

Middletown Coastal Access Alliance

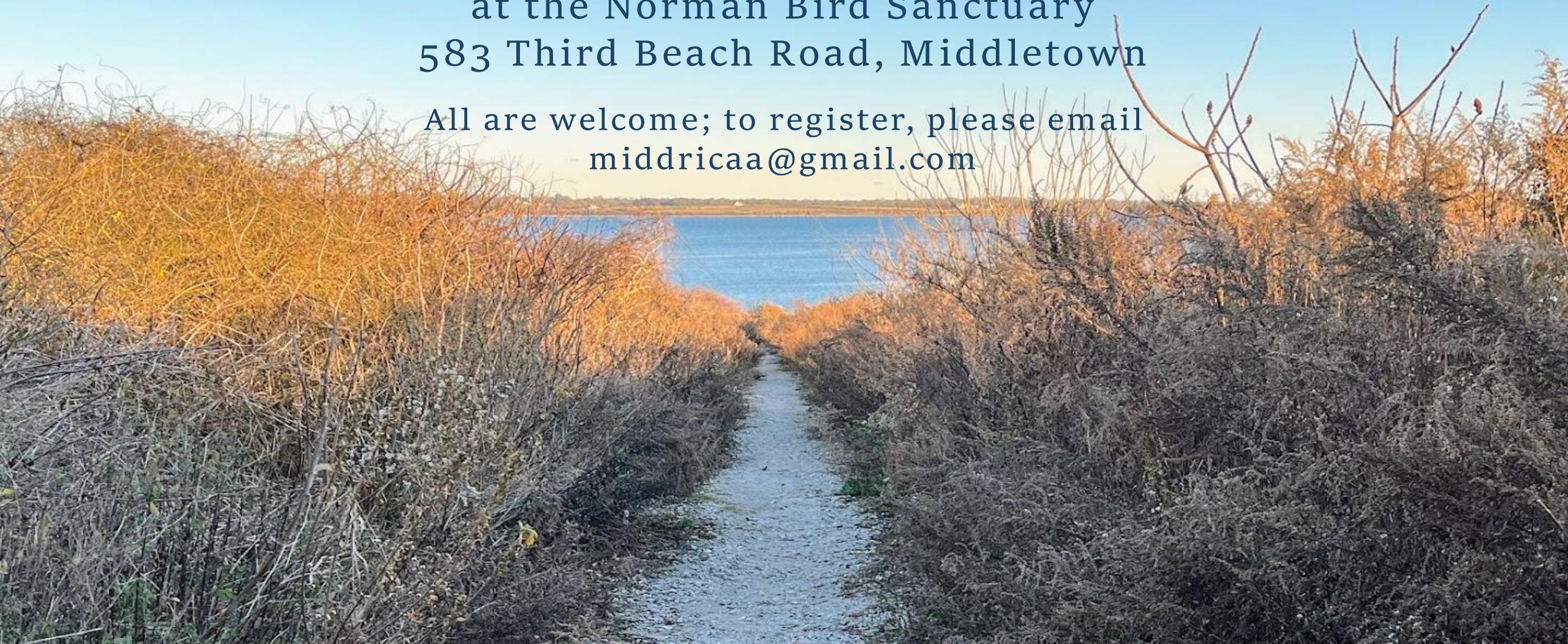
Winter Meeting

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
middrica@ 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**





