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LONGISLAND WATERQUALITY TOWN HALL

MARCH 6, 2025, VALLEY STREAM VILLAGE HALL



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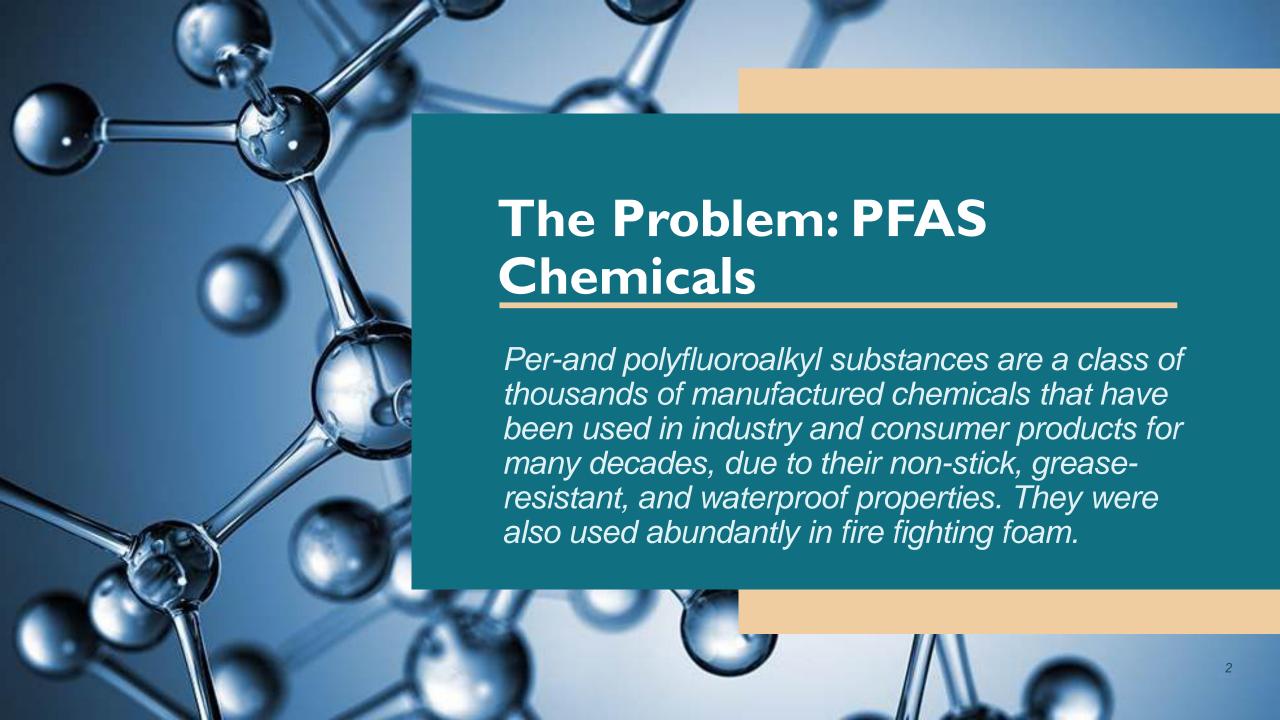




PFAS & I.4 Dioxane CONTAMINATION AND IMPACTS



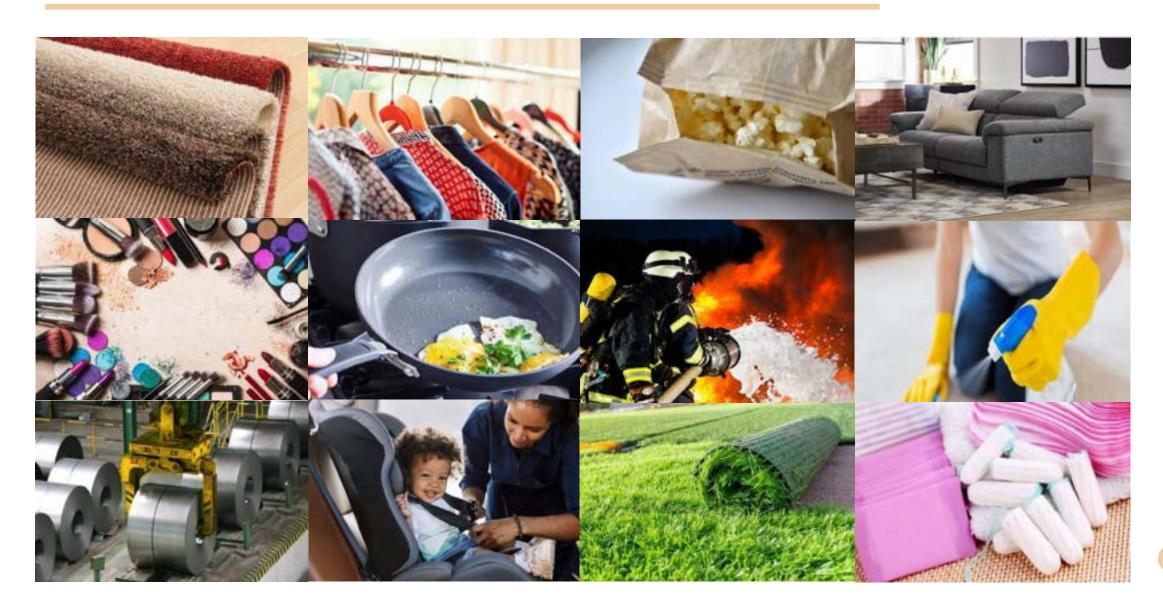
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PFAS Water Contamination

- PFAS are called "Forever Chemicals" because they do not easily breakdown and persist for a long time in the environment, especially in water.
- Scientists estimate that more than 200 million Americans have drinking water contaminated with PFAS at concentrations of 1 ppt.
- PFAS contamination of drinking water is particularly concerning.
- People are exposed when they drink from the tap, cook, and bathe.
- In August 2020, New York adopted a drinking water standard of 10 ppt.

Where Are PFAS Chemicals Being Used?



