



## What We've Been Up To: Summer Recap

We are thrilled to announce that Coastal Steward L.I. has had another successful summer! This summer our community came together to volunteer for our beach cleanups and our shellfish restoration program. By working together we helped preserve the beauty of our Long Island shorelines, restore oyster populations in Port Jefferson and Mt. Sinai Harbors, and strengthen our community.

### Beach Cleanups

This year we held a number of beach cleanups in Shirley, Miller Place, Mt. Sinai and Port Jefferson. Large groups spread out across the beaches removing trash that harms wildlife and pollutes the environment.

This summer we held the 2023 International Coastal Cleanup on September 3rd at McAllister Park in Port Jefferson. With the help of 41 amazing volunteers, we removed trash from 3.25 miles of coastline. In the end, we collected 2.08 tons of debris from the beach.



The International Coastal Cleanup



Debris collected at the International Coastal Cleanup



### Shellfish Restoration Program

We started off the Shellfish Restoration Program with 75 bags of oyster seeds provided by the Town of Brookhaven. With the help of volunteers, we placed the bags into large cages located in Mount Sinai Harbor.

A group of volunteers counting and measuring oysters



Volunteers power-washing the oyster bags

Every couple of weeks we were lucky to have a great group of people measure and clean the oysters. They measured the length, width, and height of the oysters this season to determine their growth. Those who didn't mind getting a little wet and dirty helped us clean the oyster bags. Waist deep in the water, they carefully removed the oyster bags from the cages and brought them to shore. The oyster bags were then cleaned with a pressure washer and placed back into the cages.



Volunteers removing the oyster bags from the cages



Measuring an oyster seed

## Want to Get Involved?

We have a few more upcoming events before the season is over! Don't miss out on the fun! Click [here](#) for our event schedule.

## Support Coastal Steward L.I.

Extra special thanks to all of our volunteers this season and to those who have supported us through donations. With your support we can continue restoring and preserving Long Island coastlines.

You can support us by making a tax-deductible donation to our organization that supports our programs. Click [here](#) to help us make a difference!

We are now registered with Goodshop.com, a website that provides coupons and deals for thousands of stores. Not only will you save money, but Goodshop will make a donation to Coastal Steward with almost every purchase. Click [here](#) to start shopping and donating!

**Voting is now open for Bethpage Best of Long Island 2024!**  
**Please vote for Coastal Steward L.I.**  
**(we're located under 'Services/Environmental Organization')**  
<https://www.bestoflongisland.com/voting/#/>



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