Litter is harmful to animals that mistake it for food, and/or become entangled; it also negatively affects tourism and the coastal economy. In response, for over 30 years, thousands of dedicated volunteers — the tall and small — gather in the Spring and in the Fall for Beach Sweeps. As a result, beaches and waterways are safer for wildlife and people.

The goal of Clean Ocean Action’s (COA) Beach Sweeps is to reduce and eliminate sources of litter by engaging people in volunteer efforts to clean beaches in New Jersey. During the bi-annual event, volunteers pick up and remove debris, and record and calculate data about the debris. The data collected provides a legacy of information that can be used to identify sources of pollution, monitor trends, and discover and promote solutions.

This year results of Clean Ocean Action’s 32nd Annual Beach Sweeps are 7,416 volunteers removed 373,686 pieces of debris from over 60 sites in 53 municipalities and parks along the Atlantic Ocean coast, bayshores, inland rivers, lakes, and streams. Since 1985, over 6,288,576 items have been removed by 123,242 volunteers!

As in recent years, the most frequently collected items were plastic. A record 84.46% of the items collected were plastic or foam plastic.

The “Dirty Dozen” resembles previous years, with persistent and harmful plastic dominating the top twelve list. Eight of the Dirty Dozen are single use, disposable plastic items, accounting for 66% of the total items collected. This demonstrates their prevalence and our growing disposable society. The total amount of Dirty Dozen is 74% of all trash removed, a record amount.

The “Roster of the Ridiculous” continues to illustrate that one can find just about everything on the beaches.

The greatest success of the Beach Sweeps are the take-home lessons: citizens taking responsibility for the environment, making a difference, teamwork, unity, and commitment. The Beach Sweeps are a day of service in the Spring and Fall that provide a lifetime of data to help make a difference for the ocean.

What’s Inside:
- Ocean Wavemakers: Beach Captains, Scouts, Groups, Schools, Civic Groups
- 2017 Results, Dirty Dozen
- Roster of the Ridiculous
- Watershed Mindfulness
- 2017 Flotsam And Jetsam — The Story in the Numbers
- Balloons Are Dangerous to Marine Life

Since 1985, volunteers have donated 739,452 hours of Beach Sweeping!
The success of the Beach Sweeps is rooted in the Ocean Wavemakers who contribute time, effort, resources, donations, and funds.


SCOUT GROUPS (56):

BOY: # 1, 17, 18, 21, 40, 47, 53, 58, 72, 76, 92, 126, 219, 223, 241, 343, 364, 442, 555, 749, 60343, 60832
Cub: # 21, 85, 101, 141, 152, 158, 242, 358


SWEEPS SNAPSHOTs

Cape May Fall Beach Sweep

Volunteers with a buoy at Ideal Beach Spring Sweep

Sea Bright Fall Beach Sweep

Volunteer at Fall Maple Cove Sweep with large foam plastic piece

Tinton Falls School at Avon-by-the-Sea Fall Beach Sweep

Comcast Cares at the Long Branch Beach Sweep
ORGANIZATIONS (57): 4H Teen Council, ALP, Asbury Park Rotary, Bayshore Regional Watershed Council, Clean Water Association,
Cliffwood Beach Neighborhood Watch, Coastal Jersey Parrot Head Club, East Brunswick Youth Council, Edison Metro Leos/Lions Club, Excelsior Medical (Neptune), Garden Club of LBI, Girls Friendly Society, Good Turn Daily Facebook Group, Hamlette the Mini Pig, Ideal Beach Community Association, Indivisible Bayshore, Infuse Environmental, Jack & Jill of America Essex Hudson Chapter, Jersey Cares, Jersey Shore Parrot Head Club, Monmouth County Realtors, Environmental Science Jump Start Academy, NJ Sea Grant Consortium, NJ Windsurfing and Watersports Association, No DAPL Water Protectors, OCC Asian Culture Club, Ocean City Beach Buggy Association, Ocean County 4H Noah’s Ark Pet Pals, Ocean Mental Health, Ocean Wreck Divers, Phlock of South Jersey, Project Green, Reclaim the Bay, Red Bank Humanists, Red Bank Rotary, Regular Republican Club of Lavallette, Rotaract Club of Greater Long Branch, S.E.A.S, Save Barnegat Bay, Script & Cue, Sea Shepherds, Shrewsbury Power Squadron, Sierra Club, South Amboy YMCA, South Jersey Coastal Fly Anglers, Squigley Boys Class of ’89 and ’92, Stone Harbor Property Owners Association, Surfrider Beach Club, Surfrider Foundation South Jersey Chapter, Team Emma for NJ Senate, The Hub Kings, Tiger Bomb, UNFI, UNICEF, Wayside Tech Group

