

2020 MISSISSIPPI COASTAL CLEANUP ANNUAL REPORT

The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program has been promoting environmental literacy and reducing marine debris impacts for 32 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 2020 accomplishments.



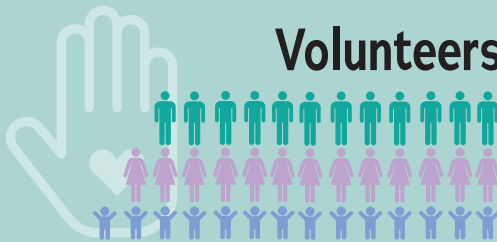
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supply bins were requested by volunteers across the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Volunteers used the supplies to do their own solo or household cleanups collectively removing trash from the environment.

Supply Bins



Volunteers



1,039

dedicated and hardworking volunteers took time to rid the beaches and waterways of debris.

28,168 POUNDS

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

Debris



Crab Traps



1,010

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

Want to learn more about the abandoned crab traps in the Mississippi Sound?

CHECK OUT THIS AWESOME PROGRAM!



Derelict Trap Reward Program



COMMON TRASH ITEMS with *simple* SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES

The most common trash items we find are also some of the easiest to prevent. Every day items such as grocery bags, single-use cups, water bottles, and hygiene products are just some examples.

Mesh produce bag



Stainless steel water bottle



Reusable coffee cup



Cloth grocery tote



REDUCE YOUR PLASTIC FOOTPRINT
WITH THESE SIMPLE ALTERNATIVES!

Menstrual cup



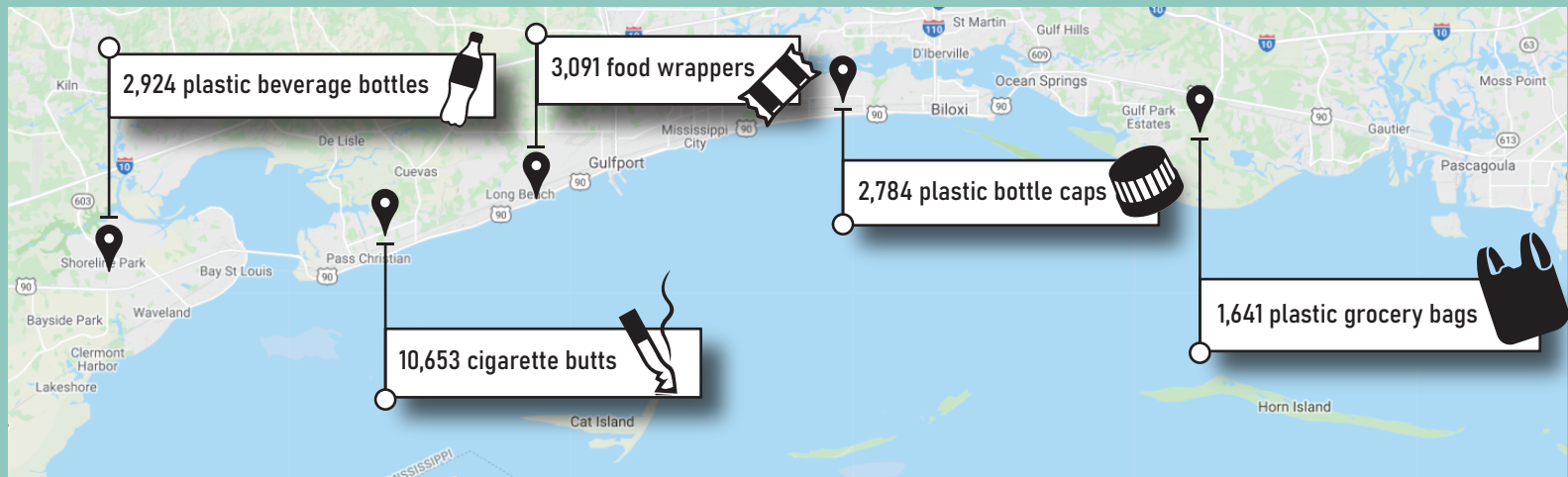
THE MISSISSIPPI INLAND CLEANUP PROGRAM

A new trash-free education and cleanup event program as an expansion of the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Program. This new program will extend the efforts of the coastal program by removing litter from the local community through events and provide outreach to help reduce inland litter.



Find out more at
WWW.NO LITTER MOVEMENT.COM

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 scientific professionals.

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



THANK YOU to our wonderful sponsors!



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