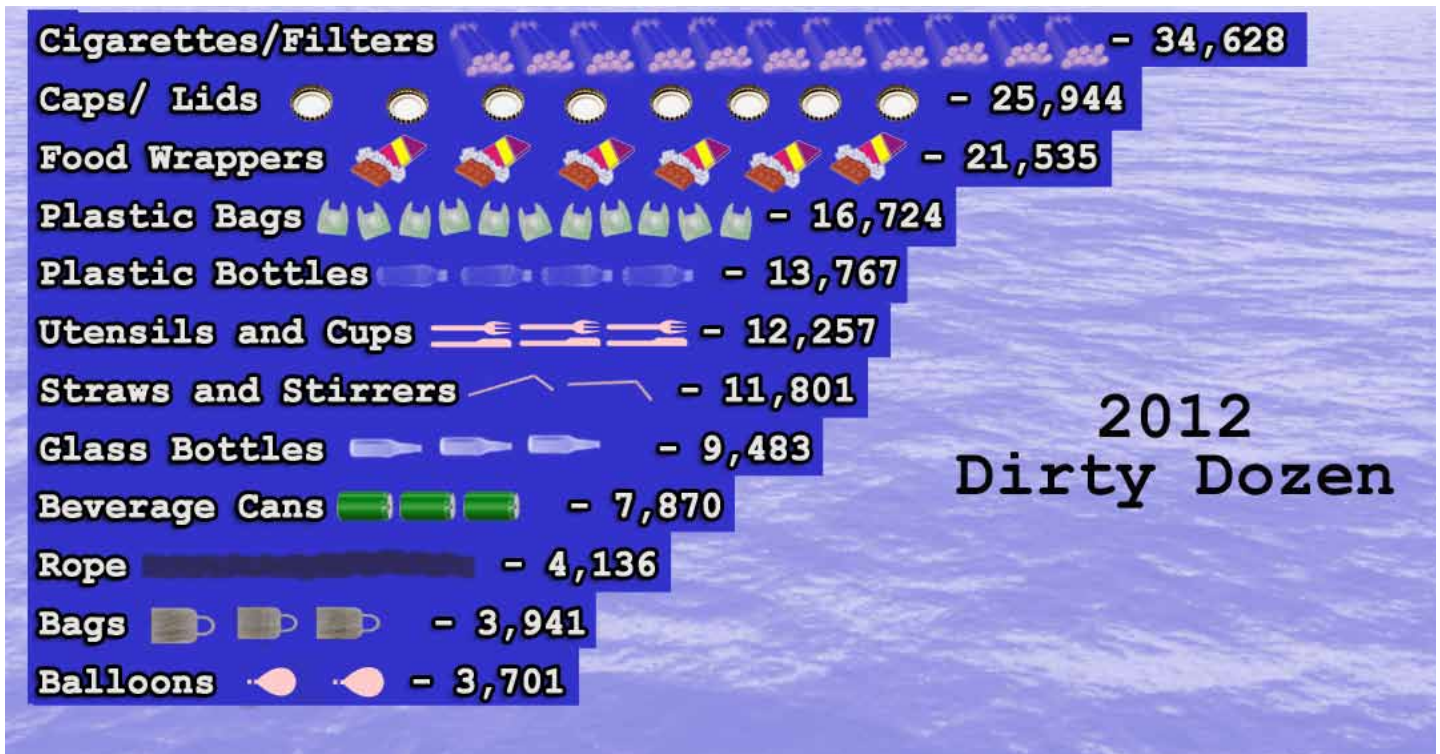
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| <b>Monroe (6)</b>                                          |                   |                           |            |               |            |            |
| Brighton: Buckland Creek, Brighton Central School District | George Smith      | Buckland Creek            | 20         | 50            | 0.5        | 4          |
| Charlotte: Ontario Beach Park                              | Peter Hentschke   | Ontario Lake              | 3          | 33.6          | 0.5        | 2          |
| Greece: Braddock Bay (Marina)                              | June Summers      | Braddock Bay/Lake Ontario | 46         | 1716          | 2          | 20         |
| Rochester: Seth Green                                      | David Nadeau      | Genesee River Gorge       | 18         | 1600          | 1          | 40         |
| Scottsville: Oatka Creek Park                              | Maureen Leupold   | Oatka Creek               | 14         | 526           | 0.2        | 18         |
| Webster, NY: Webster Park                                  | Margaret Leinberg | Lake Ontario              | 100        | 302.5         | 3          | 25         |
| <b>Monroe Total</b>                                        |                   |                           | <b>201</b> | <b>4228.1</b> | <b>7.2</b> | <b>109</b> |

|                                             |                  |                    |            |            |            |            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Niagara (2)</b>                          |                  |                    |            |            |            |            |
| Newfane: Eighteenmile Creek Fishermans Park | Victor DiGiacomo | Eighteenmile Creek | 29         | 75         | 0.5        | 10         |
| Youngstown: Fort Niagara State Park         | Jeanette Brunner | Lake Ontario       | 120        | 800        | 4          | 96         |
| <b>Niagara Total</b>                        |                  |                    | <b>149</b> | <b>875</b> | <b>4.5</b> | <b>106</b> |

|                                  |               |             |           |           |          |          |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| <b>Oneida (1)</b>                |               |             |           |           |          |          |
| Boonville: Hawkinsville Dam Area | Ian Klingbail | Black River | 12        | 75        | 2        | 3        |
| <b>Oneida Total</b>              |               |             | <b>12</b> | <b>75</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> |

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| <b>Orleans (1)</b>                                                                                                                              |                 |                                             |           |             |          |           |
| Albion, Medina, Carlton, Waterport, Pt Breeze: Canal Wide Waters, Lakeside Bch St Pk, Glenwood Lake, Marine Park, Erie Canal, Boat Launch & Dam | Dennis F. Kirby | Erie Canal, Lake Ontario, Oak Orchard River | 41        | 1919        | 3        | 30        |
| <b>Orleans Total</b>                                                                                                                            |                 |                                             | <b>41</b> | <b>1919</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>30</b> |

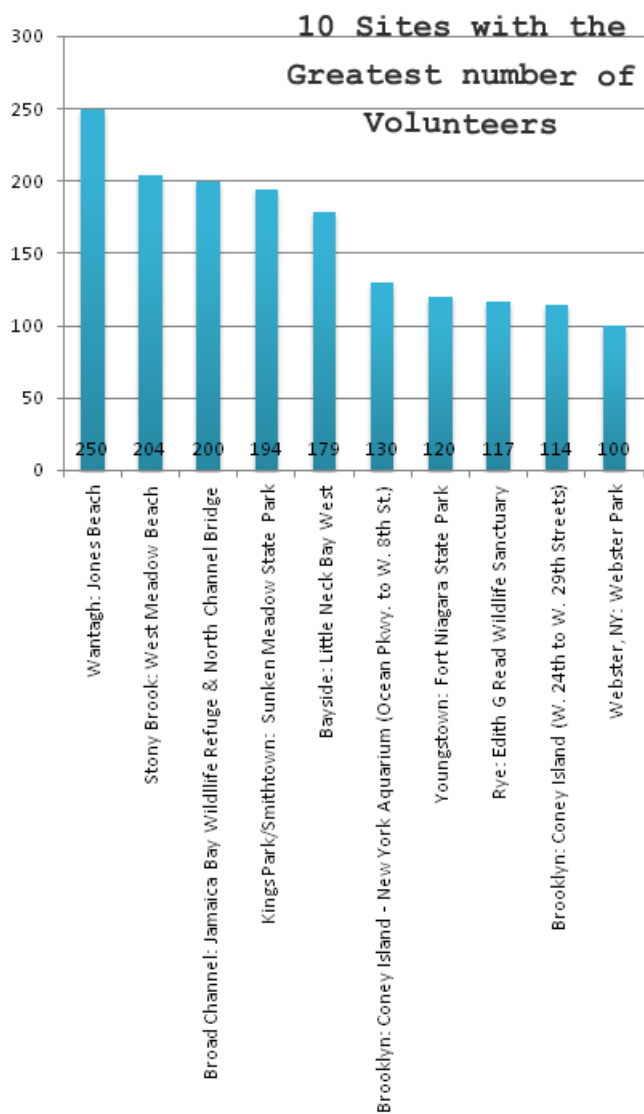




| County & Sites                                                     | Site Captains              | Shorelines                          | People    | Debris (lbs) | Miles       | Bags      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----------|
| <b>Rensselaer (1)</b>                                              |                            |                                     |           |              |             |           |
| Grafton: Grafton Lakes State Park                                  | Liz Wagner                 | Shaver Pond, Long Pond, Second Pond | 8         | 25           | 3           | 4         |
| <b>Rensselaer Total</b>                                            |                            |                                     | <b>8</b>  | <b>25</b>    | <b>3</b>    | <b>4</b>  |
| <b>Rockland (1)</b>                                                |                            |                                     |           |              |             |           |
| Upper Nyack: Nyack Beach State Park                                | Kier Levesque              | Hudson River                        | 36        | 286          | 2           | 16        |
| <b>Rockland Total</b>                                              |                            |                                     | <b>36</b> | <b>286</b>   | <b>2</b>    | <b>16</b> |
| <b>Saratoga (1)</b>                                                |                            |                                     |           |              |             |           |
| Clifton Park: Mohawk River, north side, Crescent Vischer Ferry Dam | Joanne Coons               | Mohawk River                        | 2         | 20           | 0.25        | 5         |
| <b>Saratoga Total</b>                                              |                            |                                     | <b>2</b>  | <b>20</b>    | <b>0.25</b> | <b>5</b>  |
| <b>Schenectady (4)</b>                                             |                            |                                     |           |              |             |           |
| Glenville: Freeman's Bridge Rd. Boat Launch                        | Maryde King, Mike Burns    | Mohawk River                        | 1         | 40           | 0.25        | 3         |
| Glenville: Maalwyck Park and Lock 8                                | Maryde King, Mike Burns    | Mohawk River                        | 2         | 55           | 0.5         | 4         |
| Rotterdam: Kiwanis Park                                            | Colin Fisher, Mike Dougall | Mohawk                              | 7         | 100          | 0.5         | 7         |
| Schenectady: Mohawk River                                          | Maryde King                | Mohawk River                        | 3         | 30           | 0.25        | 3         |
| <b>Schenectady Total</b>                                           |                            |                                     | <b>13</b> | <b>225</b>   | <b>1.5</b>  | <b>17</b> |



