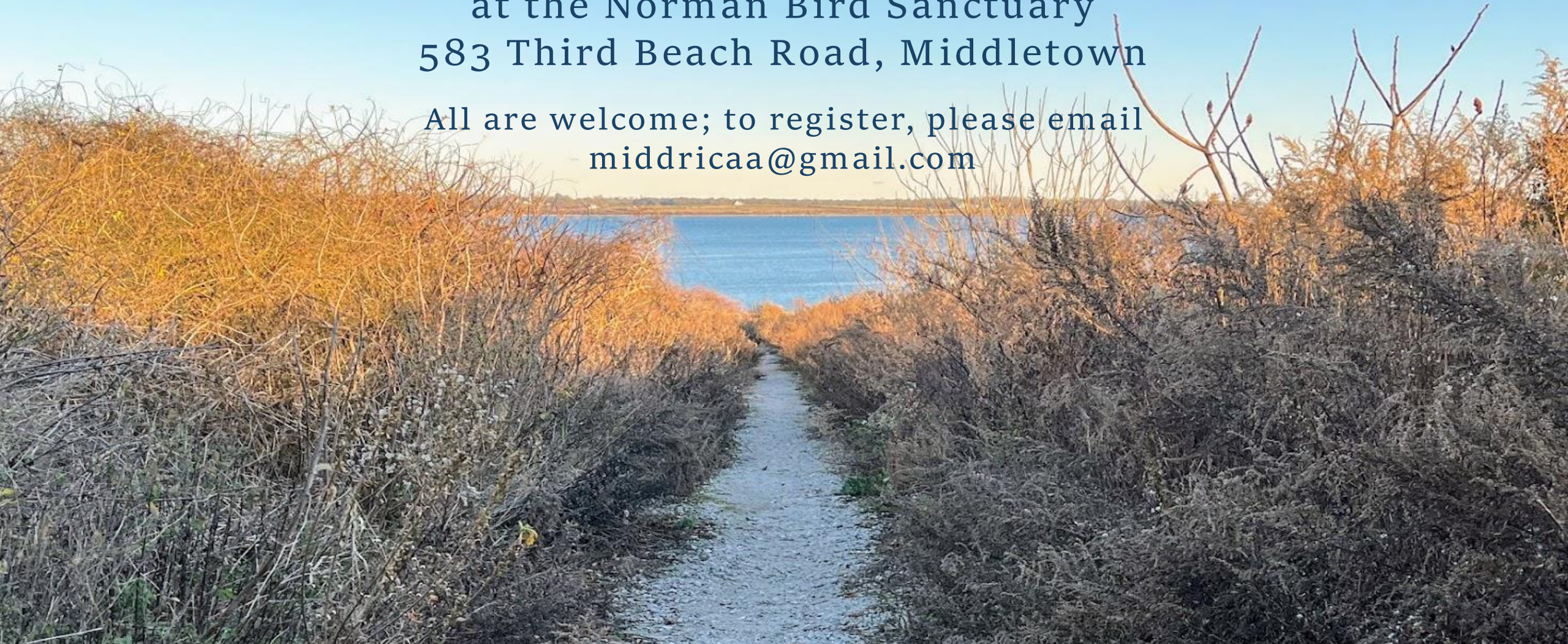


# Middletown Coastal Access Alliance

## Winter Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 ~ 5:30-7:30pm  
at the Norman Bird Sanctuary  
583 Third Beach Road, Middletown

All are welcome; to register, please email  
[middricaa@gmail.com](mailto:middricaa@gmail.com)





# Middletown Coastal Access Alliance (MCAA)

## ~ Winter Highlights ~



### Agenda:

- **Review:**
  - MCAA Mission
  - Rights-of-way (ROW) Map
- **Status Update**
- **Monitoring Program**
- **Clean-ups**
- **Looking Ahead**



