



Barnegat Bay Blitz
(Statewide Barnegat Bay Watershed Cleanup)
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 -- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



This 8th annual event of the Barnegat Bay Blitz is organized by the NJ.DEP, together with sponsors and thousands of volunteers who help clean up the 660 square mile watershed and surrounding areas in picking up trash in all or parts of the 37 municipalities in Ocean and Monmouth counties.

Layout: Chair W. Morrissey

Allaire State Park -- Meeting Place: Start at the corner of Hospital Road and Squankum Road by the Smokey the Bear Sign on Hospital Road and Easy Street.

The Eighth Barnegat Bay Blitz Statewide Cleanup, which was first launched in 2011, was held on Wednesday, June 7. Team Captain, Kyra Hoffmann, experienced NJDEP coordinator, spearheaded the Barnegat Bay Blitz for Wall Township's Litter Clean-up at Allaire State Park and partnered with Will Johnson, Coordinator for the Monmouth County Clean Communities Program, along with Wilma Morrissey, Chairwoman of the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee.



At the start of the cleanup, Kyra explained safety precautions, cleanup locations, and operational procedures to the DEP, WTEAC, NJNG, and community volunteers. All volunteer members wore gloves, a vest, and carried a pick up stick and garbage bag with them. One team crew, led by Kyra Hoffmann picked up trash on Squankum Rd. and then the team crew picked up trash on Hospital Rd.



William Johnson
Coordinator
Clean Communities

William Johnson, Coordinator for Monmouth County Clean Communities said, "It was a pleasure working with NJ DEP and the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee cleaning the area around Allaire State Park. It was a great collaborative effort, and I look forward to doing it again."

In Will Johnson's report, he concluded that the 13 volunteer members collected 14 bags of trash weighing over 137 lbs. and 5 bags of recyclables weighing 47 lbs. The volunteers consisted of NJDEP, WTEAC, NJNG, and community members whose volunteerism was deeply appreciated by the DEP Team Captain and the WTEAC Chair.



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"With a crew of volunteers, we successfully cleaned up roadsides in Allaire State Park as part of the Barnegat Bay Blitz, a multi-town clean-up of areas that drain to the bay. The Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee was a great partner in getting out local volunteers," said Kyra Hoffmann, Barnegat Bay Blitz Captain for Wall Township."



Easy Street

"It was a pleasure for the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee to partner with NJDEP under the supervision of Kyra Hoffmann and to work with Will Johnson of the Monmouth County Clean Communities. WTEAC members formed new friendships with DEP, NJNG, and volunteers while successfully completing a joint, successful, and efficient cleanup operation to help protect and enhance Barnegat Bay and the environment." said Wilma Morrissey, Chair of the WTEAC. In addition, she expressed her sincere thanks to Kyra and all of the volunteers for a mission well done.



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