| County & Sites                               | Site Captains                     | Shorelines        | People      | Debris (lbs)   | Miles        | Bags       |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Westchester (8)</b>                       |                                   |                   |             |                |              |            |
| Larchmont: Hommocks Conservation Area        | David Lehman                      | Long Island Sound | 13          | 133            | 0.5          | 10         |
| Larchmont: Larchmont Reservoir               | Janet Beal                        | Goodliffe Pond    | 27          | 102            | 1.5          | 18         |
| Larchmont: Manor Park                        | Margo Hotston                     | Long Island Sound | 25          | 200            | 0.2          | 8          |
| New Rochelle: Five Islands                   | Faith Kostel-Hughes               | Long Island Sound | 12          | 17             | 0.2          | 10         |
| New Rochelle: Hudson Beach Park New Rochelle | Roxanne Neilson                   | Beach             | 18          | 20             | 0.25         | 4          |
| Rye: Edith G Read Wildlife Sanctuary         | Michael Gambino                   | Long Island Sound | 117         | 475            | 0.25         | 38         |
| Rye: Hen Island                              | David Spader                      | Milton Harbor     | 19          | 350            | 0.5          | 12         |
| Rye: Marshlands Conservancy                  | Scott A Williamson, Chris Mignone | Milton Harbour    | 17          | 167            | 3            | 12         |
| <b>Westchester Total</b>                     |                                   |                   | <b>248</b>  | <b>1464</b>    | <b>6.4</b>   | <b>112</b> |
| <b>Upstate New York Total</b>                |                                   |                   | <b>1645</b> | <b>13608.8</b> | <b>70.35</b> | <b>695</b> |



# 2012 Long Island Beach Cleanup Results

| County & Sites                                      | Site Captains                                                                                                                                         | Shorelines                | People     | Debris (lbs)   | Miles        | Bags       |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Nassau (16)</b>                                  |                                                                                                                                                       |                           |            |                |              |            |
| Amityville: South Bay Islands                       | Jacqueline DeJesus, Frank Palma                                                                                                                       | Great South Bay           | 28         | 1500           | 2            | 30         |
| East Rockaway: Browers Bay and Marshes and Bay Park | Danielle Gal, Erika Schacht, Jack Verschleiser, Ryan Friedman, Jackson Israel, David Gralitzer, Melissa Gralitzer, Madison Israel, James Verschleiser | Hewlett and East Rockaway | 44         | 606            | 4            | 29         |
| Glen Cove: Garvies Point Preserve                   | Veronica Natale                                                                                                                                       | Hempstead Harbor          | 114        | 208            | 0.5          | 27         |
| Glen Cove: Prybil's Beach                           | Joan Bessette, Damion Stavredes                                                                                                                       | Long Island Sound         | 21         | 724            | 2            | 12         |
| Glenwood Landing: Tappen Beach                      | Barbara Karyo                                                                                                                                         | Hempstead Harbor          | 18         | 36             | 0.25         | 9          |
| Kings Point: Manhasset Bay @ East Shore Road        | Valerie Molinaro                                                                                                                                      | Manhasset Bay             | 2          | 15             | 0.33         | 10         |
| Lido Beach: Lido Beach                              | Hunter Newby, Clark Newby, Coral Newby, Brooke Newby, Orion Newby                                                                                     | Lido Beach                | 19         | 64             | 1.5          | 4          |
| Lido Beach: Point Lookout                           | Carmen DiBartolomeo                                                                                                                                   | Lido Beach                | 19         | 300            | 0.2          | 10         |
| Long Beach: Nickerson Beach                         | Delia Serrano                                                                                                                                         | Atlantic Ocean            | 10         | 3              | 1            | 3          |
| Massapequa: Tobay Beach and Marina                  | LuLu LaBella                                                                                                                                          | South Shore               | 20         | 633            | 27           | 23         |
| Oyster Bay: Tobay Beach                             | Anne Desousa                                                                                                                                          | TOBAY BEACH               | 9          | 220            | 1            | 7          |
| Sea Cliff: Sea Cliff Beach                          | Barbara Segal                                                                                                                                         | Hempstead Harbor          | 10         | 21.5           | 0.125        | 5          |
| Wantagh: Jones Beach - (Nature Center)              | Hank Leggio                                                                                                                                           | Ocean                     | 250        | 1500           | 2            | 300        |
| Wantagh: Jones Beach - (West End Boat Basin)        | Anthony Thompson                                                                                                                                      | South                     | 28         | 380            | 4            | 16         |
| Wantagh: Zach's Beach                               | Rosanne Mamo                                                                                                                                          | Zach's Bay                | 92         | 450            | 1            | 33         |
| West Hempstead: Hempstead Lake State Park           | Anthony Wigfall, William Brown                                                                                                                        | North West Pond           | 110        | 4400           | 1            | 400        |
| <b>Nassau Total</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                       |                           | <b>794</b> | <b>11060.5</b> | <b>47.91</b> | <b>918</b> |

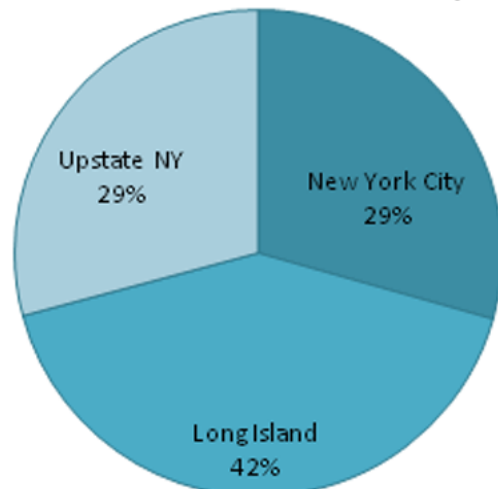
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| <b>Suffolk (58)</b>                                                           |                                                       |                               |    |     |      |     |
| Asharoken: Long Island Sound - LIPA                                           | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli | Long Island Sound             | 25 | 397 | 2    | 100 |
| Asharoken: Asharoken Nature Preserve                                          | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli | Long Island Sound             | 13 | 207 | 3    | 32  |
| Babylon: Gilgo Beach                                                          | Meaghan Chambers, Florence Findley, Ray Eriksen       | Atlantic Ocean                | 50 | 451 | 3    | 30  |
| Bay Shore/Islip: Great South Bay Islands (bailey,money,penny,demo,sore thumb) | Shannon Dufek                                         | Bay inner islands/south shore | 5  | 130 | 0.5  | 3   |
| Bayport: Bayport Beach                                                        | Nancy Cochern, Donna Edgar                            | Great South Beach             | 15 | 20  | 0.5  | 10  |
| Bayport: Corey Beach                                                          | Nancy Cochern, Donna Swiderski                        | Great South Bay               | 20 | 16  | 1    | 4   |
| BayShore: Bayshore Marina                                                     | Nancy Cochern, Ellen Bolin                            | Great South Bay               | 11 | 80  | 0.25 | 4   |