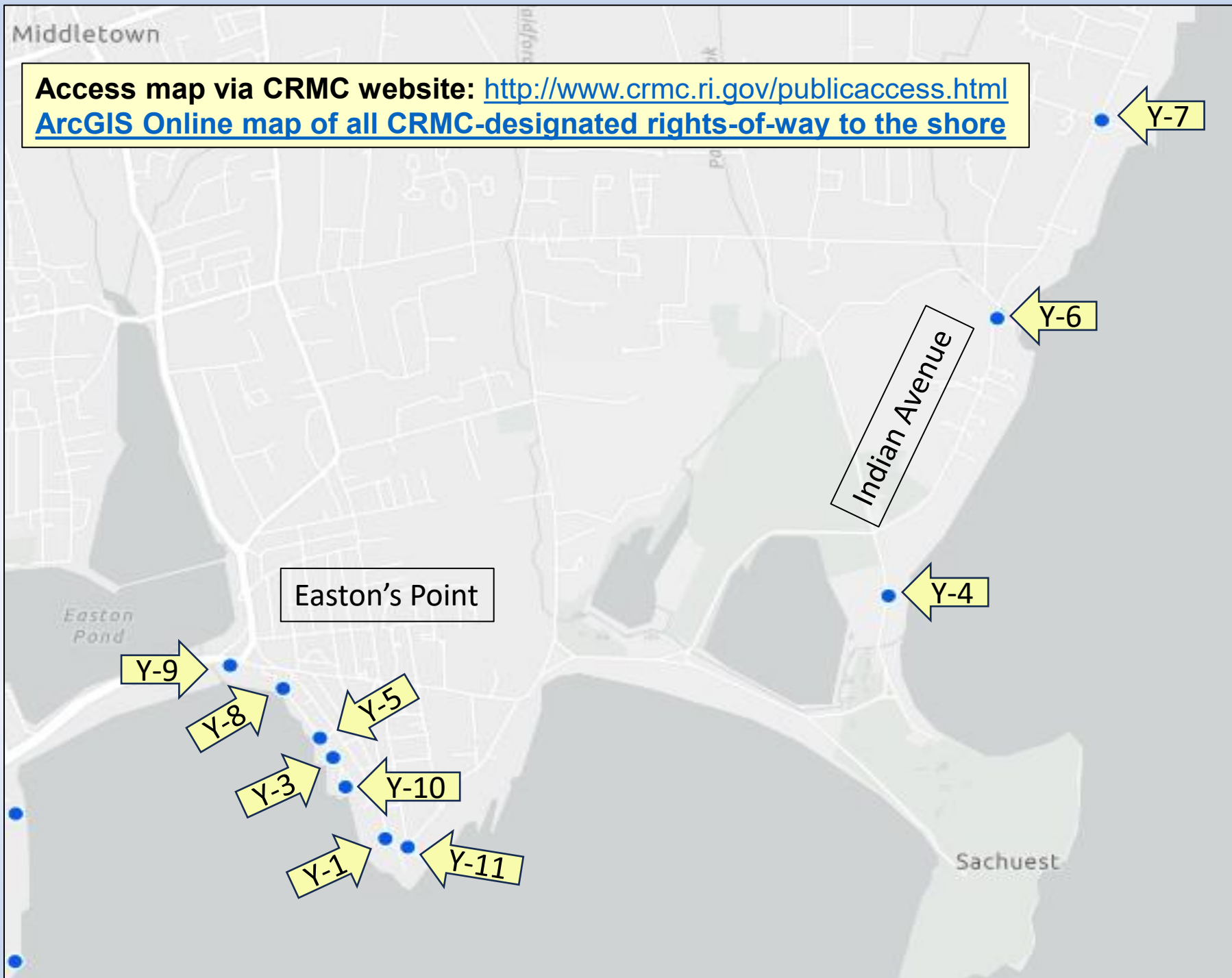


# MCAA Overview

- **What?** MCAA is non-profit local group that aims to **monitor, maintain, and preserve** the rights-of-way (ROWs) that provide public access to the coastal waters of Middletown, RI.
- **Why?** To ensure that our ROWs are available for the public to use as intended, while respecting adjacent private property.
- **How?** Organize volunteers to monitor and report on conditions and to conduct clean-ups at Middletown's coastal access points.
- **With whom?** Coordinate with the Town of Middletown, the Coastal Resource Management Council (CRMC), and partner with other groups that share and support our goals.

# Getting to know Middletown ROWs

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Y-6	Taggart's Ferry
Y-7	Pebble Beach
Y-8	Esplanade Steps
Y-9	Dunlap-Wheeler Park
Y-10	Shore Drive - south
Y-11	Clambake Club





# UPDATE: Adopt-an-Access MoU

Approved by  
CRMC  
October 10, 2025

- **CRMC:**
  - Program Administrator
- **Town of Middletown:**
  - Site maintenance
  - Installing signage
- **MCAA:**
  - Monthly monitoring
  - Clean-ups
  - Twice-yearly reports