FAITH-BASED GROUPS (13): Faith Community Church, Holy Cross Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Immaculate Conception Church, Lincroft Presbyterian Church, Our Lady of the Mount Church, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sacred Heart, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, St. Denis Church, St. Mary’s Church, St. Michael’s Youth Group, Trinity Presbyterian Church East Brunswick

PRE/ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOLS (48): Antrim Elementary; Assumption Regional Catholic; Atlantic Highlands Elementary; Beers Street Elementary; Ben Franklin Elementary; Bradley Beach Elementary School Environmental Club; Brielle Elementary; Central Regional Middle; Colts Neck Elementary; Deane Porter Elementary; Fairview; Forrestdale School: Environmental Club; GAMP; Goetz Middle School Builders Club; Green Brook Middle School; Global Scholars Greater Brunswick Charter School; Hazlet Middle Road; Henry Hudson; Highlands Elementary; Holy Cross School Rumson; Holy Innocents School; Howell Middle; Jordan Road School Science Club; JumpStart Academy; Lavallette Elementary; Little Silver Point Road; Manchester Middle; Manasquan Elementary School Environmental Club; Matawan Aberdeen Middle; Newark Academy; Oak Knoll Elementary; Oakwood; Ocean Avenue Elementary; Park Middle; Princeton Day School; Ravine Drive Elementary; Red Bank Charter; Rumson Country Day; South Amboy Middle School Junior Honor Society; St. Clements, St. Joseph’s; Terrill Middle; The Rose Garden; Thorne Middle; Tinton Falls Middle; Union Beach Memorial; Warren E Sooy Elementary; Wildwood Middle School ROOTS; Winston School of Short Hills; Wolf Hill Elementary

HIGH SCHOOLS (60): Absegami; Allentown: FFA, Leo Club Biotechnology; Bound Brook; Brick Memorial: Key Club; Central Regional High School Ocean Club; Colts Neck High School: Environmental Club, ROTC; De Paul Catholic; East Brunswick High School SAVE Club; Edison; Freehold Biotech; Freehold High School: 4H Club; Freehold Township: Octagon Club; Governor Livingston; High Tech; Hightstown; Holmdel; Hopatcong; Howell: Wrestling Team; Jackson Liberty: Interact Club; Long Branch: ROTC; Lower Cape May Regional; Madison; Manalapan: Environmental Club, SAVE Club; Manasquan High School Environmental Club; Marlboro Memorial; MAST; Matawan Regional: Environmental Club, National Honor Society; MATE5; Middletown South; Monmouth Regional High School Environmental Club; Monsignor Donovan Catholic; Neptune High School; Ocean City High School Key Club; Ocean Township; Old Bridge: German American Exchange; Paramus Catholic; Pennsburg; Pennsung High School Environmental Club; Point Pleasant Beach; Point Pleasant Borough; Rancocas Valley High School Environmental Club; Raritan High School Environmental Club; Red Bank Regional: Environmental Club; Red Bank Township; Roselle Park; Rumson Fair Haven: Surf Team; Rutgers Prep; Saint Rose; Shore Regional; Sayreville War Memorial High School Environmental Club; Somerset County Vo Tech; South Amboy; Spotswood High School Environmental Club; St. Rose; Toms River East; Toms River North; Trenton; Watchung Hills Regional; West Caldwell Tech; Whitehall Twp; Wildwood Catholic; Beijing Haidian International School; Verona High School Marine Biology Club; Wildwood High School ROOTS