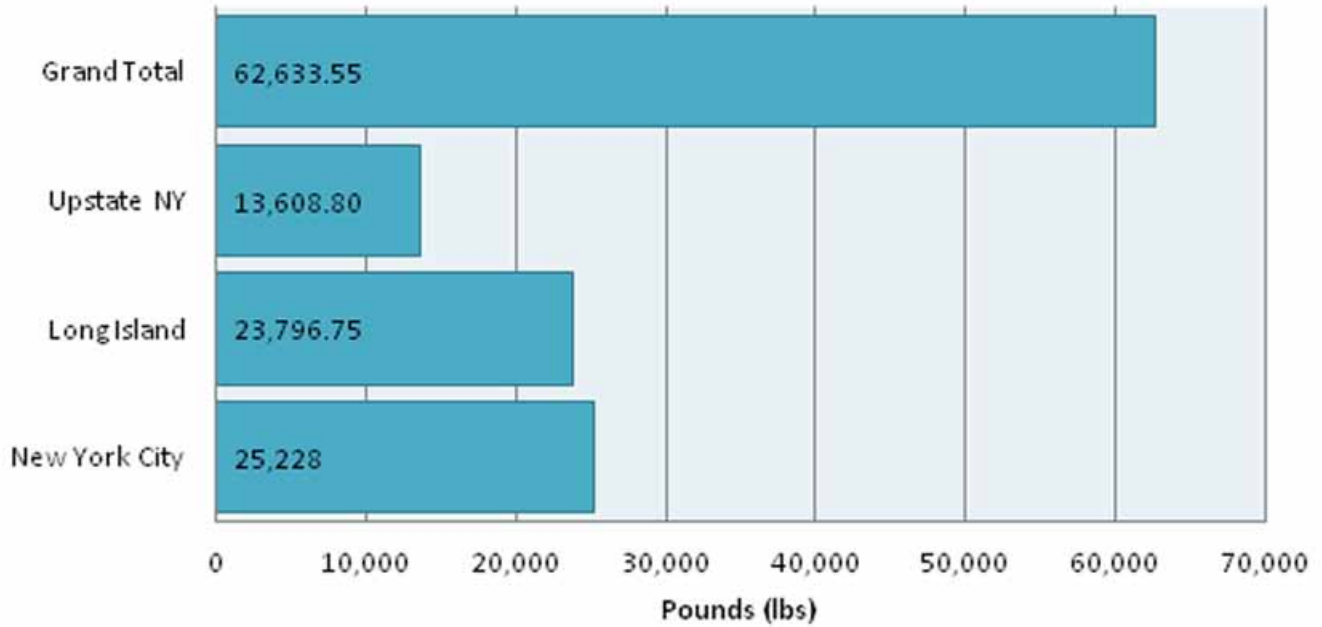
| County & Sites                                                  | Site Captains                                                | Shorelines                                           | People | Debris (lbs) | Miles | Bags  |     |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------------|-------|-------|-----|
| Bayshore: Bayshore Marina                                       | Nancy Cochern, Joseph Bisagni                                | Great South Bay                                      |        | 4            | 23    | 1.1   | 2   |
| Brightwaters: Gardiner's Park                                   | Nancy Cochern, Michelle Padnano                              | Great South Bay                                      |        | 4            | 15    | 0.25  | 1   |
| Brookhaven: Belleview Beach (aka Webby's Beach)                 | Guy D'Angelo                                                 | Moriches Bay                                         |        | 1            | 10    | 0.1   | 1   |
| East Islip: East Islip Marina                                   | Nancy Cochern, Lori Forgione                                 | Great South Bay                                      |        | 11           | 100   | 2     | 5   |
| East Islip: Heckscher State Park                                | David Guest                                                  | Great South Bay: Field 6, Field 7, Field 8 (Beaches) |        | 65           | 265   | 2     | 30  |
| Eatons Neck: Eatons Neck Coast Guard                            | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli        | Long Island Sound                                    |        | 62           | 985   | 4.5   | 248 |
| Eatons Neck: Sand City                                          | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli        | Northport Bay                                        |        | 24           | 380   | 2.5   | 82  |
| Fire Island: Davis Park / Ocean Ridge                           | Suzanne Bohning, Mary Parker                                 | Atlantic Ocean                                       |        | 25           | 210   | 2     | 32  |
| Fire Island: Sailor's Haven                                     | Carol Jansch, Judy Davis                                     | Atlantic Ocean                                       |        | 14           | 150   | 3     | 6   |
| Great River: Great River Dock                                   | Nancy Cochern, Allison Bissar                                | Great South Bay                                      |        | 3            | 50    | 1     | 1   |
| Greenport: 5th Street Beach                                     | Helen M. Weinstein                                           | Peconic Bay                                          |        | 1            | 8     | 0.5   | 1   |
| Hampton Bays: Ponquogue Beach                                   | Kathy Sotolotto                                              | Atlantic Ocean                                       |        | 28           | 143   | 1.5   | 12  |
| Huntington: Caumsett State Historic Park                        | Bill Monahan                                                 | Caumsett State Park                                  |        | 16           | 450   | 0.75  | 12  |
| Huntington: Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge                | Todd Weston, Stella Miller, Rachel Frankel                   | Huntington Bay                                       |        | 40           | 500   | 1     | 25  |
| Islip: Atlantique                                               | Marie Tanner                                                 | Fire island/Atlantique                               |        | 8            | 65    | 1     | 8   |
| Islip: Blue Point Pier / Beach                                  | Nancy Cochern, Laura Heaney                                  | Great South Bay                                      |        | 13           | 55    | 0.5   | 5   |
| Islip: Islip Beach                                              | Nancy Cochern, Christian & Phillip Muller                    | Great South Bay                                      |        | 27           | 120   | 1.5   | 7   |
| Islip: West Island                                              | Nancy Cochern, Regina Bove                                   | Great South Bay                                      |        | 6            | 80    | 1.5   | 5   |
| Kings Park/Smithtown: Sunken Meadow State Park                  | Howard Wall, Carolyn Flynn                                   | Long Island Sound                                    |        | 194          | 474   | 4.75  | 58  |
| Kings Park: Kings Park Bluff                                    | Pamela Schmidt                                               | Long Island Sound                                    |        | 75           | 1038  | 2     | 100 |
| Mattituck: Bailie Beach, Bailie Beach Road                      | Irene Bradley                                                | LI Sound                                             |        | 30           | 100   | 2     | 10  |
| Montauk: Hither Hills State Park and Napeague Harbor State Park | Thomas Dess                                                  | Atlantic Ocean & Napeague Harbor                     |        | 25           | 225   | 2.3   | 16  |
| Montauk: Montauk Point State Park & Camp Hero State Park        | Thomas Dess                                                  | Atlantic Ocean & Block Island Sound                  |        | 42           | 600   | 2.5   | 25  |
| New Suffolk: New Suffolk Beach                                  | Sara Campbell, Nicole Pollina, Margaret Straub, Muffie Baker | Peconic Bay                                          |        | 14           | 5     | 0.33  | 3   |
| North Babylon: Belmont Lake State Park                          | Tim Byrne                                                    | Belmont Lake                                         |        | 30           | 20.25 | 1     | 21  |
| Northport/Asharoken: Asharoken Beach                            | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli        | Northport Bay                                        |        | 59           | 935   | 3     | 184 |
| Northport: Crab Meadow Beach                                    | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli        | Long Island Sound                                    |        | 11           | 174   | 2     | 34  |
| Northport: Hobart Beach                                         | Catherine Zimmermann                                         | Northport Bay                                        |        | 13           | 205   | 0.5   | 42  |
| Northport: Scudder Beach                                        | Catherine Zimmermann                                         | Northport Harbor                                     |        | 13           | 224   | 1.5   | 40  |
| Northport: Steers Beach                                         | Catherine Zimmermann                                         | Northport Bay                                        |        | 26           | 413   | 1     | 82  |
| Northport: The Sluice                                           | Catherine Zimmermann                                         | Northport Bay                                        |        | 6            | 109   | 0.25  | 20  |
| Orient: Orient Beach State Park                                 | Susanne Wuehler                                              | Gardiner's Bay and Hallock's Bay                     |        | 4            | 40    | 5     | 7   |
| Orient: Orient Beach State Park                                 | Ruth Eilenberg, Ruth November                                | Southold Bay                                         |        | 8            | 120   | 7     | 0   |
| Patchogue: Heron Point Beach                                    | Richard Berlin                                               | Long Island Sound                                    |        | 11           | 250   | 0.5   | 8   |
| Riverhead: Reeves Beach                                         | Amy Runnalls, Denise Zaleski and Laurie Ann Pollak           | North Shore                                          |        | 31           | 60    | 1     | 40  |
| Riverhead: Woodcliff Park Beach @ End of Oakleigh Ave           | Dolores Hofman, Ed Hofman                                    | Long Island Sound                                    |        | 18           | 250   | 1     | 15  |
| Ronkonkoma: Lake Ronkonkoma Beach Park                          | Nancy Cochern, Christy Zummo                                 | Great South Bay                                      |        | 28           | 0     | 1     | 4   |
| Sayville: Old Sayville Beach                                    | Nancy Cochern, Rich Rippert                                  | Great South Bay                                      |        | 12           | 50    | 0.125 | 3   |
| Shelter Island: Mashomack Preserve                              | Cindy Belt                                                   | Peconic Bay                                          |        | 45           | 223   | 6     | 30  |
| Smithpoint: Wilderness Visitor's Center                         | Irene Rosen, Kristin Santos                                  | Atlantic Ocean                                       |        | 20           | 30    | 3     | 10  |
| Smithtown: Smithtown Short Beach                                | Terri Perino                                                 | LI Sound                                             |        | 18           | 40    | 2.5   | 10  |



## Where Our Volunteers Helped Out



# Pounds of Debris Removed



| County & Sites                                                           | Site Captains                         | Shorelines        | People      | Debris (lbs)    | Miles         | Bags        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Southold: The Pond at Inlet Pond County Park (UW)                        | Stephen Grzesik, Tyler Blangiardo     | Long Island Sound |             |                 |               |             |
| Stony Brook: West Meadow Beach                                           | Eileen Gerle, Peter Schuchman         | LIS               | 204         | 403             | 1             | 58          |
| Wading River/Town of Riverhead: Hulse Landing Beach to Lewin Hills Beach | Susan Ritchie-Ahrens                  | LI Sound          | 10          | 25              | 0.6           | 4           |
| Wading River: Wildwood State Park                                        | David Zapasek                         | Long Island Sound | 15          | 337             | 1.5           | 12          |
| Wading River: Wildwood State Park                                        | Romeo Cumento, Belen Gonzales Cunanan | Long Island Sound | 6           | 100             | 1             | 3           |
| West Islip: West Islip Beach                                             | Nancy Cochern, Rochelle DeRienzo      | Great South Bay   | 3           | 1015            | 0.25          | 2           |
| West Islip: West Islip Beach                                             | Nancy Cochern, Janice Ferraro         | Great South Bay   | 10          | 5               | 0.5           | 1           |
| West Sayville: Maritime Museum                                           | Nancy Cochern, Terry Caraher          | Great South Bay   | 9           | 4               | 0.1           | 2           |
| Westhampton Beach: Rogers Beach                                          | Brandon A. Brule'                     | Westhampton Beach | 23          | 80              | 3             | 12          |
| Westhampton: Cupsogue County Park                                        | Sharon Gilbert                        | Atlantic Ocean    | 27          | 185             | 2             | 11          |
| <b>Suffolk Total</b>                                                     |                                       |                   | <b>1549</b> | <b>12736.25</b> | <b>97.66</b>  | <b>1541</b> |
| <b>Long Island Total</b>                                                 |                                       |                   | <b>2343</b> | <b>23796.75</b> | <b>145.57</b> | <b>2459</b> |