**APPROVED!**



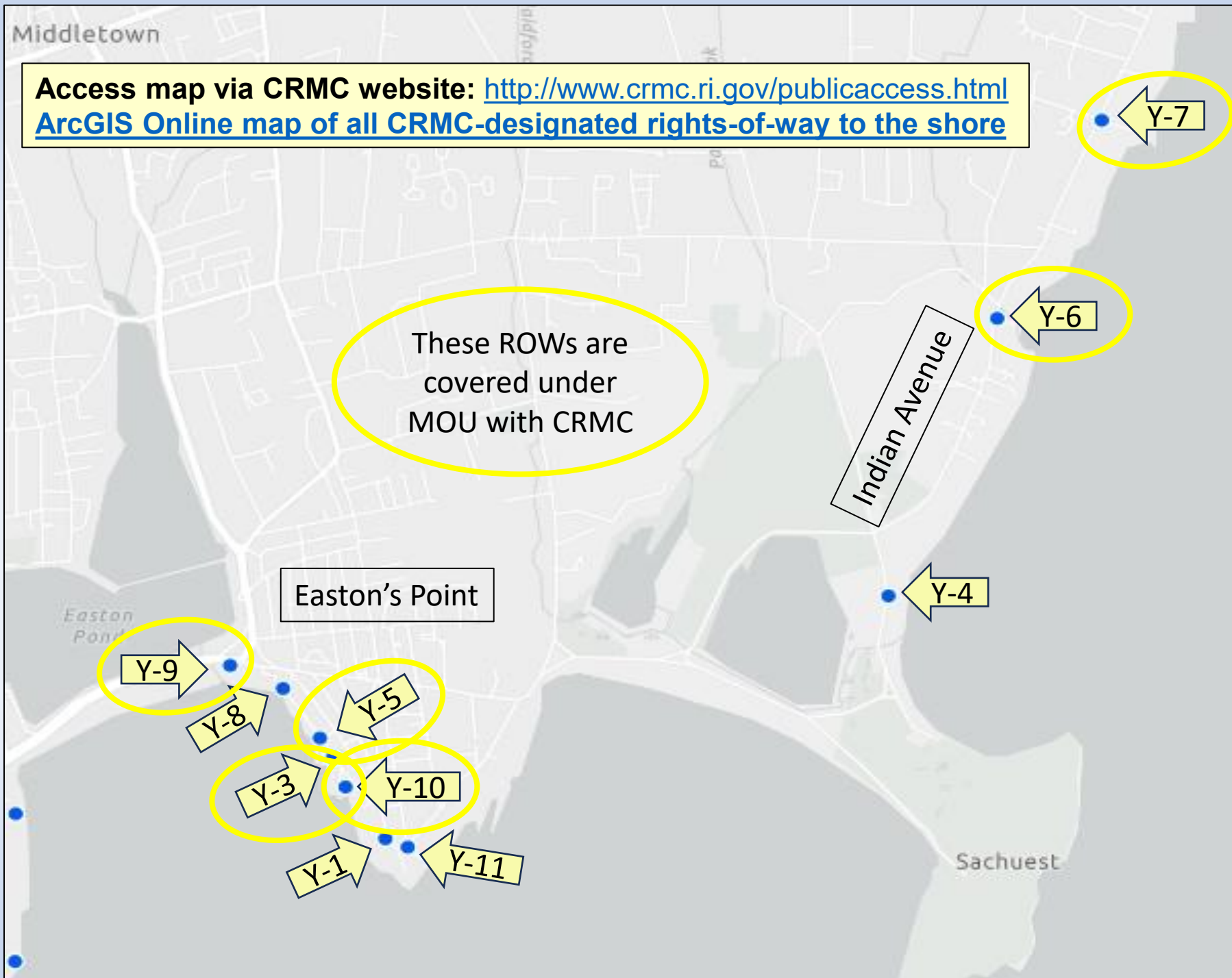
REGARDING THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANGEMENT COUNCIL  
ADOPT-AN-ACCESS PROGRAM

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
AND  
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN  
AND  
MIDDLETOWN COASTAL ACCESS  
ALLIANCE, INC.