COLLEGES (20): Beta Beta Beta National Honors Society; Brookdale Community College: Biology Club, Environmental Club, Women’s Volleyball; Centenary University; College of NJ Alpha Phi Omega; Fairleigh Dickinson University; Georgian Court University; Kean University: Beta Beta Beta, Environmental Club, Field Hockey Team; Kutztown University Marine Science Club; Middlesex County College: Earth Science Club; Monmouth University: Women’s Lacrosse; Montclair State University; Ocean County College; Princeton; Raritan Valley Community College; Rowan University; Rutgers University: Alpha Phi Omega, Engineering Governing Council, Phi Chi Theta, Students for Environmental Awareness; Seton Hall University; Stevens Institute of Technology: Alpha Phi Omega, Chi Phi, Kappa Sigma, SAVE Club, Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers; Stockton University: Marine Science Club; Mu Sigma Upsilon; University of Pennsylvania; William Paterson University Lambda Tau Omega


SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS (1): Dylan Nifansset Bar Mitzvah Project

Note: Ocean Wavemakers are taken from completed data cards. Please let us know if we have inadvertently omitted your group.
NOTES FOR USING BEACH SWEEPS DATA: The Annual Beach Sweeps Report can be used to study and understand marine debris. When analyzing annually or over time for trends, it is important to note that the amount of debris collected depends on a variety of factors, such as weather, tides, participants, and accuracy.

LOCAL DATA, GLOBAL NETWORK: Every October, COA submits the Fall Beach Sweeps data to Ocean Conservancy in Washington D.C., to be included in their International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Report.

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<td>Store/Shopping Bags</td>
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<td>3,266</td>
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<td>Trash Bags</td>
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<td>Beverages/Soda Bottles</td>
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<td>Bleach/Cleaner Bottles</td>
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<td>Buckets/Canisters/Bins</td>
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<td>Cap/Lids</td>
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<td>Cup/Rings</td>
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<td>Cigarette Filters</td>
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<td>Bait Bags/Containers</td>
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<td>198</td>
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<td>Line</td>
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<td>453</td>
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<td>Fishing Nets - Small</td>
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<td>74</td>
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<td>Forks, Knives, Spoons</td>
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<td>1,581</td>
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<td>156</td>
<td>265</td>
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<td>24,727</td>
<td>56,201</td>
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<td>Pens</td>
<td>881</td>
<td>514</td>
<td>1,395</td>
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<td>Ribbon/Tape (no balloons)</td>
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<td>1,040</td>
<td>2,307</td>
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<td>Rope</td>
<td>1,029</td>
<td>529</td>
<td>1,558</td>
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<td>6-Pack Holders</td>
<td>173</td>
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<td>273</td>
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<td>Sheeting Tarps</td>
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<td>Shotgun Shells</td>
<td>528</td>
<td>352</td>
<td>880</td>
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<td>Strapping Bands</td>
<td>570</td>
<td>326</td>
<td>896</td>
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<td>Straws/Stirrers</td>
<td>12,962</td>
<td>18,205</td>
<td>31,167</td>
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<td>Syringes</td>
<td>228</td>
<td>167</td>
<td>395</td>
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<td>Tampon Applicators</td>
<td>2,528</td>
<td>1,552</td>
<td>4,080</td>
<td>1.09%</td>
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<td>Toys</td>
<td>847</td>
<td>1,002</td>
<td>1,849</td>
<td>0.49%</td>
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<td>Vegetable Sacks</td>
<td>78</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>142</td>
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<td>Other Plastics</td>
<td>2,294</td>
<td>2,046</td>
<td>4,340</td>
<td>1.18%</td>
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### 2017 Beach Sweeps

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<th>Fall</th>
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<td>Total Items Collected</td>
<td>204,943</td>
<td>168,743</td>
<td>373,686</td>
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<td>Number of Volunteers</td>
<td>3,770</td>
<td>3,646</td>
<td>7,416</td>
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PERCENT BREAKDOWN BY CATEGORY/DEBRIS TYPE

Doctor’s Orders: blood vials, dentures, knee brace, medical marijuana container, Pepto Bismol, pill bottles, surgical mask, Visine

All Dressed Up: acrylic nail, bag of costume jewelry, belly ring, fake mustache, mascara brush, mermaid purse, nail clippers, perfume sample, shampoo pump

Fun in the Sun: 8 of spades card, Barbie shoe, baseball, baseball bat, boomerang, bubble blower, hula hoop, kayak seat, LEGO, Nerf dart, shuttlecock, tennis racket

Handy and Sandy: ant trap, insulation, lawn mower, mouse trap, paint brush, phone adapter, saw blade, strobe light, Swiffer sweeper, tape measure, two fire extinguishers