**150 volunteers from the Church of God scan the Plumb Beach marsh shoreline for debris**



| <b>New York State Beach Cleanup Totals</b> | <b>People</b> | <b>Pounds</b> | <b>Miles</b> | <b>Bags</b> |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Land Total</b>                          | 5597          | 62,278.55     | 242.88       | 4590.5      |
| <b>Underwater Total</b>                    | 48            | 355           | 1.25         |             |
| <b>Combined Grand Total</b>                | 5645          | 62,633.55     | 244.13       | 4613.5      |



Bergen Beach Cleanup



Channel View School For Research at Beach 88 street park on Jamaica Bay.



# International Coastal Clean Up Day at Soundview Park

**Saturday, September 15, 2012**  
**9:30 am – 3:00 pm**

**Meeting place:**  
**Enter at Metcalf Ave & Seward Ave**

Join the **FRIENDS OF SOUNDVIEW PARK** and the **BRONX RIVER ALLIANCE** as we work to improve the health of the Long Island Sound and remove waterfront debris.

- Clean Up** along the shore line. All tools provided. Volunteers needed!
- Membership drive** by the Friends of Soundview Park
- Bike Loan-outs** for rides along the old and new Bronx River Greenway
- Outdoor classes** by REI on "how to pack a backpack", "how to tune-up a bike", and "essentials of hiking"
- Guided tour** of the Soundview salt marsh construction project
- Fishing demonstration** by I-FISH NY
- Lunch for volunteers will be available**



And don't miss the **National Award Ceremony** for the Bronx River to be held at 12:00 noon!

**Registration required:** <http://bxrivercoastalcleanup.eventbrite.com/>

**For information:** [info@bronxriver.org](mailto:info@bronxriver.org) | 718.430.4665

**Become a member of Friends of Soundview Park**

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## THE BRONX RIVER CLEAN UP – SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

Want to be part of a global day of cleaning up shorelines? Want to enjoy a fun day alongside America's newest National Water Trail? Want to hang out with your friends, canoe, bike, and learn to hike? Join The Futuro Media Group and Latino USA to spend the day celebrating New York City nature and the Bronx River!

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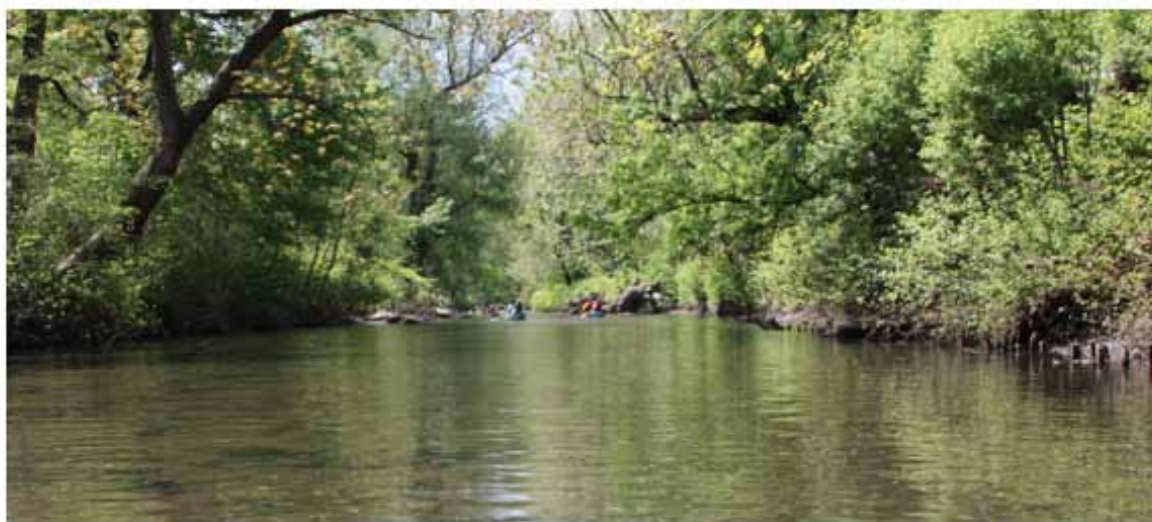


Photo: Nusha Balyan

Led by the Bronx River Alliance, Friends of Soundview Park, and Partnerships for Parks, the Soundview Park clean up is part of International Coastal Cleanup Day - a global day of environmental stewardship that is coordinated in New York by the American Littoral Society. The Coastal Clean Up in the Bronx removes debris along the waterfront where the Bronx River flows into the Long Island Sound

The Coastal Clean Up will be a fun day for the whole family. Besides improving the shoreline and water quality, the day's activities include canoeing, biking, fishing demonstrations by I Fish NY, outdoor classes by REI stores in Soho and Yonkers, and guided tours of the Soundview salt marsh wetlands area. Bikes and lunch are both provided and the event is free! Early birds can sign up to canoe into the park, leaving at 8:30 am (limited seats). The park is a little tricky to get to and shuttles from the subway will be provided. Registration required — limited to 100 volunteers: Event details:

- Date: 9/15/2012
- Event Location: Soundview Park
- Cost: Free
- Park clean up time: 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM EDT
- Canoe trip: 8:30 am (limited number of seats, registration and refundable deposit required)
- Partners: The Bronx River Alliance, Friends of Soundview Park, New York City Parks, REI, and The Futuro Media Group
- Registration and details: <http://bxrivercoastalcleanup.eventbrite.com/>
- Download event flyer: International Coastal Cleanup Day in Soundview Park
- View map

The Bronx River has been reclaimed and restored to being a living urban ecosystem, and regular canoe tours show off the nature in the river, from fish to beavers. As part of our special series on Latinos and the environment, "RadioNature," The Futuro Media Group took listeners on a journey down the Bronx River to learn about its restoration.

**What to Wear:** You will be cleaning up a natural area and could get wet and muddy! It is recommend to wear closed-toe sport sandals or old sneakers, lightweight pants or shorts of nylon or similar quick drying material (running pants, warm-ups, wind pants) and a light jacket or rain-jacket if the weather is questionable.

**What to Bring:** Sunglasses, a wide brim hat, sunscreen, bug repellent, bottle of water, and maybe a change of clothes.



# The Scuba Sports Club of Westchester County, New York



Events >> Hudson Park Beach Cleanup

## TSSC Annual International Coastal Cleanup Day

Sunday, September 23, 2012 10:00 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Hudson Park, New Rochelle, New York



Another successful TSSC Underwater Cleanup

### Free Boat Dives and Air Refills for Lobster Pot Recovery

The Scuba Sports Club, and Captain Mike's Diving Services will be celebrating International Beach Cleanup Day on September 23rd this year, at Hudson Park, in New Rochelle. We will be targeting debris from three fronts this year by performing cleanups:

- Along the shore at Hudson Park
- Underwater at Hudson Park's marina
- Lobster pot recovery boat dives

Divers performing the lobster pot recovery will be diving from Captain Joe Somers' Moontide dive boat. We'll be picked up right from the dock adjacent to the New Rochelle police dock in Hudson Park. Divers need to meet at 8:30 A.M. to prepare for the lobster pot dives, which are planned to begin at 10:00. This boat dive is free for TSSC members, and Captain Mike's crew. A credit for tanks used during the dives, will be issued to be redeemed at Captain Mike's. Any rental gear needed to perform the dives will be covered by TSSC.

### Hudson Park Beach Cleanup at 9:30 A.M.

Volunteers working on cleaning up Hudson Park, can perform an underwater cleanup using scuba gear, walk along the shore in the water wearing a wetsuit, or cleanup on either of the two beaches in the park. A credit will be issued to divers using scuba to remove debris underwater.

### How You Can Help

- Lobster pot recovery dives
- Underwater cleanup
- Walk the shoreline with wetsuit
- Clean the grounds in the park
- Picnic, BBQ and party





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## Whose Dump Is It Anyway?

Posted on 23 October 2010.

by Nicola Kean

Plastic bags, diapers, unwanted refrigerators, and burned-out car parts: these items are just a small sample of the trash being dumped in the undergrowth at Soundview Park.

More than 6,000 items weighing in at 3,000 pounds were picked up by volunteers at the park's Fall Festival last month as part of the International Coastal Cleanup, according to an analysis by the world-wide organizer, Washington D.C.-based Ocean Conservancy. Abandoned food wrappers and plastic bags were the main culprits, making up almost half of the trash collected by the 40 to 50 volunteers on September 25. One volunteer said she was not surprised by the amount of garbage. "This area used to be a city dump where people used to actually dump things, so it was accepted," said Lucy Aponte, a local artist and community advocate from the Friends of Soundview Park. "I think it's just something that continues from that."