Adopted by  
Middletown Town Council  
April 7, 2025

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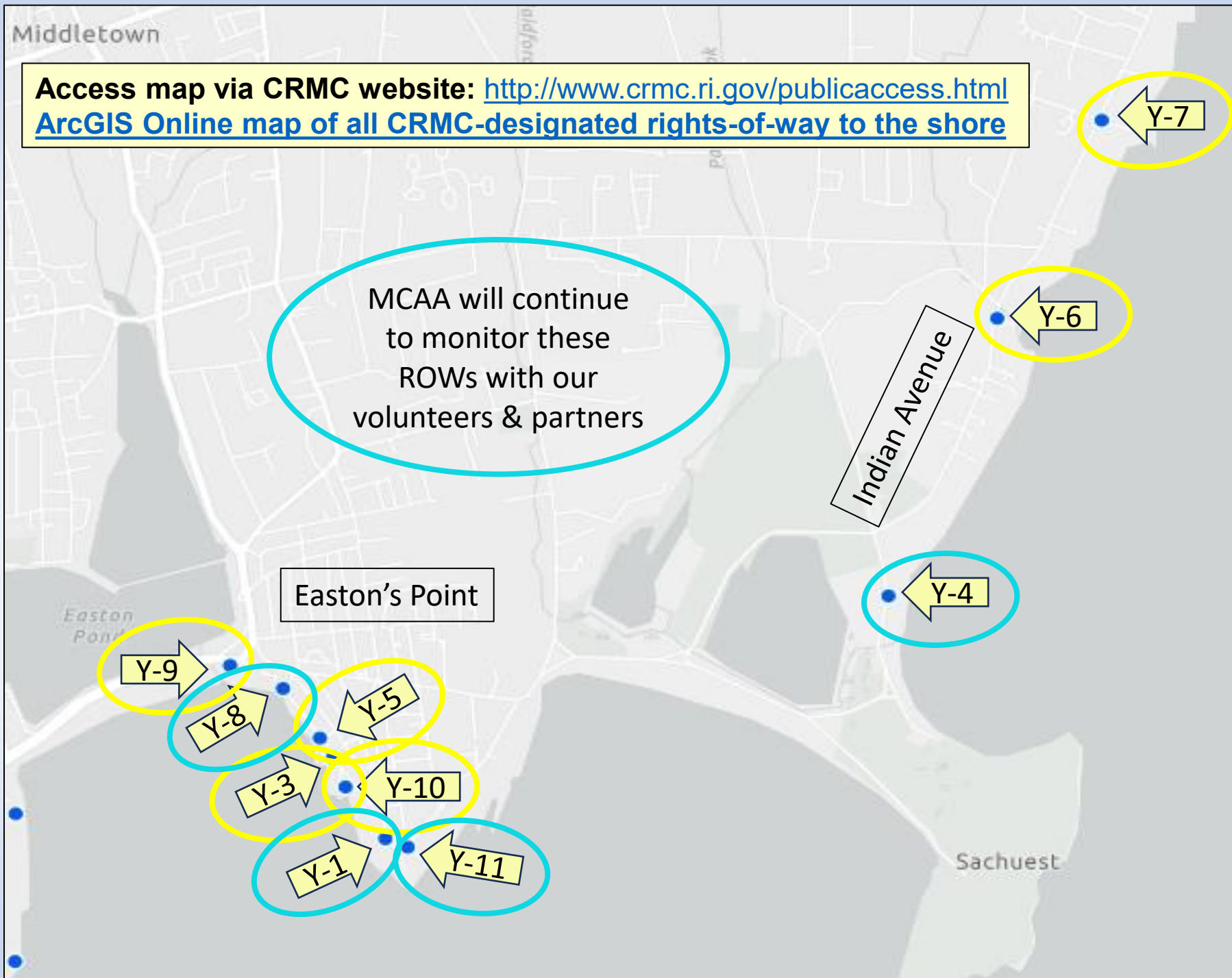
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# Monitoring “Other” ROWs