What’s Cooking: cheese grater, full milk jug, jar of honey, Keurig coffee maker, measuring cup, oregano jar, pizza box, raw chicken, spatula handle, zucchini

Stranger Things: birdcage, Chinese newspaper, clown nose, hula girl doll, human tooth in a box, inflatable mattress, plastic Vishnu statue, rubber donut, scarecrow, tarot card

*Note: items are identified by volunteers
Since 1985 Cumulative Numbers:
♦ 6,288,576 pieces of trash removed
♦ 123,242 volunteers donated 739,452 hours

2017 Debris Record Highlights:
♦ For the first time, 84.45% was plastic including foam
♦ Dirty Dozen accounts for over 74% of all debris
♦ Total Balloons (Mylar and Rubber) were the highest in 7 years and nearly a record at 4,139

Dirty Dozen Highlights:
♦ 66% are single use plastic items
♦ 28% are just Plastic and Foam Pieces

Comparative numbers: 2017 data results to 2015
Note: Rain events in 2016 kept turn-out low and data cards too wet to track data

Substantial increases (greater than 20%):

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<td>*Plastic Pieces</td>
<td>+31.33%</td>
<td>56,201</td>
<td>42,793</td>
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<td>*Plastic Caps and Lids</td>
<td>+47.80%</td>
<td>50,881</td>
<td>34,426</td>
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<td>*Plastic Straws/Stirrers</td>
<td>+58.75%</td>
<td>31,167</td>
<td>19,633</td>
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<td>*Foam Pieces</td>
<td>+64.45%</td>
<td>21,117</td>
<td>12,841</td>
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Indicators of raw sewage:

| Plastic Tampon Applicators    | +18.88%       | 4,080      | 3,432      |
| Condoms                       | +14.97%       | 361        | 314        |

Substantial decreases (greater than 20%):

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<td>Diapers</td>
<td>-42.53%</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>261</td>
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<td>Lumber pieces</td>
<td>-36.89%</td>
<td>5,949</td>
<td>9,426</td>
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<td>Foam building materials</td>
<td>-53.27%</td>
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<td>1,742</td>
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<td>Other foam plastic</td>
<td>-63.65%</td>
<td>1,602</td>
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<td>Glass beverage bottles</td>
<td>-22.29%</td>
<td>3,849</td>
<td>4,953</td>
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Seasonal Changes Between Spring and Fall Data:
♦ Overall more trash is collected in spring than fall – due in part to more volunteers
♦ Number of foam cups are approximately 2.5 times higher in spring than fall
♦ Number of Straws/Stirrer are 29% higher in fall than spring – reflecting high summer use

Balloons Are Dangerous to Marine Life
What goes up must come down. In that way, balloons released into the environment are delayed littering. Whether released by accident or on purpose, balloons will fall onto the land or into the sea. In the ocean they can cause harm to marine life like sea turtles who mistake them for food such as jellyfish. They can also be inadvertently eaten by big-gulp eaters, such as whales. Digestive systems of marine life are not able to process rubber or plastic and it causes painful, harmful, and even lethal impacts. The strings also cause harm or death by entanglement which results in strangulation or impairment of their ability to fly, swim, or escape predators.

The cumulative total of balloons collected during Beach Sweeps is 69,688. Disturbingly, despite recent efforts to ban balloon releases and public education, balloons in 2017 increased sharply to 4,139. It’s nearly tied with the highest number ever recorded, which was 4,159 seven years ago in 2011.

Some people release balloons in honor of a special occasion or in memory of loved ones. COA works to educate people about the harm that balloons can cause and urges a different choice. There are many other harmless and beautiful ways to celebrate and honor loved ones. For example, release butterflies; plant native trees, flowering shrubs, or a flower garden; donate a bee hive or milking cow to support a subsistence family; or perform other actions of sustainability and kindness.

The best choice: skip the balloon and create a lasting lega-sea.
SOURCES OF LITTER: NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION?
Precipitation that falls and travels over surfaces, called stormwater, picks up and moves pollution as it flows into the nearest storm drain which empties into a nearby waterway and, ultimately, into the ocean. This precipitation-pollution mix, or nonpoint source pollution, contains litter, fertilizers, pesticides, soil, oil and grease, bacteria, human and animal waste, and other pollutants. Nonpoint source pollution can be harmful and negatively affects the beauty and health of waterways for both people and wildlife.