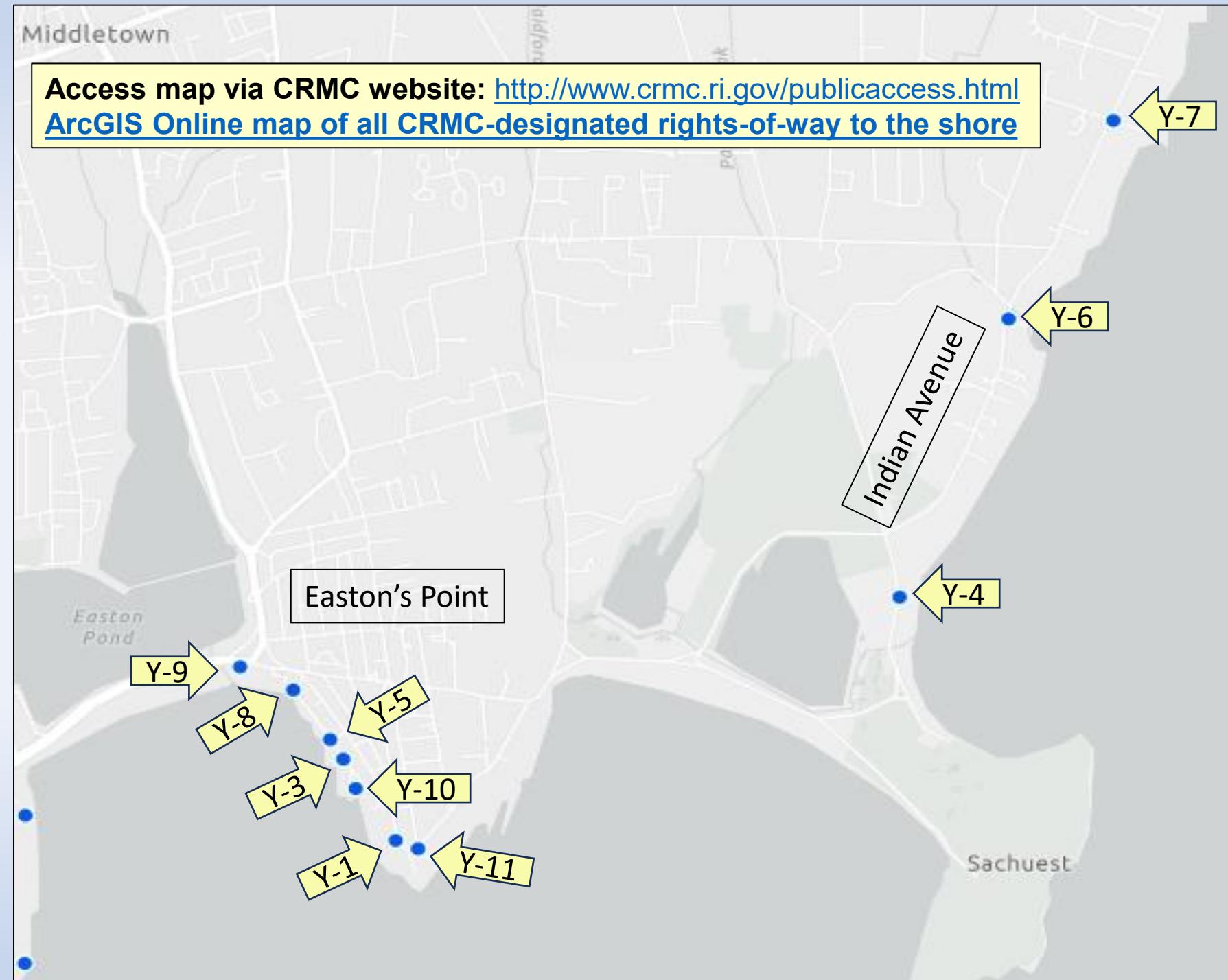
MCAA Overview

- **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

ROW Common Name

Y-1	Spiratos/Sea View Villa
Y-2	N/A - not in use
Y-3	Shore Drive - west
Y-4	Peabody/Third Beach
Y-5	Esplanade/Shore Drive
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

