

2019 MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP

ANNUAL REPORT

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program has been promoting environmental literacy and reducing marine debris impacts for 26 years. With support from numerous sponsors, the program provides coastal residents with opportunities to become active stewards of their natural surroundings. Marine debris is an issue that impairs the environment, stormwater infrastructure, tourism and industry along coastlines. Program leaders organize and implement cleanup events throughout the year and take their marine debris awareness programs to a variety of local schools, libraries, festivals and other events. This annual report summarizes the program's 2019 accomplishments.

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Cleanup Events

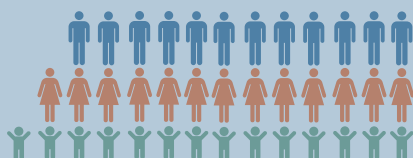
cleanup efforts took place across the Mississippi Gulf Coast during our Monthly Cleanups, the Star-Spangled Cleanup in July and the Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup in November.



Volunteers

2,494

dedicated and hardworking volunteers came together to rid the beaches and waterways of debris.



17.8 TONS

of marine debris was collected and disposed of by volunteers during cleanup events.

Debris



Trained Site Captains

48

Site captains were trained on how to be leaders of cleanup sites.



5,100

Education

students and community members were educated about marine debris impacts, prevention and stewardship.



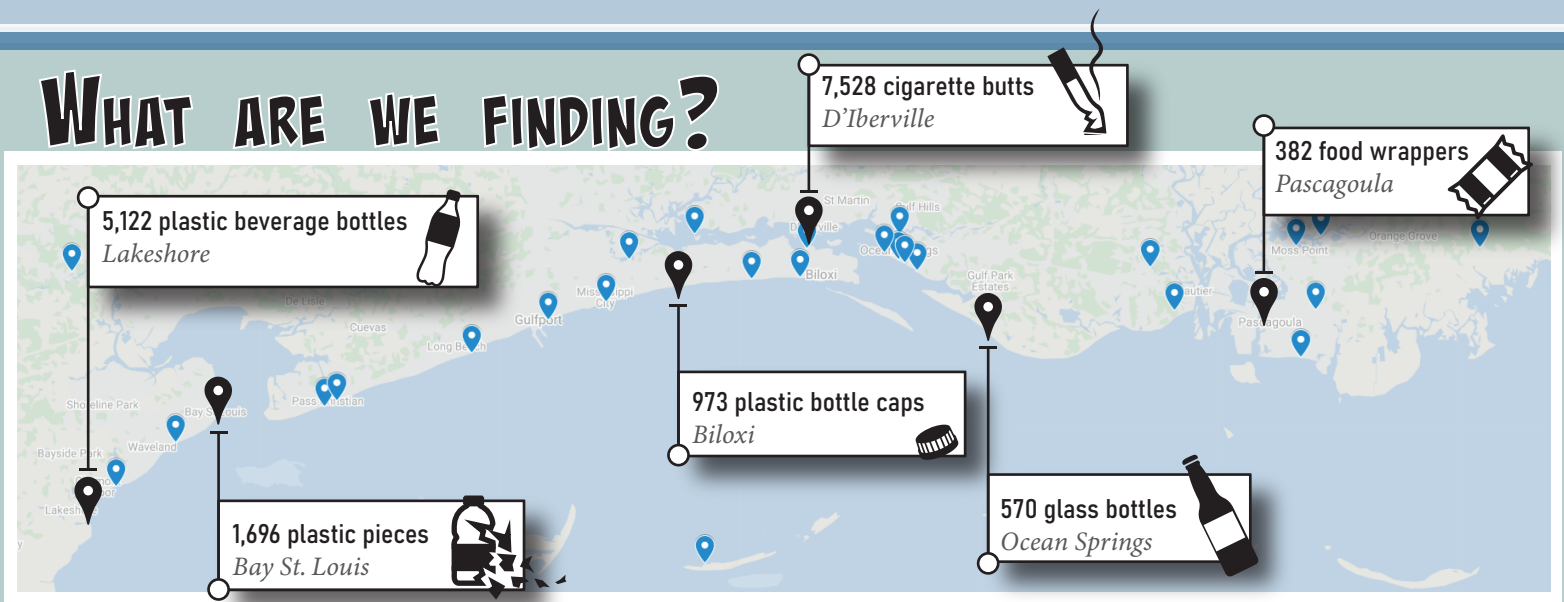
Crab Traps



1,294

derelict crab traps were removed from the Mississippi Sound by local shrimpers.

WHAT ARE WE FINDING?



WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program is always looking for helping hands. Volunteers become members of the cleanup community, receive annual service hours and have the opportunity to be citizen scientists and work with biology professionals.

For more information, check us out at WWW.MSCOASTALCLEANUP.ORG



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