Bordering the East River and overlooking Hunts Point, the 205-acre park was constructed on what was a city landfill until the 1960s, according to historical data on the City Park Department website. Debris from a burned-out car and random pieces of unidentified metal were among the

stranger items collected during the clean up, said Robin Kriesberg, ecology director at the Bronx River Alliance, an environmental organization. The trash suggested changing habits of people using the park, said Kriesberg. Fewer cigarette butts were picked up compared with the past two years the clean up had been done in the park, a reflection of the increasing cost of smoking, she said. There were also fewer plastic bottles than usual because of cash-back options, she said.

"To me it wasn't shocking, it was just a lot of little stuff that cumulatively definitely adds up," said Kriesberg. Most of the trash was picked up in the undergrowth and in the woods, away from the paths where park staff regularly cleaned up, she said. The Bronx River Alliance, in association with Partnerships for Parks, a joint City Parks Foundation and City Parks Department program, was asking for more trash cans in the area, she said. "I'm hoping that they can do some outreach and education, but again without the trash cans there — you've got to give people the chance to do the right thing. Make it easy," said Kriesberg.

Partnerships for Parks



Volunteers pick up trash from Soundview Park. Photo: US EPA

Soundview coordinator Carlos Martinez echoed the need for more education about litter — especially as developments under way in the park would mean greater traffic. Under Plan NYC, the park is due for an extensive makeover beginning next spring, including the development of a new playground, amphitheater and sports grounds.

"It's a common trend for Soundview Park, people using the park for dumping construction materials and all the unwanted stuff," Martinez said. "If you visit the park on Monday morning it's a real mess because people use the

park for picnicking and for drinking beer." All but one area of the park had acceptable levels of cleanliness in the most recent city inspections in March and June, according to the Parks Department website. Zone four, including the ball fields and lawns along Lafayette Avenue, were deemed to have an unacceptable level of cleanliness. A spokesperson for the Parks Department said the most active areas of the park were cleaned daily, with large zones cleaned three times a week on a rotating basis. "We add trash cans every year. We feel the current number is sufficient," she said.





## St. John the Baptist D.H.S. Alumni, Students and Parents Clean Up the Beach



Senator Owen H. Johnson welcomed St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School alumni, students and parents who joined together at Beach Cleanup 2012. The group participated in Senator Johnson's Beach Cleanup on September 15, 2012 at Robert Moses State Park, helping to clean up debris from the beach as part of the Annual Intercoastal Clean Up Day, coordinated in New York by the American Littoral Society.

## THANK YOU BEACH CLEANUP 2012 VOLUNTEERS! ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS!

Wednesday, September 19th, 2012

This year, Beach Cleanup 2012 was held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at Robert Moses State Park, Field #2 from 10:00 AM until Noon. Hundreds of volunteers combed the beaches and collected over 1200 pounds of debris! For the 26th year, Beach Cleanup 2012 was another big success!

"Thank you to everyone who came out for Beach Cleanup 2012," Senator Johnson said. "We had a wonderful response again this year. Our volunteers



New York Beach Cleanup Group Photograph

gathered over 1200 pounds of garbage from the beach and helped raise awareness about the harmful effects of littering and dumping on our shores." The data collected will be compiled by the American Littoral Society and sent to the Ocean conservancy in Washington, D.C., where it will be analyzed and compared with data from around the world. The information is used to develop national and international programs and policies to control debris so that our beaches will remain clean and safe. It is also used by the New York State Department of Environmental

Conservation to evaluate the effectiveness of existing laws and programs to prevent debris from washing up in the first place. The Long Island Beach Buggy Association and the Long Island State Park Region cosponsored the event. In addition, numerous conservation organizations, sportsmen's groups, and Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops from our area participated. This year at the Beach Cleanup, non-perishable food items were collected to donate to the local food pantries where supplies have been badly depleted.



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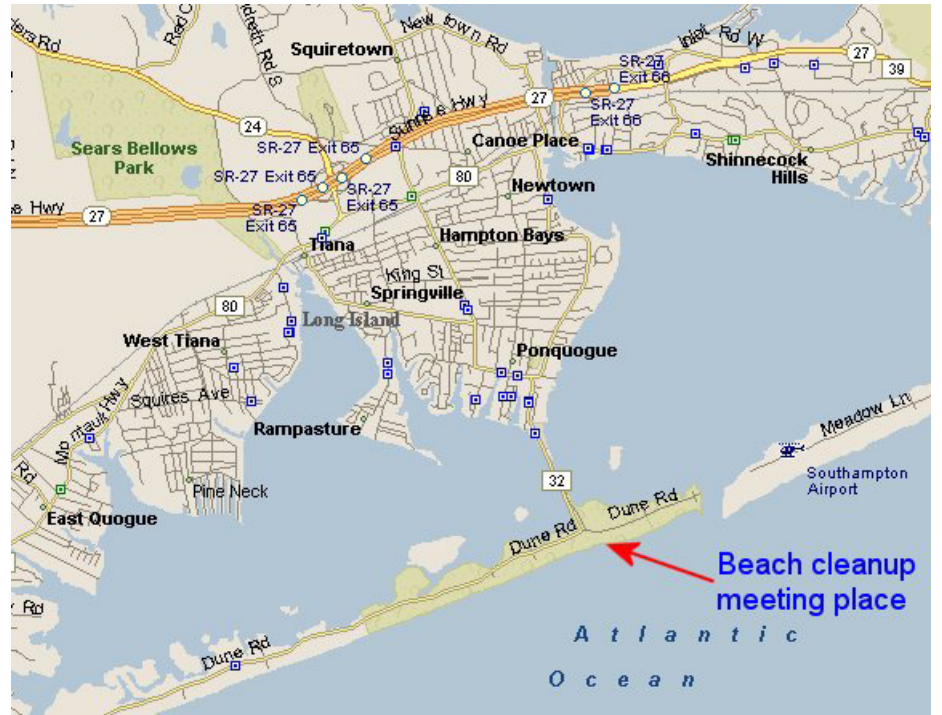
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International Beach Cleanup

## International Beach Cleanup 2012



*Join the Riverhead Foundation naturalist in our annual International Beach Cleanup Day!*

*When: September 24, 2012 at 11 AM (rain date September 25, 2012 at 11 AM)*

*Where: Ponquogue Beach Pavillion, Hampton Bays, NY*

*What to bring: comfortable clothing and shoes, water, **FAMILY AND FRIENDS!***

*If you are interested in participating please give us a call at 631.369.9840 to register as a Beach Cleanup Volunteer! For more*

*information about the International Beach Cleanup click [here](#).*

*International Beach Cleanup is a part of a much larger worldwide effort to keep our shores clean.*

*It is spearheaded and organized by Ocean Conservancy and, in the state of New York, coordinated by the American Littoral Society.*



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## Teen Honored For Decade Of Cleanups

### 17-year-old led efforts at Rogers Beach

BY ERIN MCKINLEY

Ten years ago, Brandon Brulé saw a commercial on the Discovery Channel about people cleaning local beaches to help keep the world's oceans trash-free.

"We should do this!" the then 7-year-old excitedly said to his mother, Marie Brulé, who agreed to sign the pair up for a beach cleanup in their hometown of Westhampton Beach.

Now 17, Brandon was recognized earlier this month by Natalie Grant, the New York State Beach cleanup coordinator for the American Littoral Society—a national nonprofit advocacy group dedicated to conserving the ocean—for his 10 years of service cleaning the East End's community beaches. The Littoral Society operates under the Ocean Conservancy, a not-for-profit dedicated to educating people about the importance of the ocean and the reasons for protecting it.

"Natalie visited to congratulate me and thank me for 10 years of service," Brandon said in an interview following her visit on September 15. "It was nice."

Brandon, who has lived in Westhampton Beach his entire life, said he started participating in the beach cleanups because they seemed like fun. As the years passed, however, he said he came to realize that he was helping keep local waterways clean. Four years ago, at the beginning of his freshman year at Westhampton Beach High School, Brandon volunteered as a beach captain—the main person in charge of a cleanup. He has been organizing and advertising similar events ever since.

According to Ms. Brulé, Brandon is a very shy, humble teenager, which is why he was so surprised when he realized that Ms. Grant was in Westhampton Beach two weeks ago to honor him. "He was flabbergasted," Ms.



The cleanup crew after picking up trash at Rogers Beach in Westhampton Beach. COURTESY OF BRANDON BRULÉ

Brulé said.

On the morning of a beach cleanup on September 15, during which almost 20 people helped remove debris from some four miles of beaches, Brandon said he noticed Ms. Grant, whom he had never met before, standing toward the back of the group of volunteers. Right before they headed to the beach to start picking up debris, an undertaking that took approximately four hours to complete, Ms. Grant made a short presentation to the group about Brandon.

"He is just the ideal beach captain in terms of all that he does," Ms. Grant said in a phone interview this week. "He is great—absolutely wonderful."

At the end of her presentation, Ms. Grant presented Brandon with a certificate on behalf of the Littoral Society and then stayed to help clean the beach. Ms. Grant said one of the things that impressed her most about Brandon was the amount of time he set aside to explain procedures and safety protocol to volunteers. She said he also took particularly good notes throughout the event.