Y-1 – Spiratos/Sea View Villa

Newport County  
Saltwater  
Fishing Club



Y-8 – Esplanade Steps

Property owner  
monitors regularly



Y-4 – Peabody/Third Beach

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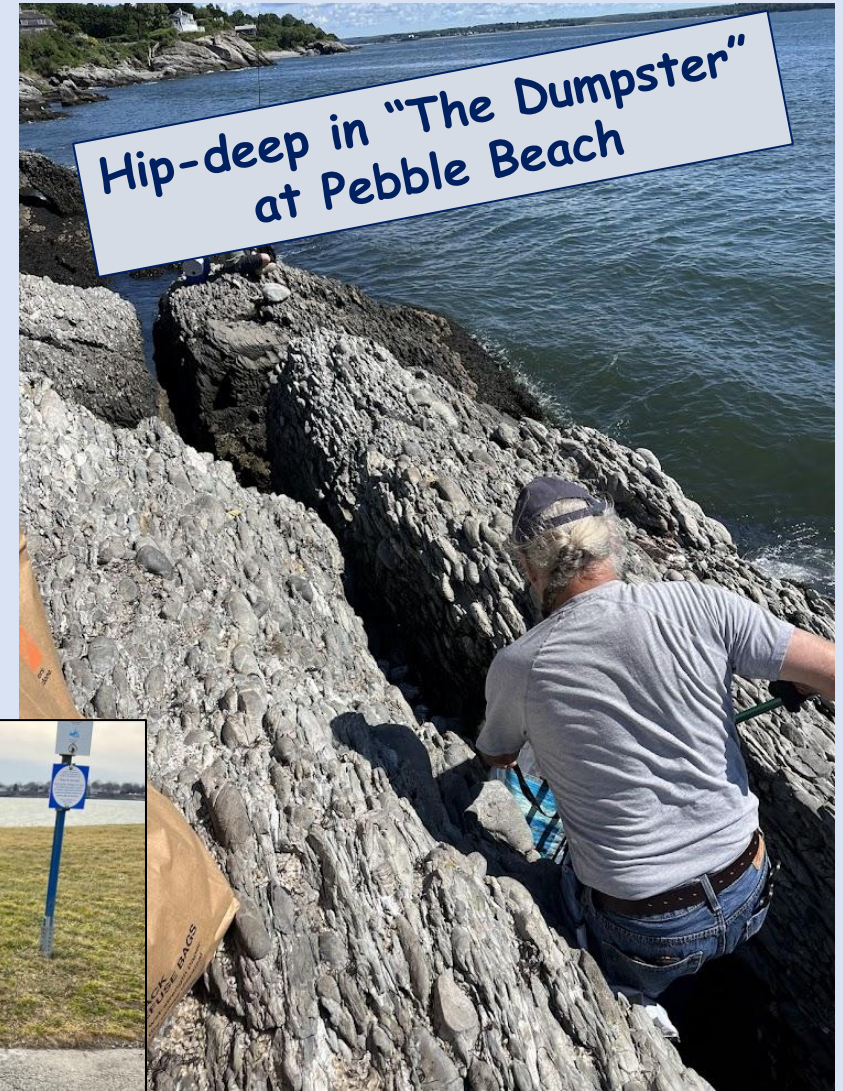
Y-11 – Clambake Club

Clambake Club  
monitors 2x a week





# Thank you to our Volunteer Monitors!



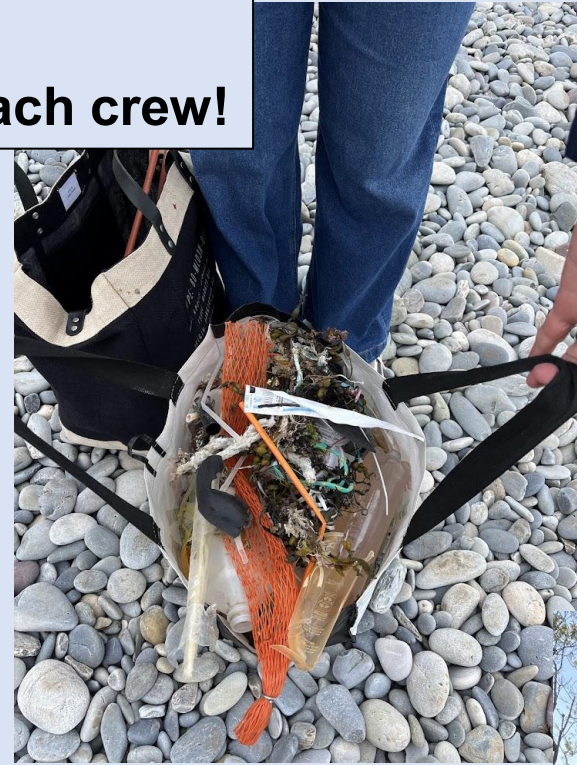
Father-son team at Pebble Beach





# Trash!

Shout out to the Pebble Beach crew!





# Monitoring Reports

## Middletown Coastal Access Monitoring Form

The name, email, and photo associated with your Google account will be recorded when you upload files and submit this form

\* Indicates required question

Volunteer Name \*

Your answer

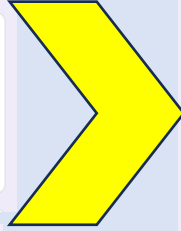
Date of Visit \*

Date

mm/dd/yyyy

Was there any litter and/or marine debris visible at this location? If yes, select all that apply:

