

Delaware Bay Beach Restoration



On October 29, 2012, Superstorm Sandy made landfall in New Jersey. Its devastating impact on the Atlantic coast was well-publicized, but the storm surge also destroyed most of the beaches on the Delaware Bay. In response, a coalition of biologists, conservation groups, and government agencies sprang into action and in the same year, successfully restored five Delaware Bay beaches with nearly 30,000 tons of sand. Subsequent work restored an additional mile of shoreline including two new beaches of poor quality even before the Superstorm.

Restoration work will continue on these beaches, but meanwhile the American Littoral Society and Conserve Wildlife Foundation are pioneering new ways to create a more resilient Delaware Bay shoreline. For the first time, all bay communities are taking part in the protection of horseshoe crabs and shorebirds. Concerned citizens are also taking part alongside seasoned professionals with new and expanded volunteer programs like bird banding, horseshoe crab tagging, beach stewardship and the construction of protective oyster reefs. Together, we can create a resilient Delaware Bayshore teaming with horseshoe crabs, shorebirds and a thriving natural ecosystem that benefits the local economy and Bayshore communities.

2015 TOTALS

7 Delaware Bay beaches restored
120 days of restoration work
2.44 miles of beachfront restored
911.5 tons of rubble removed
4,247 tons of road repair material used
7,467 truckloads of sand delivered
167,787 tons of sand placed

Changes in the Condition of New Jersey Beaches 2010 to 2012 (Post-Sandy)

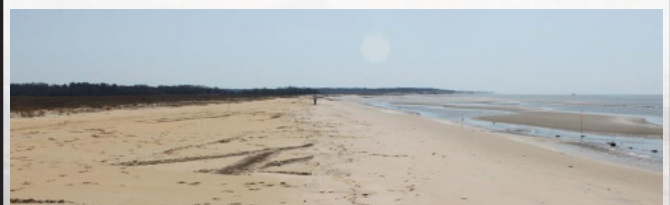
before restoration



during restoration

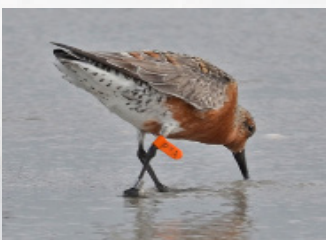


after restoration



TAKE ACTION

Want to help protect Delaware Bay's horseshoe crab and shorebird populations?



Sign up for wildlife conservation volunteer programs at RestoreNJBayshore.org

Want to learn more? Visit RestoreNJBayshore.org to find out how you can get involved in this community project.