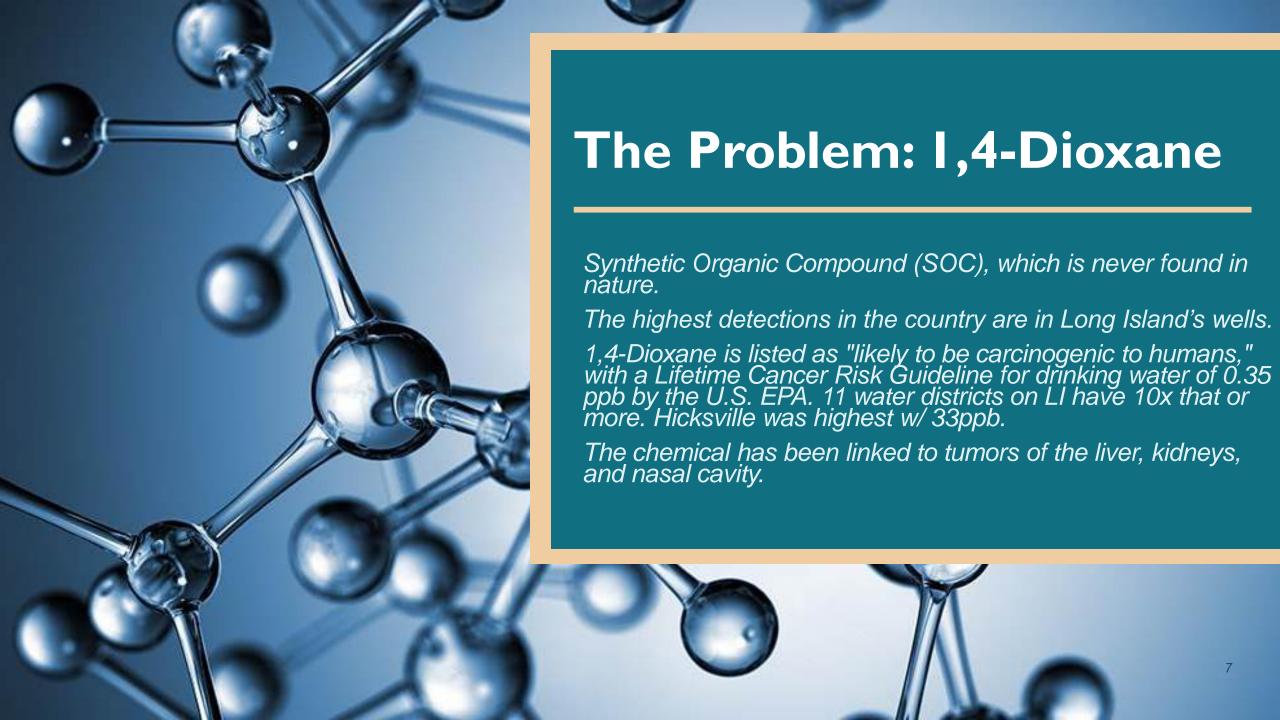
PFAS in Consumer Products

- Artificial turf
- Firefighting foam banned in NY
- Food packaging banned in NY
- Rugs
- Clothing banned in NY
- Antifogging sprays and wipes
- Cosmetics
- Personal care products
- Menstrual products

- Textiles banned in carpets in NY
- Cookware
- Ski waxes
- Architectural paints
- Cleaning products
- Automotive products
- Fabric treatments
- Non-wearable textile goods
- Dental floss

CCE's Map of PFAS Contamination on Long Island (2023 data)





1,4-Dioxane in Everyday Products

CCE tested 30 products (shampoos, body washes, laundry detergents, and baby products) and found 23 contained 1,4-dioxane.

2019

2018

CCE conducted the most comprehensive testing in the nation.



65/80 Products Tested, or 80%, Contain Detectable Levels of 1,4-Dioxane!!!

The Dirty Dozen

Products with the Highest Levels of Probable Carcinogen 1,4-Dioxane

1 Victoria's Secret Bombshell Body Wash



17,000 ppb

Victoria's Secret Love Body Wash



16,000 ppb

3 Tide Original Detergent



14,000 ppb

4 Ivory Snow 2X Ultra Detergent



11,000 ppb

5 Dreft Stage 1/ Newborn Detergent



10,000 ppb

Gain Original

Detergent



10,000 ppb

7 Tide Simply + Oxi Detergent



8,300 ppb

8 The Home Store Lemon Scented Dish Soap



7,700 ppb

9 Baby Magic Hair and Body Wash



7,600 ppb

10 Up&Up (Target) Free + Clear Dish Soap



6,400 ppb

11 Persil Original

Detergent



6,100 ppb

12 Pantene Pro-V Nature Fusion Shampoo



5,500 ppb

THE GREEN FIFTEEN

Products with No Detectable Levels of 1,4-Dioxane

3 Babyganics

Bubble Bath

Babyganics

Aveeno

- Burt's Bees
- Cantu
- Dr. Bronners
- Dove
- The Honest Company
- Method
- Mrs. Meyers
- Nature's Promise
- Seventh Generation
- Shea Moisture
- Suavitel
- Downy



6 Dr. Bronner's

11 Nature's

Promise

Free and Clear

Hemp Peppermint

Soop



7 Dove Body Wash

Cucumber and Green

Tea

Dove

2 Aveeno Baby

Gentle Wash and

Shampoo





8 The Honest Co.

Boby Shampoo and

Body Wash



4 Burt's Bees



Hair Shampoo



Lavender Honey Body Shea Butter Natural









Lavender Scented

Detergent









12 Seventh

Generation

Free and Clear



13 Shea Moisture

Coconut and Hibiscus

Shampoa



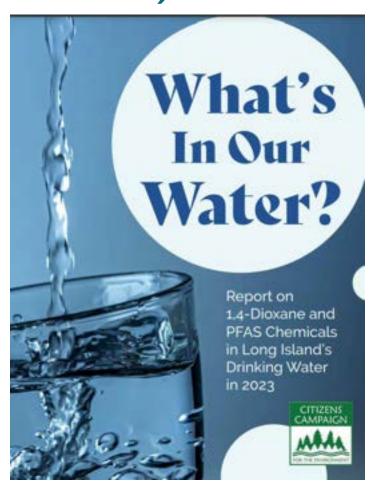


CCE's Map of 1,4 Dioxane Contamination on Long Island (2023 data)



1,4-Dioxane and PFAS

(High levels based on the latest water quality reports – 2023 data)



Liberty Water – Lynbrook

- 1,4-Dioxane 1.3 ppb
- PFOA 11 ppt
- PFOS 5.6 ppt

Water
Authority
of
Western
Nassau

- 1,4-Dioxane .86 ppb
- PFOA 33 ppt
- PFOS 17 ppt

There is NO Safe Level of PFAS Exposure

- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency issues health advisories that provide information on a contaminant that can cause negative human health effects and is known or anticipated to occur in drinking water.
- Recently, the EPA issued interim health advisory levels for PFOA (0.004 ppt) and PFOS (0.02 ppt).
- These advisories are so low it means that there is virtually no safe level of exposure to PFOA and PFOS.