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

Approved by
CRMC
October 10, 2025

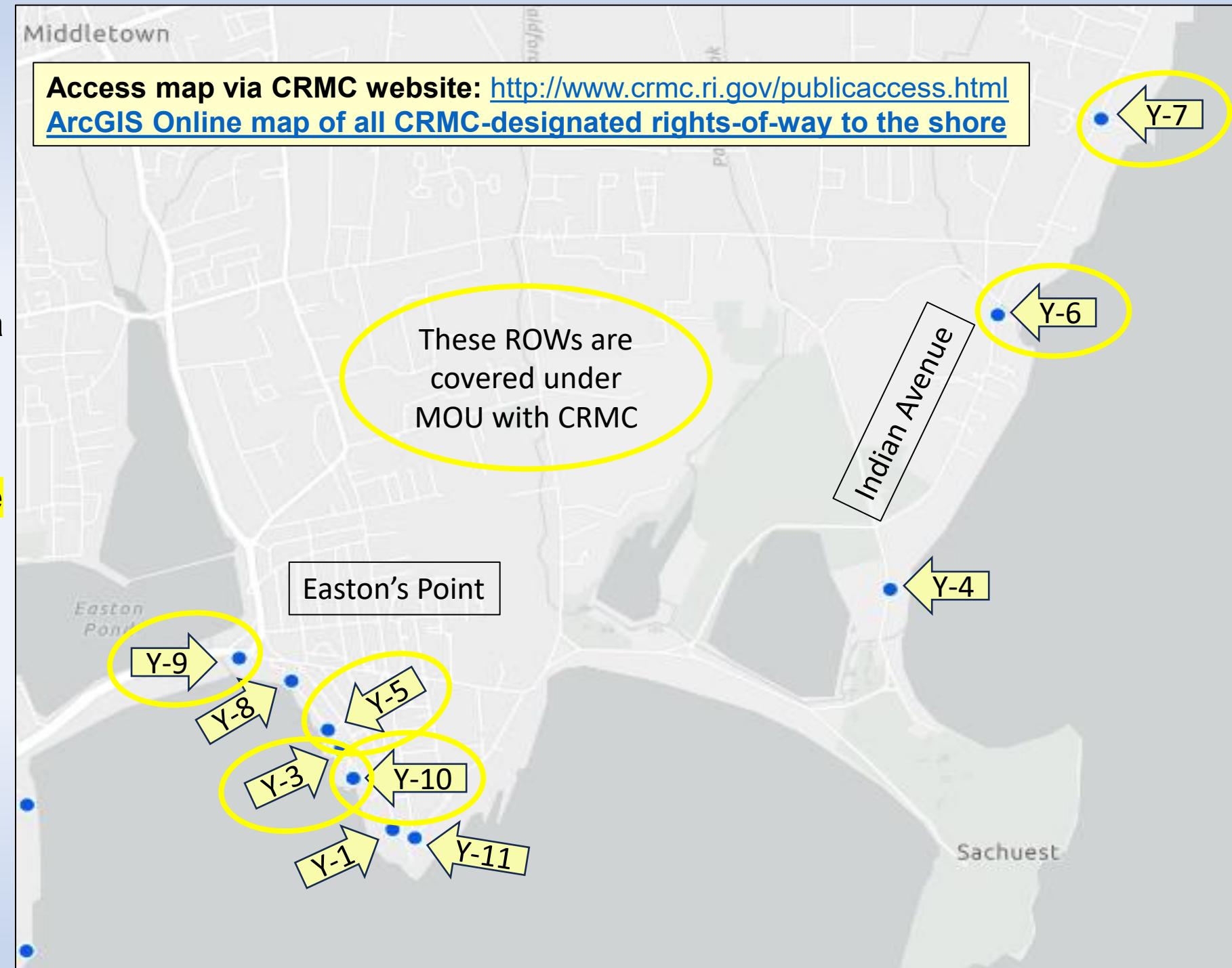


Adopted by
Middletown Town Council
April 7, 2025