"They were not only impressed that he started so long ago, but that he took the initiative as a 13-year-old to sign up and become a beach captain," Ms. Brulé said. "Taking on the responsibility to lead adults and older children—a lot goes into it."

This year will be Brandon's last year working on beach cleanups on Long Island—at least for the immediate future. In June, he will graduate from high



Brandon Brulé with his certificate from the American Littoral Society. ERIN MCKINLEY

school and move on to study marine biology at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Brandon, who was granted early admission into the university, was also offered a place in the honors and leadership program and awarded a dual admission, meaning that a place already has been reserved for him in the school's marine biology graduate program.

While there, he will focus on shark research; he plans to become a marine biologist. Over the summer, Brandon reached out to the university to share his plans to bring his beach cleanups to the Sunshine State. As soon as he settles in, he will work with the Ocean Conservancy to start the program.

For the past four years, Brandon has also served as an intern

*"I wasn't originally a heavy environmentalist," said Brandon. "But I did think that pollution is not that great. I want to keep the ocean that I care about and this is a really good way to help the ocean and the international movement."*

for the Long Island Aquarium and Exhibition Center in Riverhead. He has many jobs there, including feeding the aquarium's sharks.

"My mom always asks me, 'Why sharks?'" he said. "I say, 'Why not? They are misunderstood, hunted and dangerous.'"

It was at the aquarium that Brandon was able to focus on a research project in which he studied a variety of fish. He hopes to submit his findings to the national Intel Science Talent Search later this year.

Even though cleaning local beaches and serving as a captain have consumed a lot of his free time over the past decade, Brandon still found the time to join the Boy Scouts. He joined Troop 414, which is based out of Center Moriches and, just last week,

learned that he has earned the title of Eagle Scout, the highest honor awarded to a Boy Scout. He will be honored later this year during a special ceremony.

In order to earn Eagle Scout honors, Brandon had to complete a community service project and, to fulfill this requirement, he chose to create a child entertainment room at the Church of the Immaculate Conception on Quogue, his family's parish. He built new bookshelves and tables, created storage space, and raised money to buy chairs, stuffed animals and books for the parish's children.

For now, Brandon plans to enjoy his senior year of high school and is already making plans for one last beach cleanup in the spring.

## Kayaking and Beach Cleanup in Red Hook, Brooklyn



**WHEN:** September 15, 2012:  
 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM  
**WHERE:** Louis Valentino, Jr. Park and Pier, Red Hook, Brooklyn

Join Brooklyn Riverkeeper Action Group (BRAG), PortSide NewYork, and the Red Hook Boaters for a fun day outdoors on Saturday, September 15 from 12PM to 3PM at Valentino Park in Red Hook, Brooklyn in honor of International Coastal Cleanup Day. Come on out, roll up your sleeves and help us to beautify the park's beach. In addition to doing a good deed, the Red Hook Boaters will be taking volunteers out on the water in kayaks. Whether you are a beginner or have experience on the water, you are encouraged to come on out! Please RSVP to Dana Gulley at [dgulley@riverkeeper.org](mailto:dgulley@riverkeeper.org) if you plan on attending.



International Coastal Cleanup Day is an annual event organized by the American Littoral Society under the auspices of the Ocean Conservancy and is now in its 27th year. Through their social movement for trash free seas, over 8.5 million volunteers have collected 144 million pounds of trash over 300,000 miles of shoreline. If you cannot join us in Red Hook, you can find a cleanup near you or plan one in your own community: [www.littoralsociety.org](http://www.littoralsociety.org)





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## International Beach Clean Up, New Rochelle, NY. Divers & Beach Comers Welcome!

SUBMITTED BY DKURZ10928 ON JUL. 18/11

**Sunday, September 23, 2012 - 09:30**  
**HUDSON PARK**  
 1 Hudson Park Road  
 New Rochelle, NY 10801



LONG ISLAND CHANGE REGION

**Newsday** has 11 picks for Irish movies to watch on St. Patrick's Day.

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### Beach cleanup in Asharoken Saturday

Friday September 21, 2012 4:44 PM By Mackenzie Issler



Volunteers will gather Saturday at Asharoken's Village Hall to help clean up nine local beaches. The village is sponsoring the Northeast Chapter of the American Littoral Society's 27th annual coastal cleanup. Beach captains will be at Village Hall, 1 Asharoken Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Volunteers can arrive anytime within these hours and will be given data cards, pencils, and bags.

**Come volunteer to keep our beaches clean!**

## Cleanup the Garbage in Wading River

### Volunteers Needed to Clean Beach at Wildwood State Park

By Jessica Grunenberg

September 12, 2012

After picking up more than 40,000 pounds of garbage across Long Island's shores last year, volunteers are needed again this year to help clean up the beach at Wildwood State Park on Sept. 15 from 9 am to 4:30 pm for the 27th annual International Coastal Cleanup.

"We do what we can but it helps when people take pride in their beaches," Dave Zapasek, park supervisor of Wildwood State Park in Wading River, said in a phone interview. This cleanup is one of several, including West Meadow Beach in Stony Brook, taking place across the shores of Long Island in honor of the international effort. The cleanup at the beach at Sunken Meadow State Park is on Sept. 22.

Don Riepe, director of the Northeast Chapter of the American Littoral Society, said the International Coastal Cleanup started as an opportunity to clean the beaches while documenting the amount and types of trash found on the shores. He said his organization manages the data collected throughout New York and gives it to the

Ocean Conservancy, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization that works to protect water quality and wildlife. "It's important for our own health to have clean water and shore lines," Riepe said in a phone interview. He said the ALS provides Zapasek, the designated beach captain for the beach at Wildwood State Park, as well as any other location's beach captain, with supplies such as gloves, trash bags and scorecards, which allow volunteers to document the weight and types of debris they collect, as well as the number of miles of shoreline covered and the total number of volunteers. He said although the target date for the cleanups is Sept. 15, volunteers can do it within a month and still hand in their score cards for documentation. Riepe said in addition to ocean shorelines, garbage is found on the shores of lakes, rivers, streams and other bodies of water. He said Ocean Conservancy uses the information collected to advocate for new environmental protection policies that reduce litter, like putting deposits on all plastic bottles. Riepe



The beach at Wildwood State Park is one of several in need of volunteers for an annual beach cleanup scheduled for Sept. 15. Photo by Katherine Winkler



said one thing they have noticed from the data is that there are fewer bottles that have a deposit on the beach than bottles that do not. "So having a deposit does help keep the bottles off the beaches," he said.

Riepe said last year's Long Island cleanups had nearly 3,000 volunteers covering 140 miles of shoreline across Suffolk and Nassau counties. Zapasek said last year at Wildwood State Park, about 20 volunteers covered a mile and a half of beach. The group collected hundreds of pounds of trash,

including everything from food wrappers, plastic containers and building materials. Zapasek said people have to be more conscious of properly disposing of their trash. "If people monitored themselves it would help out quite a bit."

Anyone interested in volunteering should meet at the main parking lot of Wildwood State Park. The rain date is scheduled for Sunday. Zapasek said, "We appreciate any volunteers and look forward to seeing them."

# Getting Trash off of West Meadow Beach

By Jessica Grunenberg

Village Times Herald

September 12, 2012 | 07:05 PM

After picking up more than 40,000 pounds of garbage across Long Island's shores last year, volunteers are needed again this year to help clean up West Meadow Beach for the 27th annual International Coastal Cleanup.

Eileen Gerle, Brookhaven Town's ranger and environmental educator, is co-captain along with P.J. Gelinis Junior High School science teacher Peter Schuchman for the West Meadow Beach cleanup set for Saturday at 10 am. The cleanup at West Meadow Beach is one of a number taking place over the next few weeks across the shores of Long Island. "Trash is unsightly and it can



Brownie Jillian Calaci of East Setauket hard at work cleaning up West Meadow Beach last year. File photo

be a hazard to the marine animals," Gerle said in a phone interview. Don Riepe, director of the Northeast Chapter of the American Littoral Society, said the International Coastal Cleanup started as an opportunity to clean the beaches while documenting the amount and types of trash collected. He said his organization manages the data collected in New York State and gives it to the Ocean Conservancy, a national nonprofit headquartered in Washington, D.C. "It's important for our own health to have clean water and shore lines," Riepe said in a phone interview. He said the Littoral Society provides each designated beach captain with supplies such as gloves, trash bags and scorecards. Riepe said the scorecards allow volunteers to document the weight and types of debris they collect as well as the number of miles of shoreline covered and the total number of volunteers. He said there is no set day that the beach cleanup has to take place in order for the

information gathered to count. "Our target date is September 15, but people can do it within a month on either side of that date and still hand in the documentation," he said. Riepe said cleanup efforts are welcome at not only ocean shorelines, but lakefronts, river shorelines, streams or any body of water. "It's a huge international effort and it's fun to be part of that," Gerle said. Riepe said they use the information collected to advocate for new policies that reduce litter such as putting deposits on all plastic bottles. "When we clean a beach, there are much fewer of the bottles that have a deposit than the ones that didn't," he said. "So having a deposit does help keep the bottle off the beaches." Riepe said last year nearly 3,000 volunteers covered 140 miles of shoreline across Suffolk and Nassau counties. Gerle said last year at West Meadow Beach they had more than 200 people collect 1,039 pounds of garbage. She said volunteers collected everything

from plastic bottles to rope and cigarette butts. But the number one item collected last year was plastic bottle caps — more than 2,600 of them. Gerle said people should be more mindful of cleaning up after themselves. "If people took the extra few steps to put their garbage in an empty can then we wouldn't be having trash all over the place," she said. Anyone interested in volunteering should meet at the covered pavilion at West Meadow Beach on Saturday at 10 am. Gerle said she gives some volunteers clear bags and assigns them to collect material that can be recycled. Other volunteers get black bags for trash. In case of rain, the cleanup will be rescheduled for the next day. Gerle said regardless of how much trash is collected this year, it's important that the cleanup continue to be an annual event because floatable debris constantly ends up on the shore. "We have to keep up the cleanup," she said.