New York State Drinking Water Standards

• 2020 – NYS establishes the strongest drinking water standards for 1,4-dioxane, PFOA, PFOS in the nation.

• 1,4-dioxane: 1ppb

PFOA/PFOS: 10ppt

 2021 – Residents get letters from water suppliers stating they received deferrals in meeting state standards for these contaminants.

- 31 Water suppliers in NY applied for these deferrals 24 applicants were on LI, and 21 of those received deferrals.
- Municipalities and water suppliers are suing polluters for cost of improved water treatment and installing advanced treatment.
- In 2023, NY considered drinking water standards for additional PFAS chemicals and a cumulative standard.



Victory! EPA's New PFAS Standards

- Drinking water standards
 - 4 ppt for PFOS and PFOA
 - 10 ppt for PFNA, PFHxS, and Gen X chemicals.
 - Cumulative impact standard for PFNA, PFHxS, PFBS, and Gen X
- Will protect millions of addition New Yorkers including approx. 1 million on Long Island
- \$1 billion from Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Act for water suppliers to install advanced treatment.
- Grants will be available for testing and treatment to private well owners.



Impact of EPA's Drinking Water Standards on New York

- New York's drinking water standards for PFOA and PFOS will be lowered from 10 ppt down to 4 ppt.
- An estimated 296 additional communities will need to install PFAS treatment technology.
- Treating for PFAS in drinking water is costly and will require state and federal investments.
- New York needs to turn off the tap on PFAS pollution.



Turning off the Tap on Emerging Contaminants: NY Bans 1,4-Dioxane in Products

- CCE worked with Senator Kaminsky & Assemblyman Englebright to pass a bill to ban 1,4-dioxane in products in NY.
- Ban took effect 2022, was fully implemented in 2024.



Laundry Detergents?

Despite having high levels of 1,4 dioxane in our independent testing, there was no exemption request listed for ANY tide products or other detergents CCE found to have high levels of 1,4-dioxane prior to the law's passage.



2024 Report: Protecting NY Communities from 1,4-Dioxane

We independently tested leading detergents that previously had high levels of 1,4-dioxane – they're in compliance.

LAUNDRY DETERGENT	1,4-DIOXANE LEVELS 2019	1,4-DIOXANE LEVELS 2024
Persil	6,100 ppb	928 ppb
Tide Simply Oxi	8,300 ppb	567 ppb
Gain Original	10,000 ppb	188 ppb
reft Stage 1 Newborn	10,000 ppb	127 ppb

- In 2024 the state law was fully implemented requiring 1,000 ppb or less for products. In 2023, 1500+ products were exempted.
- As a result of this law, Proctor & Gamble have reduced 1,4-dioxane in all their products sold in North America

NY's 1,4-Dioxane Law Was a Success

Turning off the Tap on Emerging Contaminants:

Banning PFAS in Everyday Products

- PFAS is used in textile articles, rugs, fabric treatments, cookware, ski waxes, architectural paints, cleaning products and more.
- Currently there is legislation (S.187) to ban the sale of PFAS in everyday products.
- Targets products in common use for which there are ample safer alternatives.





Long Island Water Quality

Assemblymember Solages Town Hall Event

March 6, 2025

Water Quality – What Does It Mean?

- Pollutants like nitrogen, phosphorous, bacteria, and other contaminants can enter our waterways leading to environmental concerns
- Nitrogen pollution is the leading cause of water quality decline on Long Island
- Excess nitrogen can cause:
 - Harmful algal blooms
 - Fish kills
 - Degraded wetlands and salt marshes
 - Hypoxia areas of low dissolved oxygen levels
 - Concerns to human health
 - And more



Water Quality - Nitrogen

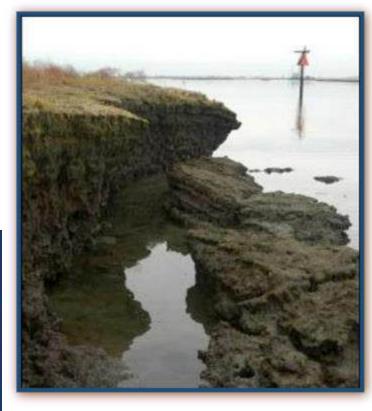
- Sources:
 - Human Waste
 - Municipal wastewater treatment plants
 - Cesspools and septic systems
 - Fertilizer
 - Stormwater Runoff
 - Atmospheric Deposition



Water Quality - Nitrogen in Surface Water

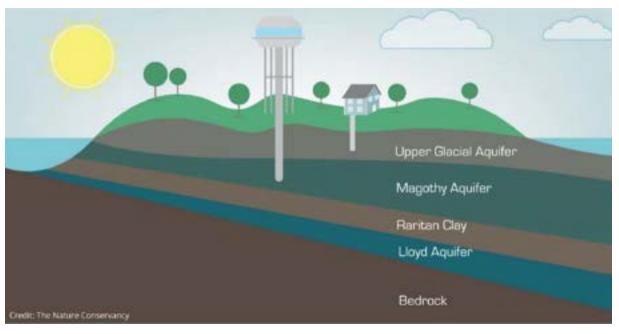


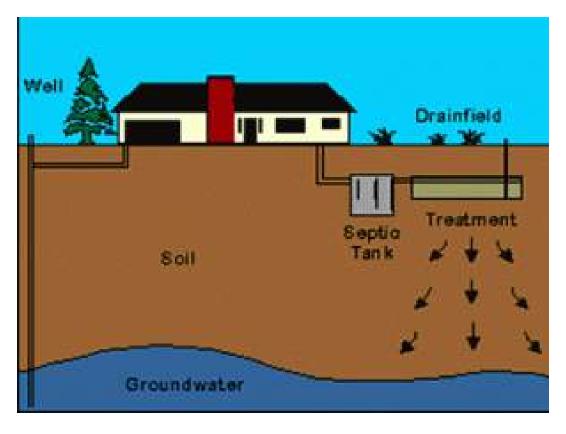




Water Quality - Nitrogen in Groundwater

- Inadequate cesspools and septic systems can leach nitrogen (as well as other contaminants) into our groundwater
- This is especially of concern to Long Islanders, as the drinking water IS the groundwater