How Can I Be Watershed Mindful?
Watershed mindfulness is an understanding that we are all (the small and the tall) connected to and responsible for the health of our vast network of waterways that ultimately leads to the ocean. It is this awareness that binds us to the health of our ecosystem.

Citizens can be watershed mindful by knowing their water address, a new concept from COA where everyone knows specifically how water travels from their rooftops and streets to the ocean. Knowing the watershed and reducing sources of pollution to it are vital to quality of life. Importantly, people can help prevent pollution by stopping nonpoint sources, especially polluted runoff.

One way to avoid harmful impacts to waterways is to avoid the use of single-use plastics which often end up as litter, such as straws. In just 2017 at the Beach Sweeps, volunteers picked up 31,167 straws. Let’s work together to get this number lower by taking the pledge to skip the straw. COA is working with EPA’s initiative, Trash Free Waters (TFW), to reduce marine debris. Members of COA staff are leading the microplastics and straws working groups. For information contact outreach@cleanoceanaction.org.

About the Beach Sweeps
In 1985, Clean Ocean Action gathered 75 volunteers at Sandy Hook for the first Beach Sweeps, with plans to rid the beaches of unsightly and harmful debris.

Thirty-two years later, the Beach Sweeps program has expanded into locations along NJ’s coastline, as well as to inland rivers, lakes, bayshores, and streams. Each year, thousands of citizens participate, representing diverse groups and businesses. The program illustrates the power of citizen action.

The Beach Sweeps are held in the Spring and Fall, when the beaches are not being cleaned by local municipalities, resulting in a true snapshot of pollution. The goal is to have naturally clean beaches where “clean-ups” are history. One of the most unique aspects is that every Beach Sweeper becomes a “citizen scientist” as they record each piece of debris collected on our Beach Sweeps data cards. The data collection and related research help us: discover solutions to keep beaches clean and healthy; create federal, state, and local programs to reduce litter; and protect the public and the environment.

How One Person can Make a Difference:
Tom Stein read Sea Change by Joel Harper, to his young daughter and had an idea. The book is a charming story of a child who chose to make a difference by leading her community in a campaign to remove litter making beaches cleaner for marine life and people. Inspired, Stein partnered with COA and created “Be the Sea Change”, an education program for local schools to encourage even more children to get involved. To find out more, please contact Clean Ocean Action.
**2017 STATEWIDE SPONSORS**

Atlantic Bagel, Bloomberg LP, Gateway National Recreation Area Sandy Hook Unit, Island Beach State Park, Marine Academy of Science & Technology, Middlesex County Parks System, Monmouth County Parks System, NJ Clean Communities Council, Ocean Conservancy, Rotary Club Interact, and Water Witch Coffee

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**CORPORATE IMPACT**

The Beach Sweeps is made possible thanks to the generous support from sponsors. The funds donated go directly back to the statewide event and help to create new sites, provide outreach to increased numbers of volunteers, and educate local communities on pollution. The following are testimonies from our Statewide partners.

“Through partnerships with organizations like Clean Ocean Action, we’re helping improve our environment,” said Bob Doherty, New Jersey, Bank of America. “In addition to the company’s financial support over the years, our employees are always excited to volunteer at Beach Sweeps to help clean up our beaches and waterways and protect wildlife.”

“Wakefern Food Corp/ShopRite is pleased with our 15+ year partnership with Clean Ocean Action (COA). As an environmentally and community oriented business, ShopRite respects when an organization can bring about effective change by involving more and more community member volunteers each year,” stated Suzanne Forbes, Corporate Communications, Environmental Affairs Administrator, Wakefern Food Corporation.

COA is most appreciative of the support provided by the Beach Sweeps sponsors and in-kind donors. If you would like to make an even larger difference through providing important resources, please contact us!

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**CORPORATE BEACH SWEEPS**

Want to make a difference with your corporation this summer? Clean Ocean Action’s Corporate Beach Sweep program invites corporate partners of all sizes to enjoy a day at the beach while fostering growth and teamwork among staff members. Through hands-on beach cleanups and team building activities, employees will see the impact they are making to improve the marine environment which ultimately affects public health, quality of life, and the economy. In 2017, 445 volunteers from 14 corporations removed a remarkable 33,161 pieces of debris! Applications are available at CleanOceanAction.org.