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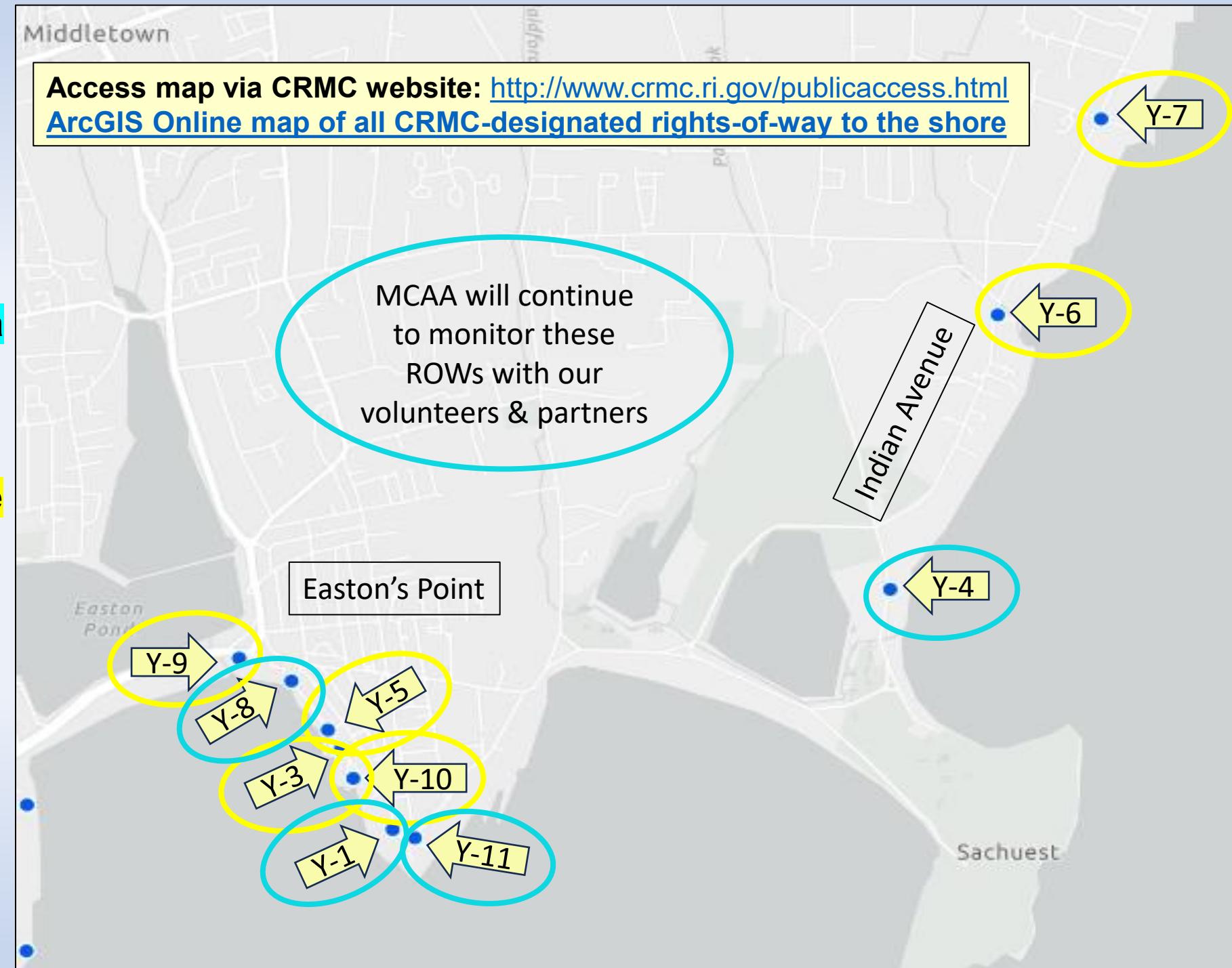
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Monitoring “Other” ROWs