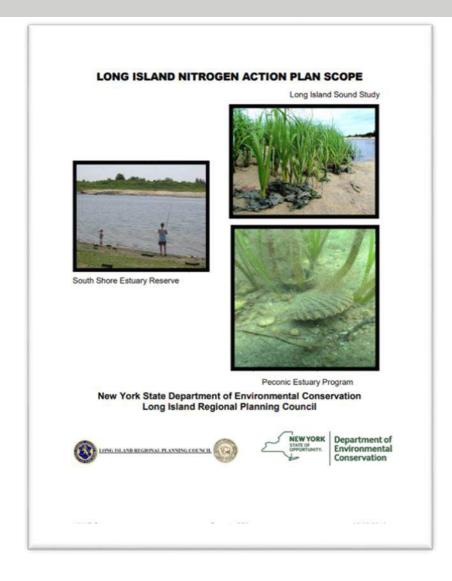


How is New York State Addressing Nitrogen Pollution?

Long Island Nitrogen Action Plan (LINAP)

- Started in 2015
- \$5 million in state budget
- LINAP Scope to guide program





LINAP Goals

- Assess nitrogen pollution in Long Island waters
- Identify sources of nitrogen to surface and ground waters
- 3. Establish nitrogen reduction endpoints
- Develop implementation plans to achieve reductions



Achievements & Initiatives

- Subwatershed/Nine Element Plans
- Septic Replacement
- Sewering Projects
- Fertilizer Recommendations
- Water Reuse
- Nutrient Bioextraction
- Water Exchange Study

- Long Island Garden Rewards
- Nitrogen Smart Communities
- Permeable Reactive Barriers
- Center for Clean Water Technology Research



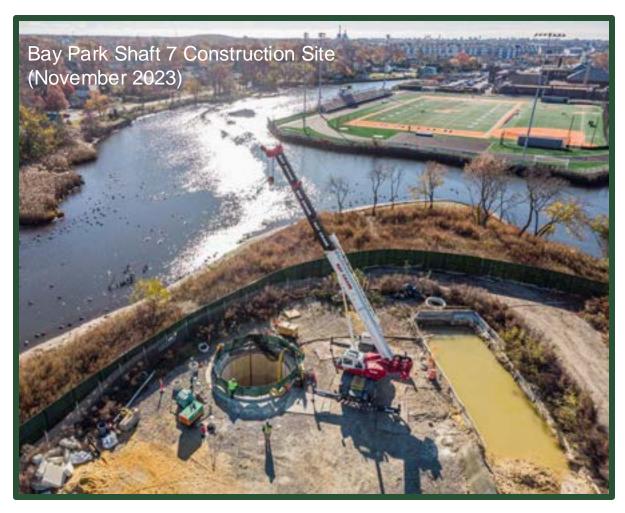
South Shore Water Reclamation Facility

- Diversion Structure
- Wet Well
- Pump Station





Microtunneling





Sliplining on Sunrise Highway

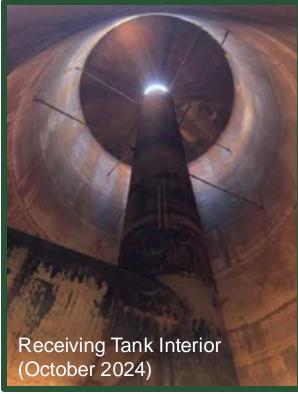


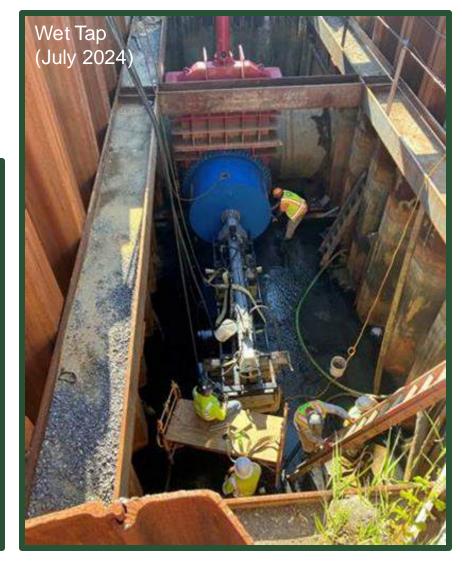


Cedar Creek Water Pollution Control Plant

- Receiving Tank
- Wet Tap
- Upgrades to existing Pump Station







PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

56,398

LINEAR FEET OF CONVEYANCE PIPELINE INSTALLED



99%

OF PIPELINE COMPLETED*



*Microtunneling & Sliplining are Complete

84%

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE



RESTORATION PROGRESS BY THE NUMBERS

22/24

SITES RESTORED ALONG SUNRISE HIGHWAY



356 SHRUBS PLANTED



5/14

LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PERFORMED



211

TREES PLANTED



Wastewater Projects

Western Bays

Resiliency Initiative

The Bay Park Conveyance Project

The Long Beach Consolidation Project

The Point Lookout Sewer Feasibility Study

- Since 2015, all of LINAP's goals have been achieved:
 - Assess nitrogen pollution
 - Identify the sources
 - Establish nitrogen reduction endpoints
 - Develop implementation plans to achieve reductions

Future outlook: a new 10 year strategic framework is needed

 The Long Island Action Agenda will be similar to the LINAP Scope as a guiding document, but it will include a variety of water resource topics

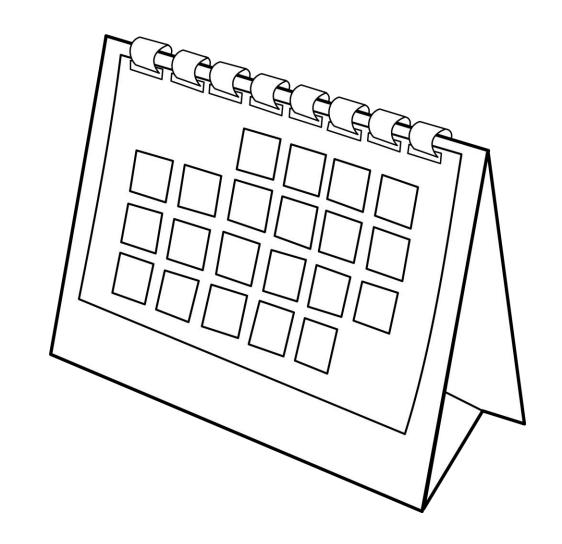


Long Island Action Agenda
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

- Organized into four goals:
 - Clean Water
 - Healthy Habitats
 - Sustainable Groundwater Resources
 - Inspired & Engaged Public
- Each goal has multiple implementation actions to guide the work of the focus of water quality projects
- The Action Agenda was drafted with a group of key regional stakeholders, known as the Action Agenda Implementation Committee

Long Island Action Agenda – Next Steps

- Internal DEC Review
- Release for Public Comment first half of 2025
- Address Public Comments and release late 2025
- Begin implementing the Action Agenda!