## The Estée Lauder Companies

The Estée Lauder Companies Inc., founded in 1946 by Mrs. Estée Lauder, is one of the world's leading manufacturers and marketers of quality skin care, makeup, fragrance and hair care products, which are sold in over 150 countries and territories. The Estée Lauder Companies Inc. also sustains numerous volunteer endeavors that exemplify their commitment to "be responsible citizens in every community we serve." In partnership with SCA, employees recently contributed their time and enthusiasm to conservation projects and the Annual Beach Cleanup at Liberty Island in NYC and the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge.



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Estée Lauder Companies will continue to contribute in community projects by partnering with the Ocean Conservancy and the American Littoral Society to help clean beaches during Earth Day and the Annual Coastal Cleanup.





# FISHERS ISLAND CONSERVANCY INC

## Beach Cleanup



Through the generosity of one island family, the Conservancy spearheads this program to keep the Island's beaches clean through the summer months.

A regular maintenance clean-up occurs annually. Plans for next year include a spring effort to remove from Isabella, Chocomount and South Beach the major items of debris, such as logs, pallets, and tires.

There are other efforts on the island focused on our beaches and coastlines. During the 2012 National Coastal Cleanup Day organized by the American Littoral Society, an intrepid group of almost 20 worked this September to continue to keep our beaches clean through the fall.

# SUNY FREDONIA

## Campus to participate in International Coastal Cleanup Sept. 17 on three beaches

Tuesday, September 06, 2012

On Saturday, Sept. 17, SUNY Fredonia's Academic Community Engagement (FACE) Center and EarthWorks, an environmental action group of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, will lead beach cleanups at Point Gratiot, Wright Park and Cedar Beach in Dunkirk. The beach sweeps are part of the Ocean Conservancy's 27th International Coastal Cleanup campaign—the world's largest volunteer effort of its kind. The beach cleanups will last from 12 to 2:30 p.m. All other volunteers should gather at the Wright Park parking lot or at the Point Gratiot parking lot at noon for a brief orientation. Gloves, garbage bags, and materials will be provided; volunteers

are encouraged to reuse plastic shopping bags for trash collection and to bring their own work gloves. Volunteers should also bring a reusable water bottle, sunscreen and appropriate footwear. At 1 p.m., volunteers will sort, weigh and catalog debris. Results from the cleanup will be reported to the American Littoral Society. Over the past 27 years, Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup has become the world's largest volunteer effort for ocean health. Nearly nine million volunteers from 152 countries and locations have cleaned 145 million pounds of trash from the shores of lakes, streams, rivers, and the ocean on just one day each year. They

have recorded every item found, giving us a clear picture of the manufactured items impacting the health of humans, wildlife, and economies. Last year in New York, 9,235 volunteers cleaned 397.5 miles of beach, documenting and cleaning almost 187,000 pounds of trash from the shores of state waterways. Worldwide, more than 615,000 ICC volunteers, from 114 countries, collectively removed more than 8 million pounds of trash—enough to cover 170 football fields. In addition to the three beach sweeps, Fredonia's Cub Scout Pack 267 will be leading a cleanup of a section of Canadaway Creek at 11 a.m. After arriving at the creek's entrance to Lake



Erie, the scouts will join other ICC participants to sort, weigh and catalog litter from the creek. Uniting the campus and community through environmental engagement, the beach and creek

cleanups are part of the university's Constitution Week activities. The event is sponsored by EarthWorks, Cub Scout Pack 267, the FACE Center and SUNY Fredonia's Sustainability Committee.



**Garvies Point  
Museum & Preserve**  
50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove, New York 11542  
(516) 571-8010/11

International Beach Clean up day at Garvies Point Museum & Preserve

Thank you to all those who participated in the International Coastal Cleanup effort!  
At Garvies Point Preserve we had a great turnout of about 115 volunteers that collected just over 200 pounds of debris!  
The most frequently found items were glass beverage bottles followed by food wrappers.  
All the information collected has been sent to the American Littoral Society.  
Remember to join us for next year's International Coastal Cleanup!

## HELP SAVE THE OCEANS RIGHT HERE ON L.I.

**27th Annual International Coastal Cleanup**  
(In conjunction with the American Littoral Society)

**WHERE:** Garvies Point Museum and Preserve  
50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove, NY 11542

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 22, 2012 10 am – 12 noon

Join thousands of volunteers just like you from Argentina to Vietnam who will be picking up trash from miles of beaches all over the world during the Cleanup.

Then we all send data about the trash we collect to scientists at the Ocean Conservancy to determine what is polluting our water so that

### WE CAN HELP STOP IT!

Can you come for an hour? 2 hours?  
Any amount of time you can give will help!



Wear old clothes, sneakers or boots (no sandals or flip-flops)  
Bring water, insect repellent, hat, sunscreen and work gloves, if you have them.

Meet in front of the museum at 50 Barry Drive, Glen Cove at 10 am.

When we finish everyone is invited to a very special LIVE Raptors program in the museum as guests of the North Shore Audubon Society!

Enjoy some juice and cookies too!



**NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MUSEUMS**  
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## Plumb Beach Volunteer Event

Authored by John Rowden on September 19, 2012

Volunteers help clean Plumb Beach

On September 15th, a group of volunteers joined New York City Audubon for a TogetherGreen sponsored beach clean up event. Volunteers traveled to Plumb Beach to help collect and document trash.

We wanted to share with a few photos from the day's successful activities.



Top left, The entire crew with the results of their efforts: tons of garbage off the beach!

Middle left, The Littoral Society and Ocean Conservancy's data sheet helped keep track of everything we found.

Above, Somebody's luggage got lost along the way!

Bottom left, This won't help traffic flow here on the beach.



Top left, The beach is cleaner and we know more about it thanks to our volunteers.  
Top right, Teams worked together to clean and categorize garbage.  
Above left, A clean beach is a joy for all and a place of beauty.  
Middle right, Mother and daughter working together to help their community.  
Bottom right, Which of these of these do not belong?



American Littoral Society  
Brooklyn School of Inquiry  
**EARTH DAY Marsh Restoration**



**Sunday, April 22 11 am – 2 pm**

BSI is partnering with the American Littoral Society to enhance and restore Jamaica Bay marshes and shorelines! Volunteers are needed! Students, Families, and Friends are welcome. Meet at the round house in Plum Beach, located between Exit 9 and Exit 11 on the east bound section of the Belt Parkway. Wear boots or old shoes and bring lunch. **Please RSVP to [giveback-rsvp@bsipto.org](mailto:giveback-rsvp@bsipto.org) with number of adults and children, by April 16, 2012.**

**For more information contact Alex Betser 917.499.6417 or Hemalee Patel 917.328.2810**  
**Interested in the details? Read the instructions here: <http://goo.gl/u9Y8M>**

Marsh Restoration, Coastal Cleanups and the Jamaica Bay Guardian programs are made possible by the following funders: Bloomberg LP, Chervenak-Nunnalle Foundation, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation  
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# Long Island South Shore Estuary Reserve Council

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## Stewards turn out for Fall Beach Cleanups

Volunteers follow a protocol devised by the Ocean Conservancy for the International Coastal Cleanup held each September since 1986. The cleanups are coordinated and debris collection data are compiled by the American Littoral Society. Included among many stewards of the SSER are members of general public, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the New York State Marine Education Association, Environmental Resource Management (ERM) Foundation, local boy and girl scout troops, and high school and college students.

**To find out more about beach cleanups contact: the American Littoral Society.**



Above, Volunteers keep records of all materials collected



Above, All materials which are collected are then weighed  
Right, A total of 661 pounds of marine debris was collected by over 75 Reserve stakeholders at Jones Beach on this day



# American Littoral Society

## **EARTH DAY Marsh Restoration**

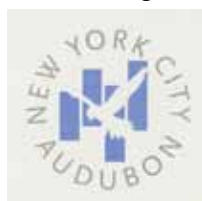
### **Sunday, April 22 11 am – 2 pm**



**Join our efforts with the World Mission Society Church Of God to enhance and restore Jamaica Bay marshes and shorelines! Meet at the entrance to Floyd Bennet Field at the southern end of Flatbush Avenue, just before the Marine Parkway Bridge. Wear boots or old shoes and bring lunch. For more information about Earth Day cleanups, contact the American Littoral Society at (718) 318-9344; email: [donriep@gmail.com](mailto:donriep@gmail.com)**

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## Asharoken Community 2012 Coastal Clean-Up

On Saturday, September 22, Asharoken hosted the 27th Annual Littoral Society Coastal Clean-Up. The committee of Cathy Zimmermann, Michele Tilleli, and Deb Masterson, reported that the weather was beautiful and the clean up was a big success.

