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SWIM Adopt a Beach Reports: September – November 2014

Bass Point:

Sept 27: Diana Brandi

Welcome to our Adopt a Beach program Diana!

Total of 2 full garbage bags including: 1 paper bag, 8 plastic bags, 1 balloon, 30 plastic bottles, 1 glass bottle, 12 caps/lids, 2 gloves, 13 food related items, 1 six pack holder, 1 beachball, 1 battery lid, 1 lobster trap, 3 bait bags, 1 oil/lube bottle, 2 strapping bands, 1 fishing lure, assorted Styrofoam pieces, 15 yds fishing line, 15 yds rope, 1 funnel, 12 pieces wood, piece of rusted iron.

Bathing Beach: behind Marine Science Center

Sept 27: Bob & Debby Vanderslice

Removed a lot of trash from this beach: 2 large bags of trash including 3 lobster buoys, ropes, 2 floats and lobster trap grates. Lots of small stuff including balloons and a diaper. Ocean was clear and seagrass looked vibrant.

Canoe Beach:

Sept 13 ML & Alice Cort, Katy Dolhun

3 plastic bags, 4 balloons, 10 plastic bottles, 2 glass bottles, 3 cans, 14 caps/lids, 2 clothing, 36 food related items, 1 6pack holder, 4 shotgun shells, 17 straws, 1 toy, 11 lobster trap pieces, 4 bait bags, 12 strapping bands, 11 filament fishing line, 40 pieces rope, 32 cigarettes, 2 lighters, 2 cigar tips, 2 cigar wrapper, 1 NH sewer disk, 2 pieces wood, 1 tampon applicator

November 8: Vi & Mark Patek, Katy Dolhun

1 paper bag, 2 balloons, 25 bottles, 45 cans (many crunched up and broken in half), 90 caps/lids, 26 food related items, 4 shotgun shells, 60 straws, 6 golf balls, 1 toy, 45 pieces lobster traps, 6 bait bags, 1 big fuel container (5 gallons), 6 pieces wood., 6 filament fishing line, 45 pieces rope, 22 little green matting pieces, 1 lighter, 1 cigar, 3 wrappers, 2 NH sewer disks, lots of pieces of wood. **General condition: Public has trampled down the dune grass forming an extra route to the beach. It would be good if the Town could block it off and replant that area as a good access gap was provided. Northeastern University need to take responsibility for the constant wearing away of the grassy bank by the many people associated with the programs. A dedicated gap with erosion protection would be effective.**

December 16: Vi Patek

I collected 2 lobster traps (heavy!), lots of bottles and cans, and other trash amounting to about 2 large trash bags.

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Crystal Beach (at Marjoram Park):

Sept 14: Nancy Wilson

2 bags, 1 clothing, 1 knife, 12 lobster bands, 1 fishing net, 13 pieces of rope, 1 cigarette, 2 pieces wood, 2 cornhusks, lots of boat _____.

November 15: Nancy Wilson

4 cans, 5 caps/lids, 1 shredded bra (!!!), 11 lobster bands, 1 piece wood, 6 pieces rope, large amounts of very thin sheets of green plastic which look like they are pieces of bottom paint peeled off of the bottom of a boat. **Comments from Vi: Rosemary Park has lost a lot of trees the past couple of years, the biggest loss being the most recent which shaded the picnic table. Can the Town plant new replacements?**

Forty Steps:

No reports

Johnson Beach (at end of Wendell Rd) No report.

No reports

Pond Beach: Rob & Meredith Tibbo

Collected two extra large trash bags of debris including:



Short Beach:

October 18: members of the public who attended SWIM's educational program entitled "The Secret Lives of Short Beach" at the Nahant Lifesaving Station.

Although there was no plan for cleaning the beach, when the audience of about 40 people migrated out to the beach to learn more from Barbara Warren of Salem Sound Coastwatch and to look for natural items, they just couldn't resist cleaning the beach.

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Heartwarming! About 5 large bags of garbage were collected containing a wide array of trash.

October 28 & 29: Bill & Mary Jo Ludke

Welcome to our Adopt a Beach program Bill & Mary Jo! You sure found a lot of stuff: 14 plastic bags, 4 balloons, 16 plastic bottles, 5 cans, 457 caps/lids, 4 clothing, 43 food related items, 2 pull tabs, 10 shotgun shells, 39 straws, 11 toys, 1 battery, 8 lobster trap parts, 14 bait bags, 3 strapping bands, 1 fishing lure, 1 filament fishing line, 48 pieces rope, 3 cigarettes, 6 lighters, 11 cigars, 1 cigar wrapper, 11 NH sewer disks, 5 pieces wood, 1 syringe, 2 tampon applicator, 5 dental floss holders, many scraps of plastic.

November 11: a team of 14 employees from the Blackbaud company

Thank you for your 4+ hours of intensive work cleaning this beach!

The total number of bags of trash was about 15. The team separated the recyclables which I put out with our household trash. The DPW picked up the rest.

30-40 plastic bags, 10 balloons, 40 cans, 100s of caps/lids, 5 clothing, 180 food related items, 100+ straws, 6 toys, 1 battery, 2 lobster traps, 20 lobster trap parts, 10 bait bags, 1 oil/lube bottle, 50 strapping bands, 4 fishing lures, 5 fishing line, 3 tarps/sheets, 300 pieces rope, 75 cigarettes/filters, 14 lighters, 20 cigars, 50 wrappers, 1 condom wrapper, **6 SYRINGES**, 1 tampon applicator, 10 dental floss holders, 4 car parts, 1 tire, 3 pieces wood, 1 traffic cone, several rugs, 1 couch cushion, 1 boat cushion in perfect condition, remains of a bag of pot. Also, an interesting piece of a large fish was found which Vi took to the Marine Science Center where it was declared to be "the gills and gill arches (the bones that support the gills) of a large fish." **I have been told that the Town will have a place to take syringes next year. In the meantime I am collecting them and giving them to a friend who works in the medical field for proper disposal.**

Tudor Beach: no reports

Vi has observed that there is not too much large trash here but there is quite a bit of small stuff. **Just this past week 8 large lobster traps were stranded at low tide.**

Johnson Beach (at end of Wendell Rd) No reports.