Long Island Action Agenda – Next Steps

- Connect with us!
 - Reach out via email with any questions or comments <u>liwaterquality@dec.ny.gov</u>
 - Use the QR Code to subscribe to the LINAP Newsletter! Keep informed on current water quality initiatives, as well as be alerted when the public comment period opens:



Long Island Groundwater Sustainability Project (LIGWSP)

LIGWSP - Background

- Model needed to manage groundwater resources
- Sole source aquifers for 2.8 million people
- 2016 DEC engaged USGS to develop model to evaluate aquifer response to potential stresses
- Ensure sustainable equitable use of the water supply
- Study is being done in three phases with the first focused on Western Long Island including Nassau County

LIGWSP - Data Collection

Each Phase of the project involves drilling, data collection, incorporation of new data, and model recalibration.

Phase1



The phase one drilling effort has been completed. The map showing the well sites and the link to the lithologic and geophysical logs are now available.

View Phase1 Network

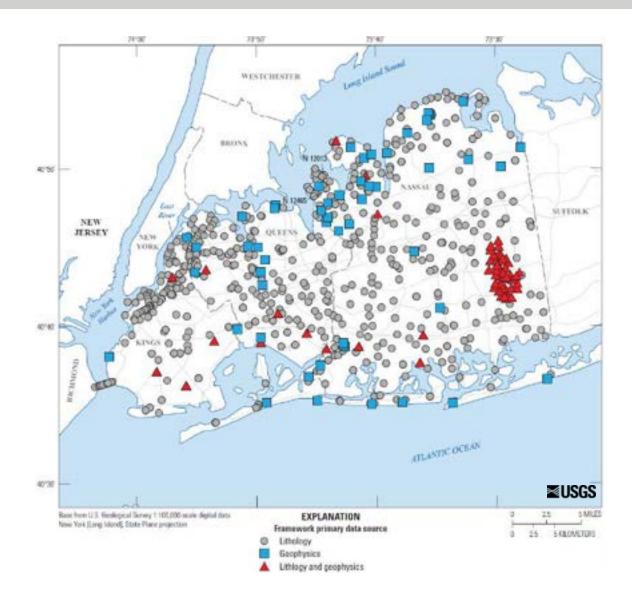
Phase2

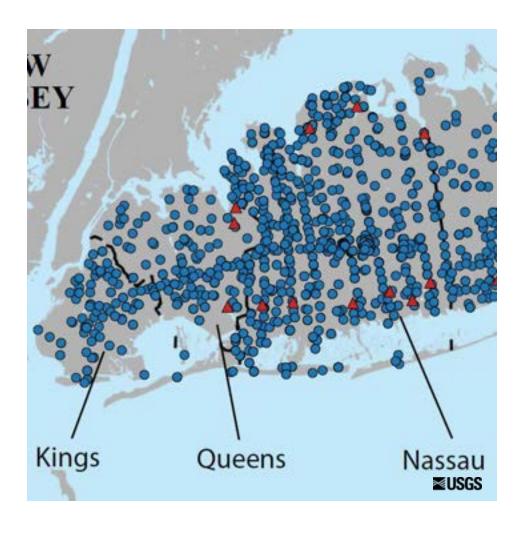


The phase two drilling effort for central and eastern Long Island began in the fall of 2021. The map showing the completed and proposed wells in now available.

View Phase2 Network

LIGWSP - Data Collection





LIGWSP - Model Capabilities

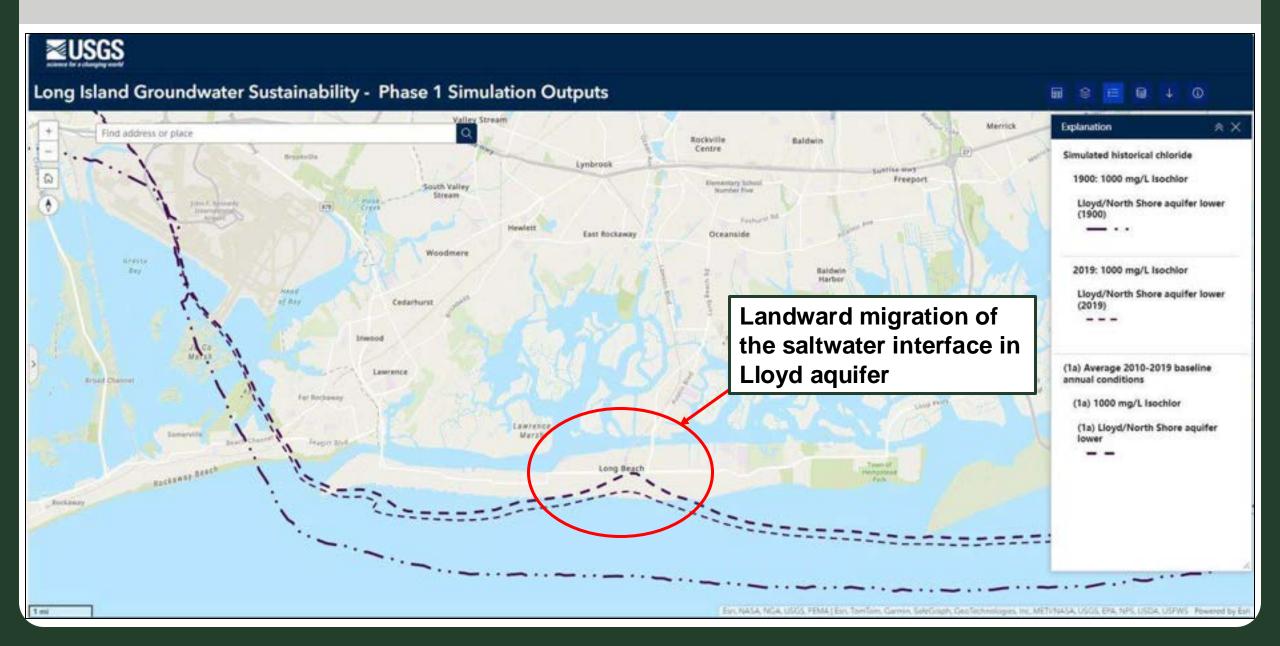
- Assess regional aquifer responses to natural and induced stresses
- General guide in sustainable water withdrawal permitting
- Publicly available
- Model can be used to demonstrate the following over a set period of time:
 - Freshwater saltwater interface
 Depth to water
 - Water table elevation
 - Water levels