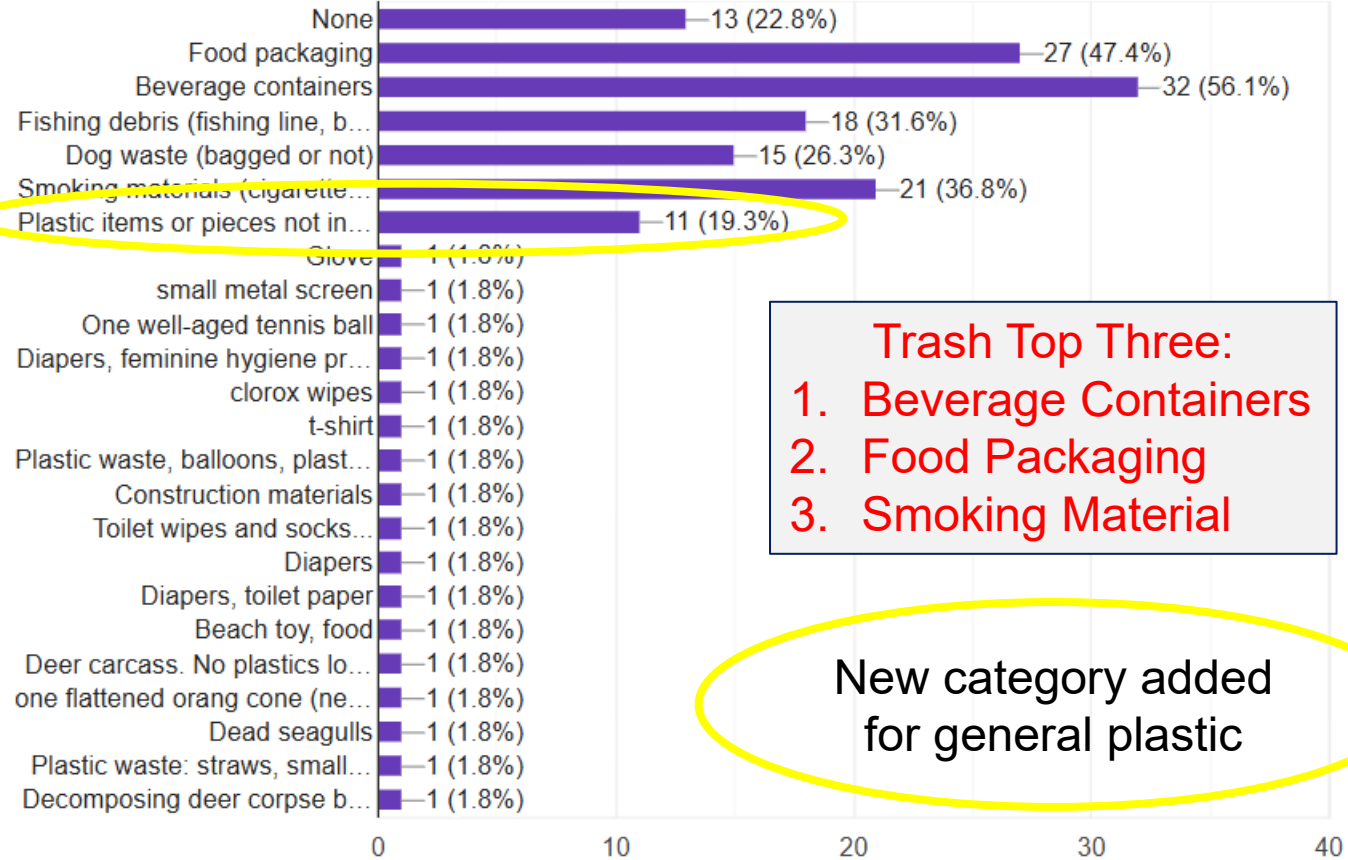
- ☐ None
- ☐ Food packaging
- ☐ Beverage containers
- ☐ Fishing debris (fishing line, buoys, traps, etc.)
- ☐ Dog waste (bagged or not)
- ☐ Smoking materials (cigarette butts, vape pens, lighters, cigarette packaging, etc.)
- ☐ Plastic items or pieces not included above
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Was there any litter and/or marine debris visible at this location? If yes, select all that apply:

[Copy chart](#)