Y-1 – Spiratos/Sea View Villa

Newport County
Saltwater
Fishing Club



Y-8 – Esplanade Steps

Property owner
monitors regularly



Y-4 – Peabody/Third Beach

**SAVE
THE
BAY®**
NARRAGANSETT BAY

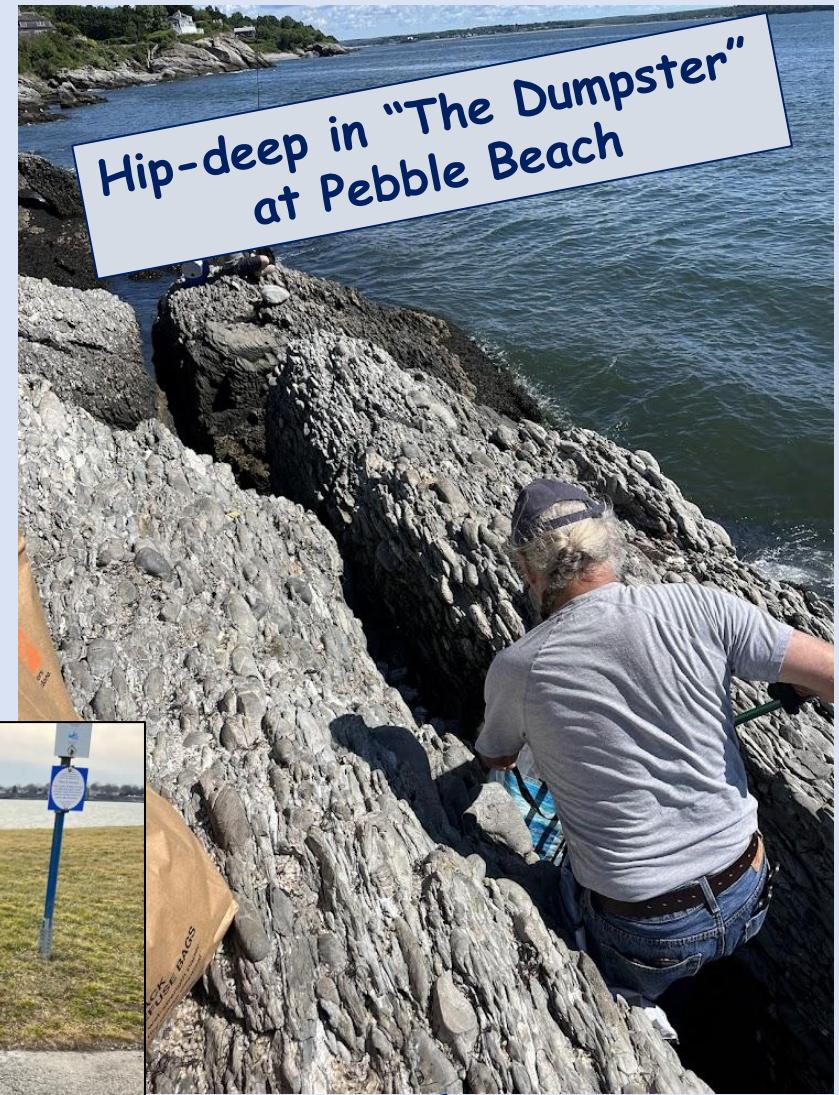


Y-11 – Clambake Club

Clambake Club
monitors 2x a week

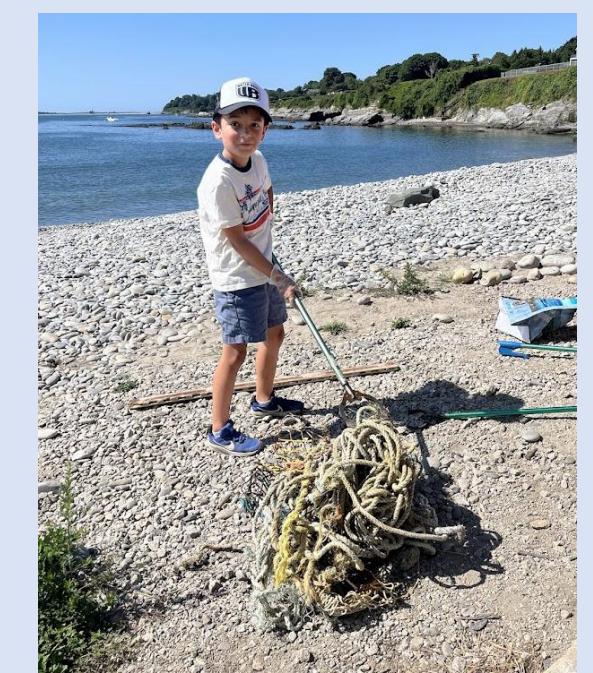


Thank you to our Volunteer Monitors!