- Hydrologic budget

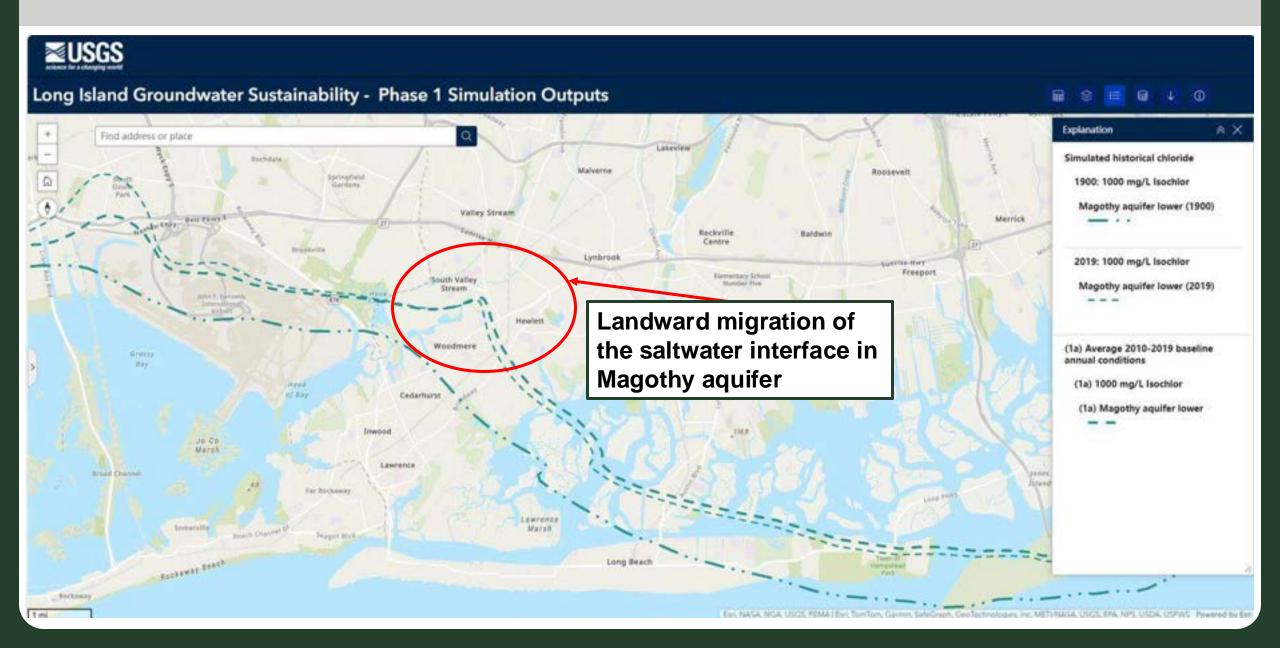
LIGWSP - Phase 1

- Phase 1 released in Summer 2024
- Department staff are currently analyzing data from the Phase 1 scenarios
- Focusing on saltwater intrusion first
- Saltwater intrusion is an important concern for coastal communities
- Modeling analysis indicates only minor changes in the regional freshwater volume since predevelopment
- Localized concerns addressed as DEC's Division of Water review and scenario modeling progresses

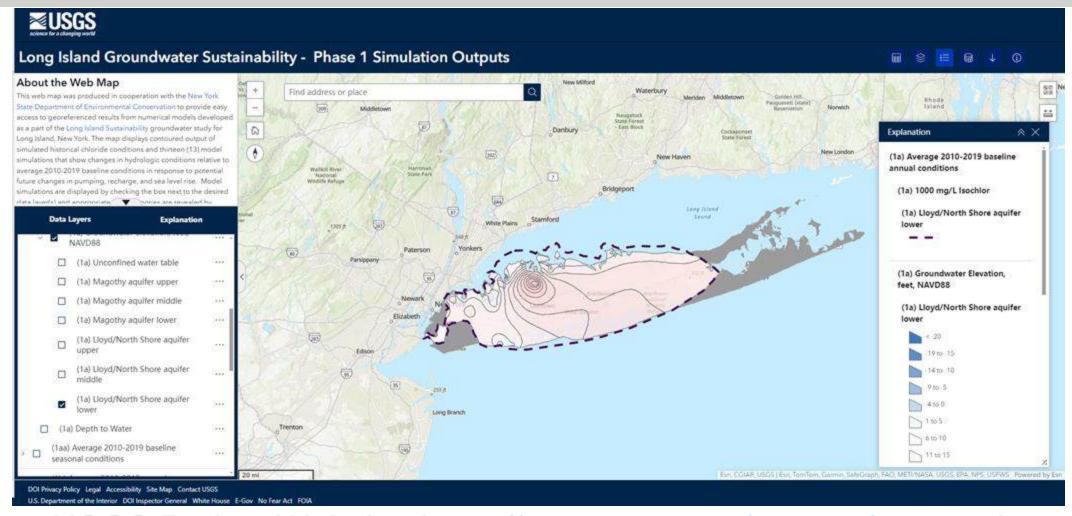
LIGWSP - Phase 1 Model Scenario Results



LIGWSP - Phase 1 Model Scenario Results



LIGWSP – Website and Model Results Viewer



USGS Project Website: https://www.usgs.gov/centers/new-york-water-science-center/science/groundwater-sustainability-long-island-aquifer-system