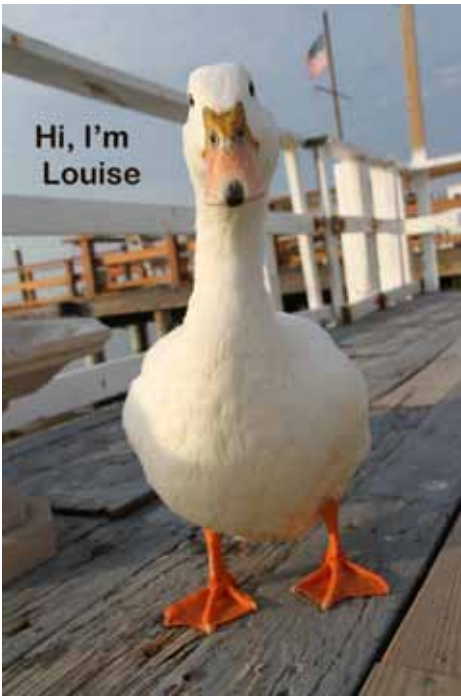
Two hundred and fifty-two wonderful, and dedicated volunteers began arriving by 9am, with the last trash bags being tossed into Big Blue at 5pm.

Smiling children, and adults alike, collected approx. 4,000 lbs of shoreline trash from 10 different locations. Deputy Mayor Pam Pierce and Asharoken residents, Tracy Aboff and Linda Letica, gave generously of their time in helping to distribute supplies, personalize community service certificates, hand out refreshments, and help with traffic control. A special thank you to Tracy Aboff for her beautiful educational displays and to our Deputy Mayor's brother Jaime, who assisted with weighing of trash and all aspects of the clean-up.

Mayor Letica was on hand to discuss, with the young participants, the importance of being good environmental stewards. Mayor Letica was pleased with the turnout and said that it is an event that brings pride to Asharoken.

A very special thank you to all of the wonderful people who care enough to come out and give of their time to make our shores cleaner. They are truly a great group of volunteers.





At the Littoral Society office, we have wildlife visitors each summer. They visit every day and demand food and fresh water, we are happy to oblige! Above, Egor a Great Egret and Louise, the Peking Duck with her boyfriends, Huey and Louie.



### 2012 Long Island Sound Survey Beach Cleanup Results

| County & Sites                                                           | Site Captains                                         | Shorelines                       | People     | Debris (lbs)  | Miles        | Bags        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Nassau (16)</b>                                                       |                                                       |                                  |            |               |              |             |
| Glen Cove: Garvies Point Preserve                                        | Veronica Natale                                       | Hempstead Harbor                 | 114        | 208           | 0.5          | 27          |
| Glen Cove: Prybil's Beach                                                | Joan Bessette, Damion Stavredes                       | Long Island Sound                | 21         | 724           | 2            | 12          |
| Glenwood Landing: Tappen Beach                                           | Barbara Karyo                                         | Hempstead Harbor                 | 18         | 36            | 0.25         | 9           |
| Kings Point: Manhasset Bay @ East Shore Road                             | Valerie Molinaro                                      | Manhasset Bay                    | 2          | 15            | 0.33         | 10          |
| Sea Cliff: Sea Cliff Beach                                               | Barbara Segal                                         | Hempstead Harbor                 | 10         | 21.5          | 0.125        | 5           |
| West Hempstead: Hempstead Lake State Park                                | Anthony Wigfall, William Brown                        | North West Pond                  | 110        | 4400          | 1            | 400         |
| <b>Nassau Total</b>                                                      |                                                       |                                  | <b>275</b> | <b>5404.5</b> | <b>4.205</b> | <b>463</b>  |
| <b>Suffolk (58)</b>                                                      |                                                       |                                  |            |               |              |             |
| Asharoken: Long Island Sound - LIPA                                      | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli | Long Island Sound                | 25         | 397           | 2            | 100         |
| Asharoken: Asharoken Nature Preserve                                     | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli | Long Island Sound                | 13         | 207           | 3            | 32          |
| Brookhaven: Belleview Beach (aka Webby's Beach)                          | Guy D'Angelo                                          | Moriches Bay                     | 1          | 10            | 0.1          | 1           |
| Eatons Neck: Eatons Neck Coast Guard                                     | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli | Long Island Sound                | 62         | 985           | 4.5          | 248         |
| Eatons Neck: Sand City                                                   | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli | Northport Bay                    | 24         | 380           | 2.5          | 82          |
| Huntington: Caumsett State Historic Park                                 | Bill Monahan                                          | Caumsett State Park              | 16         | 450           | 0.75         | 12          |
| Huntington: Target Rock National Wildlife Refuge                         | Todd Weston, Stella Miller, Rachel Frankel            | Huntington Bay                   | 40         | 500           | 1            | 25          |
| Kings Park/Smithtown: Sunken Meadow State Park                           | Howard Wall, Carolyn Flynn                            | Long Island Sound                | 194        | 474           | 4.75         | 58          |
| Kings Park: Kings Park Bluff                                             | Pamela Schmidt                                        | Long Island Sound                | 75         | 1038          | 2            | 100         |
| Mattituck: Bailie Beach, Bailie Beach Road                               | Irene Bradley                                         | LI Sound                         | 30         | 100           | 2            | 10          |
| Northport/Asharoken: Asharoken Beach                                     | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli | Northport Bay                    | 59         | 935           | 3            | 184         |
| Northport: Crab Meadow Beach                                             | Catherine Zimmermann, Deb Masterson & Michele Tilleli | Long Island Sound                | 11         | 174           | 2            | 34          |
| Northport: Hobart Beach                                                  | Catherine Zimmermann                                  | Northport Bay                    | 13         | 205           | 0.5          | 42          |
| Northport: Scudder Beach                                                 | Catherine Zimmermann                                  | Northport Harbor                 | 13         | 224           | 1.5          | 40          |
| Northport: Steers Beach                                                  | Catherine Zimmermann                                  | Northport Bay                    | 26         | 413           | 1            | 82          |
| Northport: The Sluice                                                    | Catherine Zimmermann                                  | Northport Bay                    | 6          | 109           | 0.25         | 20          |
| Orient: Orient Beach State Park                                          | Susanne Wuehler                                       | Gardiner's Bay and Hallock's Bay | 4          | 40            | 5            | 7           |
| Orient: Orient Beach State Park                                          | Ruth Eilenberg, Ruth November                         | Southold Bay                     | 8          | 120           | 7            | 0           |
| Patchogue: Heron Point Beach                                             | Richard Berlin                                        | Long Island Sound                | 11         | 250           | 0.5          | 8           |
| Riverhead: Reeves Beach                                                  | Amy Runnalls, Denise Zaleski and Laurie Ann Pollak    | North Shore                      | 31         | 60            | 1            | 40          |
| Riverhead: Woodcliff Park Beach @ End of Oakleigh Ave                    | Dolores Hofman, Ed Hofman                             | Long Island Sound                | 18         | 250           | 1            | 15          |
| Smithtown: Smithtown Short Beach                                         | Terri Perino                                          | LI Sound                         | 18         | 40            | 2.5          | 10          |
| Southold: The Pond at Inlet Pond County Park (UW)                        | Stephen Grzesik, Tyler Blangiardo                     | Long Island Sound                |            |               |              |             |
| Stony Brook: West Meadow Beach                                           | Eileen Gerle, Peter Schuchman                         | LIS                              | 204        | 403           | 1            | 58          |
| Wading River/Town of Riverhead: Hulse Landing Beach to Lewin Hills Beach | Susan Ritchie-Ahrens                                  | LI Sound                         | 10         | 25            | 0.6          | 4           |
| Wading River: Wildwood State Park                                        | David Zapasek                                         | Long Island Sound                | 15         | 337           | 1.5          | 12          |
| Wading River: Wildwood State Park                                        | Romeo Cumento, Belen Gonzales Cunanan                 | Long Island Sound                | 6          | 100           | 1            | 3           |
| <b>Suffolk Total</b>                                                     |                                                       |                                  | <b>933</b> | <b>8226</b>   | <b>51.95</b> | <b>1227</b> |
| <b>Westchester (8)</b>                                                   |                                                       |                                  |            |               |              |             |
| Larchmont: Hommocks Conservation Area                                    | David Lehman                                          | Long Island Sound                | 13         | 133           | 0.5          | 10          |

|                                              |                                   |                   |             |                  |               |             |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Larchmont: Larchmont Resivoir                | Janet Beal                        | Goodliffe Pond    | 27          | 102              | 1.5           | 18          |
| Larchmont: Manor Park                        | Margo Hotston                     | Long Island Sound | 25          | 200              | 0.2           | 8           |
| New Rochelle: Five Islands                   | Faith Kostel-Hughes               | Long Island Sound | 12          | 17               | 0.2           | 10          |
| New Rochelle: Hudson Beach Park New Rochelle | Roxanne Neilson                   | Beach             | 18          | 20               | 0.25          | 4           |
| Rye: Edith G Read Wildlife Sanctuary         | Michael Gambino                   | Long Island Sound | 117         | 475              | 0.25          | 38          |
| Rye: Hen Island                              | David Spader                      | Milton Harbor     | 19          | 350              | 0.5           | 12          |
| Rye: Marshlands Conservancy                  | Scott A Williamson, Chris Mignone | Milton Harbour    | 17          | 167              | 3             | 12          |
| <b>Westchester Total</b>                     |                                   |                   | <b>248</b>  | <b>1,464.00</b>  | <b>6.4</b>    | <b>112</b>  |
| <b>Long Island Total</b>                     |                                   |                   | <b>1456</b> | <b>15,094.50</b> | <b>62.555</b> | <b>1802</b> |