57 responses



**Trash Top Three:**

1. Beverage Containers
2. Food Packaging
3. Smoking Material

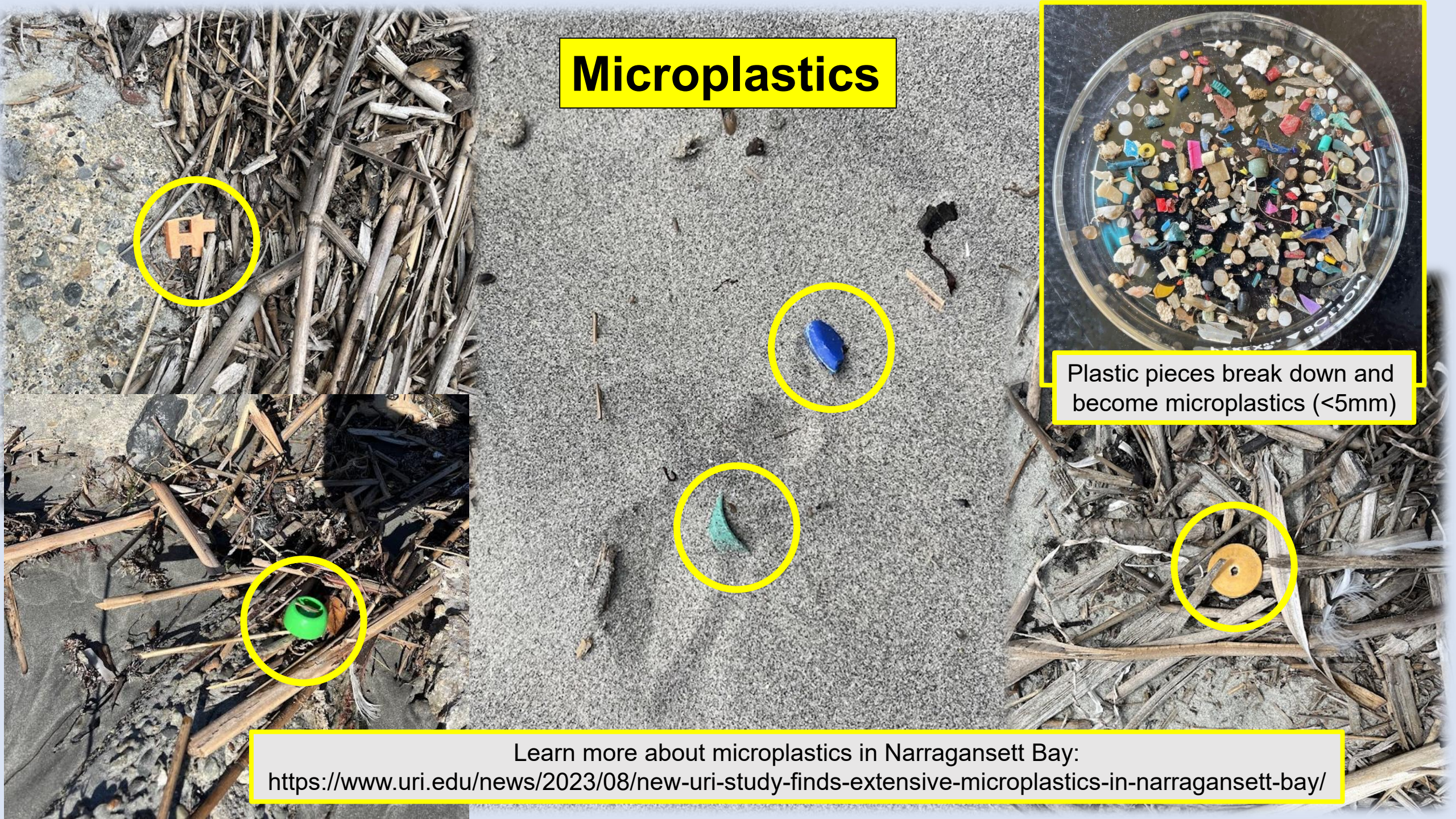
**New category added  
for general plastic**



# Microplastics



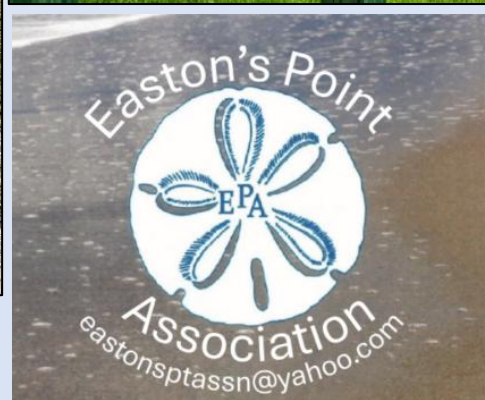
Plastic pieces break down and become microplastics (<5mm)



Learn more about microplastics in Narragansett Bay:  
<https://www.uri.edu/news/2023/08/new-uri-study-finds-extensive-microplastics-in-narragansett-bay/>



A white plastic bag is filled with a variety of seashells and rocks. The shells include several large, smooth, light-colored bivalves, some with darker, patterned interiors, and smaller, more irregularly shaped shells. The rocks are dark, smooth, and rounded. The bag is placed on a dark, textured rock surface, with green grass and small white flowers visible in the background.





## Coordination with Middletown Public Works



Trimming on Taggart's Ferry Road



Post-cleanup  
trash collection



Debris reported, picked up same day



Before - July 7<sup>th</sup>

Debris clearing



After - July 10<sup>th</sup>



# Looking ahead...

- Seek 501(c)(3) status
- Expand outreach
- Increase volunteer cadre
- Build partnerships
- Improve data collection
- Update ROW photos
- Other ideas???