LIGWSP - Next Steps

- Continue Phase 2 and 3 work
- Continue to evaluate model scenario results
- Work with water suppliers and others to address areas and issues of concern to ensure sustainable water use for Long Island

New York State's Investments in Water Quality

New York State's Financial Commitment to Long Island Water

- Bay Park Conveyance Project: \$167.5 million
- Groundwater Sustainability Project \$9 million
- WQIP: \$99 million for Nassau and Suffolk alone
- Bond Act: \$6 million for sewer improvements to help Reynolds Channel



New York's Nation-leading Investments in Water Infrastructure

- Clean water Infrastructure Act (CWIA)
 - \$500 million proposed by Governor Hochul in this year's state budget
- CWIA Programs
 - Include the Water Quality Improvement Program (WQIP) and the Hazardous Waste Remediation Cleanup program (state Superfund)
- WQIP
 - Supports clean water infrastructure projects, land acquisitions, salt storage structures, and new in 2024, road salt reduction best management practices
 - \$222 million awarded statewide in 2024

New York's Nation-leading Investments in Water Infrastructure contd...

- NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC)
 - EFC assists communities throughout New York
 State to undertake critical water quality
 infrastructure projects by providing access to
 low-cost capital, grants and expert technical
 assistance
 - \$2.2 billion in financial assistance for local water infrastructure projects in 2024 alone
- Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
 - 87% of funding in the last round of WQIP and Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning Grant was awarded to projects that will improve water quality for Environmental Justice communities and/or DACs



Take Action Today! Reduce Nitrogen Pollution & Conserve Water

- 1. **Don't fertilize -** If you're not currently using fertilizer and you are happy with how your lawn looks, don't fertilize. Many lawns can be aesthetically pleasing without any added fertilizer.
- 2. Eliminate or shrink your lawn Consider reducing the lawn area requiring fertilizer. Replacing grass with native plants can help reduce the amount of fertilizer, pesticides, and water needed to maintain the landscape.
- 3. Keep grass clippings on your lawn Instead of removing grass clippings after mowing, keep them on your lawn to return nutrients to the soil. This can reduce the amount of supplemental fertilizer the lawn may need.
- **4. Use rain sensors & smart irrigation controllers** Rain sensors and smart irrigation controllers make sure lawns only get watered when they actually need it, eliminating wasteful overwatering.
- 5. Inside your home Use EPA WaterSense branded appliances that are much more water-efficient than standard appliances. Also consider using less water by shortening your showers.

Thank you!

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Liberty New York Water Customer Education

March 6, 2025





Overview

- About Liberty
- Conservation
- Water Quality
 - •Emerging Contaminants
 - •Lead Service Lines
- STOP the Hidden Tax
- Grant Program Initiative

About Liberty

Liberty New York Water

- Serving parts of Nassau County and some upstate systems
- 126,000+ customer connections
- 1,267 miles of pipe
- 100 ground water wells
- Average gallons/day
 - Lynbrook System 18 million gallons
 - Merrick System 8.5 million gallons



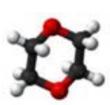


Water Quality- Hot Topics

- Emerging Contaminants PFOA/PFOS
 - Testing
 - Treatment
 - Upcoming regulations in 2027; four new species regulated (PFHxS, GenX (HFPO-DA), PFNA,
 PFBS)
 - Hazard Index

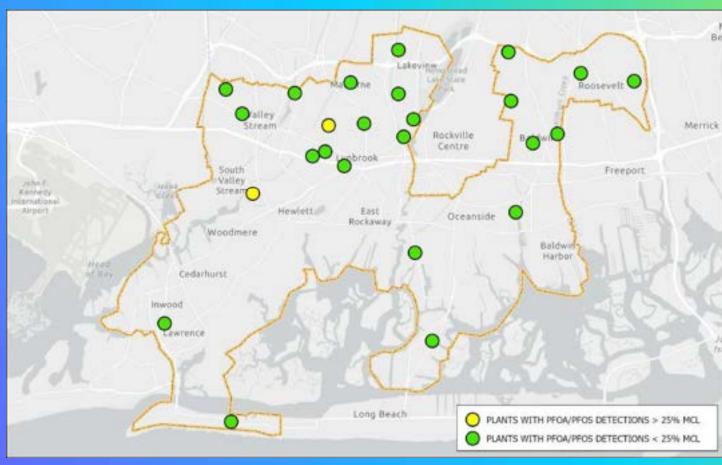


- Testing
- Treatment



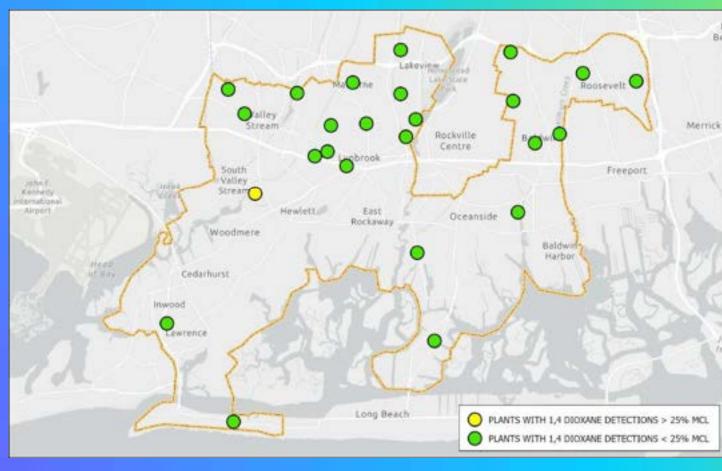


PFOA/PFOS





1,4 dioxane





Water Quality- Hot Topics

- Lead and Copper Rule Revisions
 - o Overall goal
 - o Increased sampling/testing
 - Corrosion control program
 - o Replacement plan
 - o Report your unknown service line here:

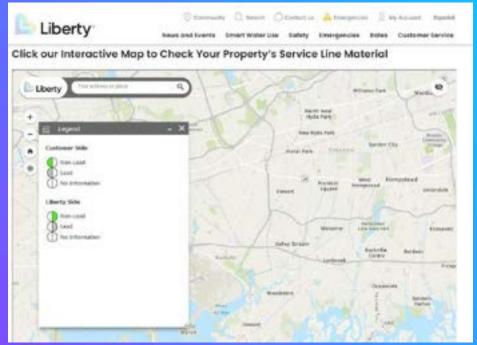


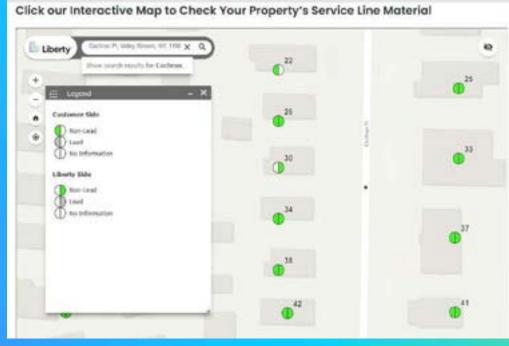






LCRR interactive map







Irrigation Guidelines- Lawn Irrigation Causes Excessive Peak Demands and Low Pressure

look for

- Install WaterSense grade smart controllers and spray sprinkler bodies.
- Follow the Nassau County Ordinances
 - Lawn watering between 10 a.m. 4 p.m. is prohibited
 - Even-numbered addresses and non-numbered homes can water only on even-numbered days; oddnumbered addresses can water only on oddnumbered days.
- Follow Liberty Automatic Systems Zoned Maps Schedule
 - To relieve system strains during the summer peak mornings due to irrigation systems, Liberty is asking you to follow the zoned time schedule.
 - Each zone should not run more than 15 minutes.
 - Remember, a lawn requires just one inch of rain per week for adequate maintenance.





Conservation Program



- Customer Rebates
 - o Offering rebates on select irrigation equipment
 - Eligible products include;

Qualifying Product	Rebate Amount
Smart Irrigation Controller	\$50
Drip Irrigation Kit	\$5/kit
Rotating Sprinkler Heads	\$1/nozzle - minimum 10 nozzles, max 50
Rain Barrels	\$20



A.2617-Access to Water Quality Infrastructure Funding

- Funding Eligibility Expansion: The bill proposes amendments to existing laws to allow water utilities regulated by the Public Service Commission such as Liberty to access state financial assistance for water quality infrastructure projects.
- Public Benefit Requirement: Projects undertaken by water utilities must demonstrate a clear public purpose and benefit the customers of the water system to qualify for funding.
- Introduced this legislative session by Assemblymember Solages.
- Stopthehiddentax.org





Take Action!



Thank you



Who We Are

- Founded in 1990
- Volunteer-based non-profit environmental organization
- Removed more than 3 million pounds of marine debris
- Focused on preserving the south shore's wildlife and natural habitats









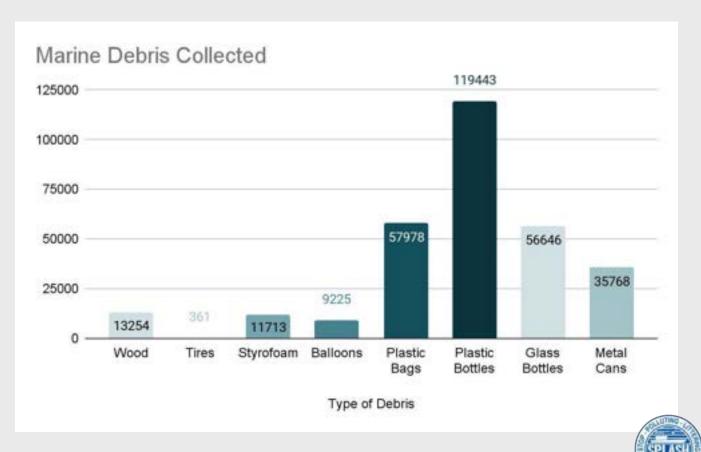
Cleanup Area

Approximately 32 miles of coastline and over 54,500 acres of waterways, beaches, and salt marshes along Long Island's South Shore.



2017-2022 Collection Data

- Number of Trips: 2,561
- Trip Hours: 7,618.8
- Volunteer Hours: 31,985.6
- Total Weight: 699,901 pounds

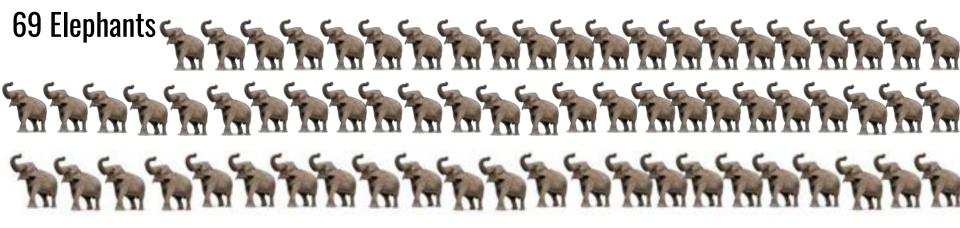


How Much is That?



1.5 Statue of Liberty





What Did 2024 Look Like?



APRIL

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MAY



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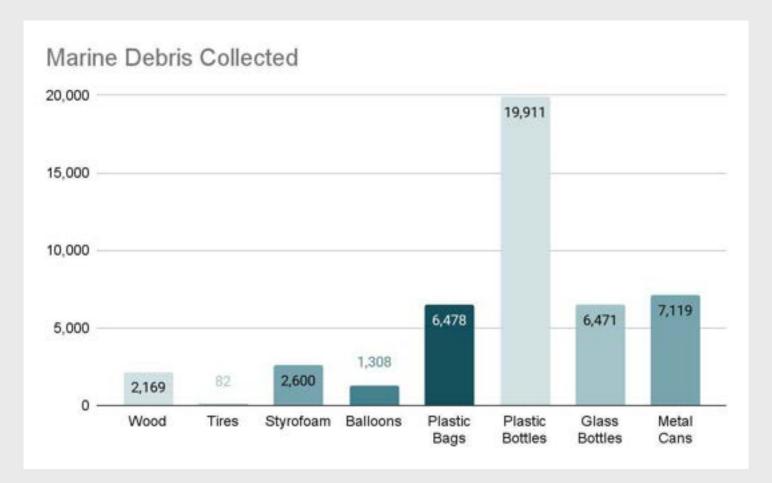
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2024 Collection Data





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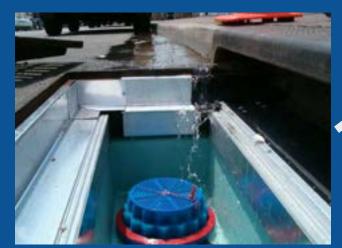












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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!



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