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

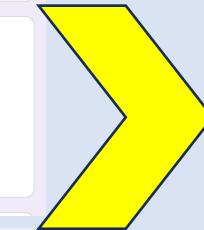
Date of Visit *

Date

mm/dd/yyyy

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

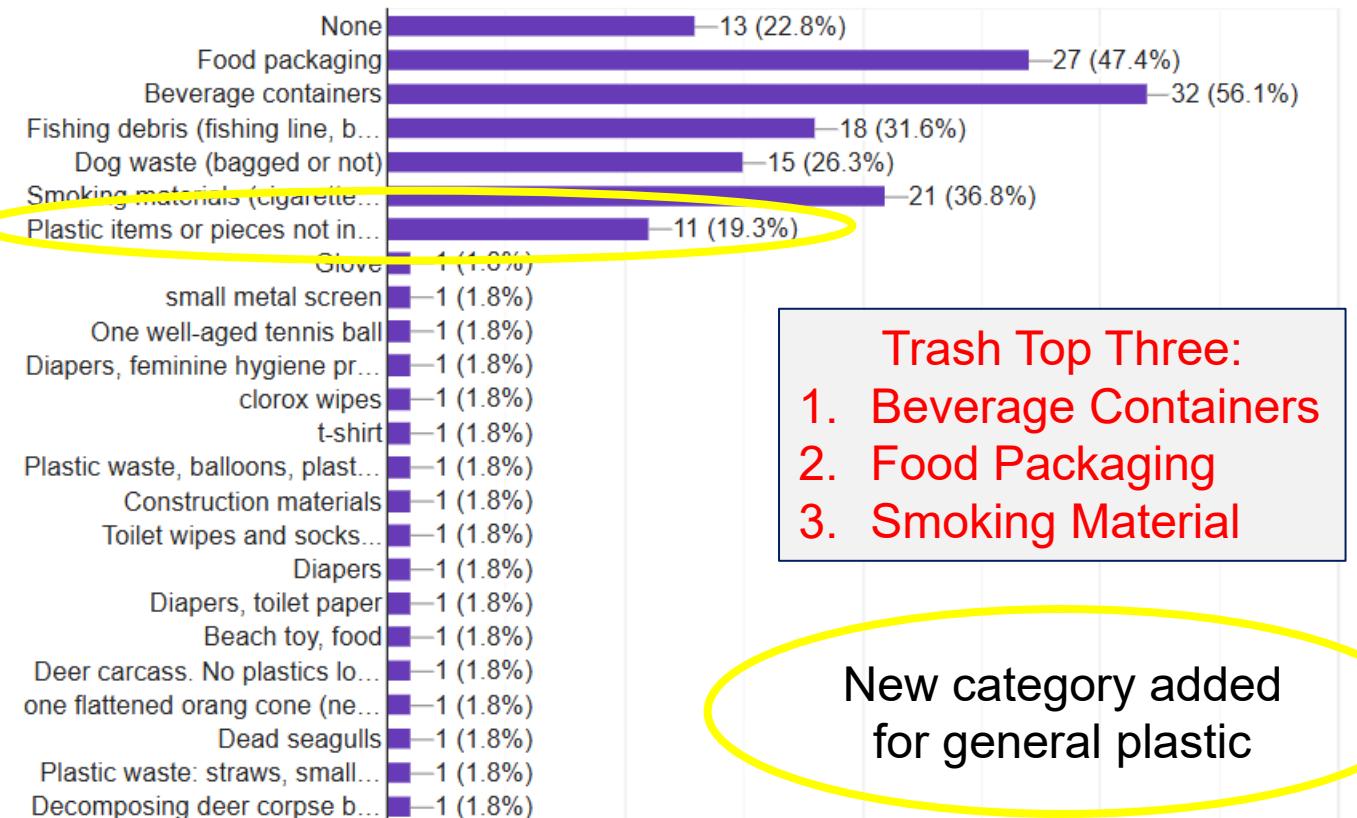
- None
- Food packaging
- Beverage containers
- Fishing debris (fishing line, buoys, traps, etc.)
- Dog waste (bagged or not)
- Smoking materials (cigarette butts, vape pens, lighters, cigarette packaging, etc.)
- Plastic items or pieces not included above
- other: _____



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 Copy chart

57 responses



Trash Top Three:
1. Beverage Containers
2. Food Packaging
3. Smoking Material

New category added for general plastic

Microplastics



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

Community Clean-ups



Visiting tourists joined the effort!

Coordination with Middletown Public Works



Trimming on Taggart's Ferry Road



Post-cleanup
trash collection



Before - July 7th

Debris clearing



Debris reported, picked up same day



After - July 10th



Looking ahead...

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

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a bright orange and yellow glow across the sky and reflecting off the water. In the foreground, the dark silhouette of a bridge or pier structure is visible on the left. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and scenic.

Thank you!

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Questions?

# Back-up slides



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



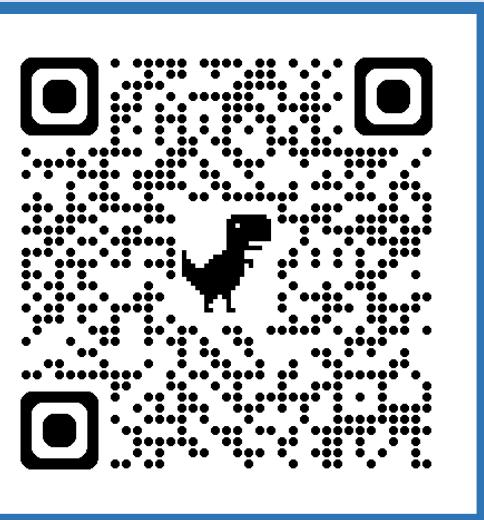
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## Ocean Access for All

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



Email MCAA at [middricaa@gmail.com](mailto:middricaa@gmail.com)