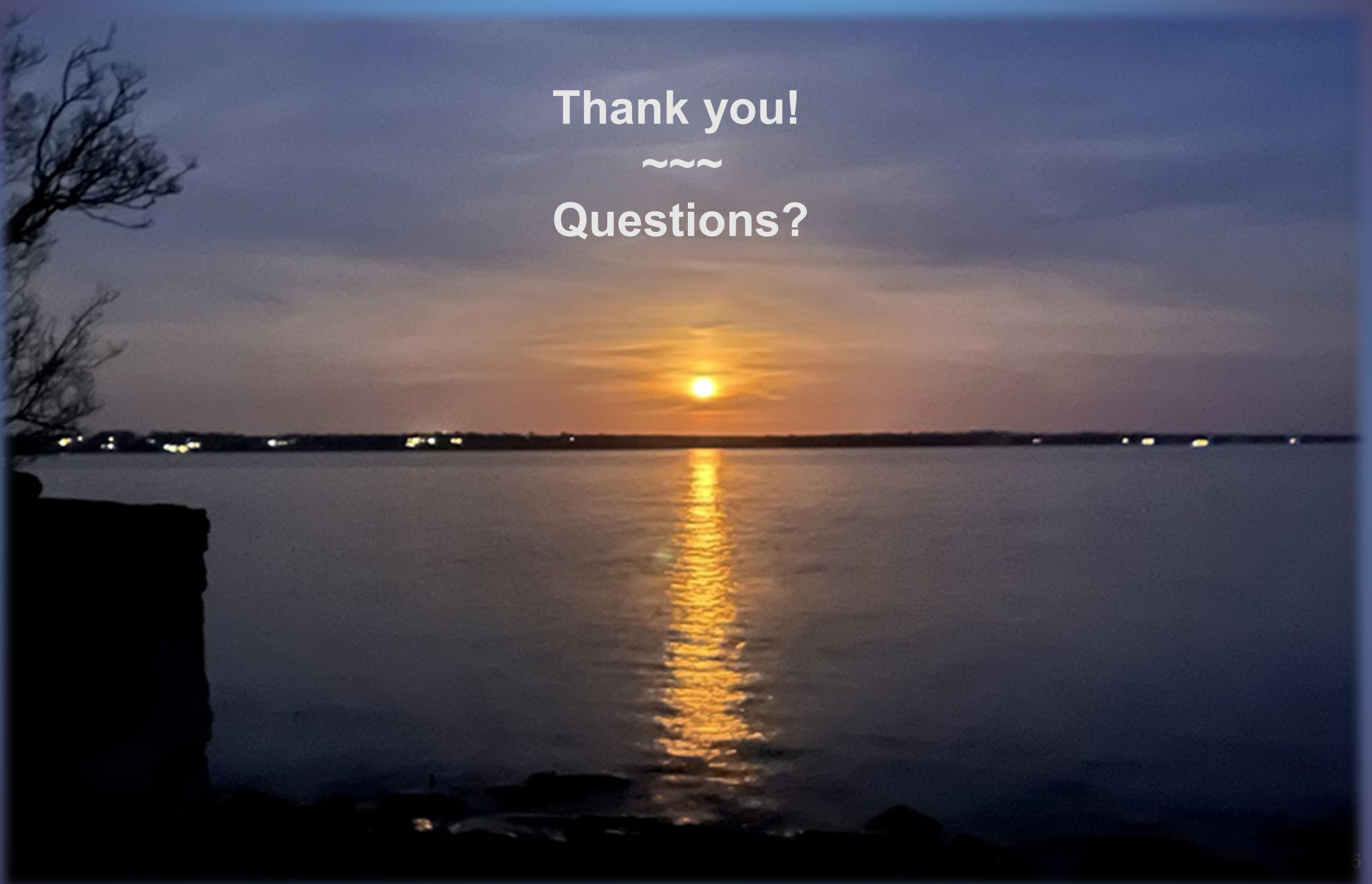




Thank you!

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Questions?





# Back-up slides





Visit our website at <https://coastal-alliance.org/>



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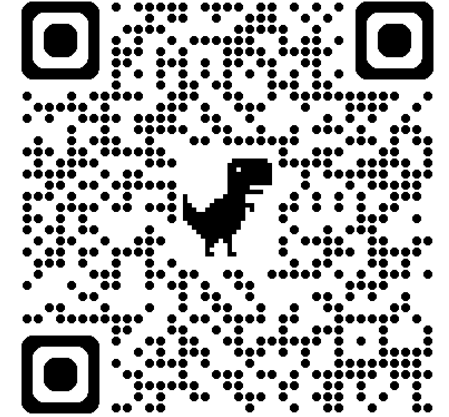
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## Ocean Access for All

The Middletown Coastal Access Alliance (MCAA) formed in 2024 to monitor, maintain, and preserve the rights-of-way that provide public access to the coastal waters of Middletown, Rhode Island.

LEARN MORE



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