

29th Annual Mapping Contest Maps

Analytical Presentation

Mapping Shoreline Change to Inform Coastal Restoration Projects

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Introduction:

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy the importance of estuarine systems as storm surge buffers was made evident. Efforts to restore degraded wetlands and improve their resiliency capabilities by replanting lost vegetation and using natural materials like rocks and oyster reefs to dampen wave energy are underway, not just in New Jersey, but all over the USA. These tactics, collectively known as "Living Shorelines", also provide wildlife habitat, improved water quality and a host of other ecosystem services.

This study, piloted in Good Luck Point, Berkeley Township, NJ, identified those shorelines that were quickly eroding and may require restoration efforts. This study also broke the study areas into distinct shoreline types to determine if a particular shoreline type experienced different rates of change compared to the others. This study marks the first attempt by NJDEP to measure estuarine shoreline loss in detail.

Step 1: Shoreline Inventory

To map the shoreline types along the study area NOAA's Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI) layer was used. ESI provides shoreline type descriptions for the entire coast of the USA. ESI is used for prioritizing oil spill clean up response. The New Jersey ESI layer was added to GIS and edited, resulting in nine distinct shoreline types.

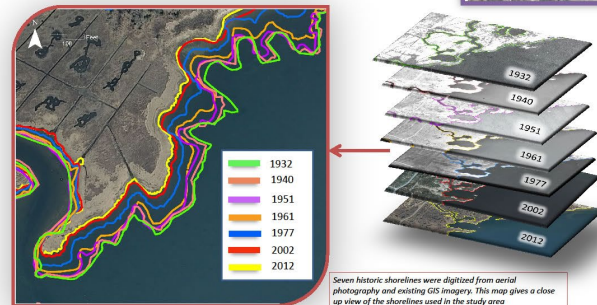


Shoreline inventory of the Good Luck Point, using NOAA's ESI data. "Developed" shoreline types are natural shorelines that are adjacent to hardened shorelines. Developed shorelines may receive higher erosional forces from wave energy being redirected off of adjacent hardened shorelines. Hardened shorelines were mapped as well, but were not included in the shoreline change rate analysis. Vegetated shorelines accounted for over two-thirds of the study area.

Step 2: Historic Shorelines

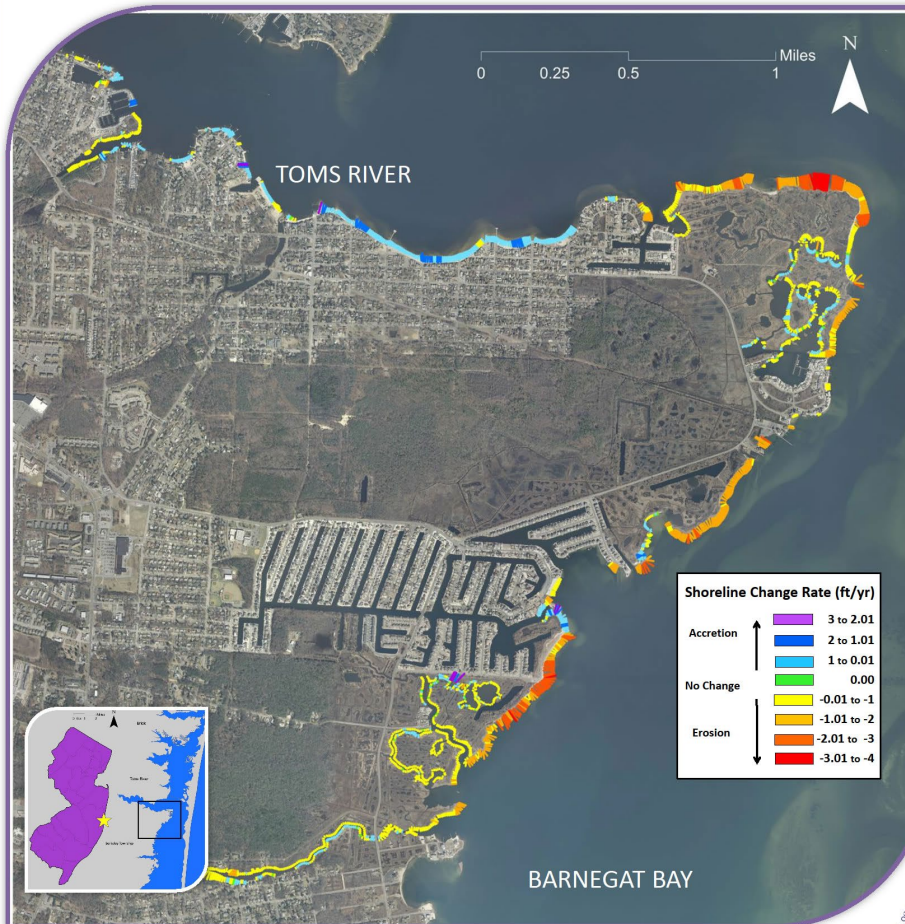
Seven historic shoreline vectors were created from georeferenced aerial photos (1932 – 1961) and existing NJDEP data layers (1977–2012). Shorelines were digitized to the "wet/dry line", characterized by a change in tone along the shore from dark to light. The Shorelines were then compiled together onto a single map (shown to the right).

Baselines were created in preparation for Step 3. All of the shorelines for a particular shoreline type were buffered and dissolved together. The buffer was then turned to a polyline and cut so that only the most landward or seaward line remained.



Seven historic shorelines were digitized from aerial photography and existing GIS imagery. This map gives a close up view of the shorelines used in the study area.

Purpose: Identify eroding shorelines in order to target coastal restoration efforts.



The colored lines along the shoreline are the transects used by DSAS to calculate shoreline change (The Linear Regression Rate, LRR). The warmer colors indicate erosion and the cooler colors indicate accretion. The length of the transects were clipped to show the difference between the furthest and closest shorelines. Longer transects indicate more shoreline change than shorter transects.

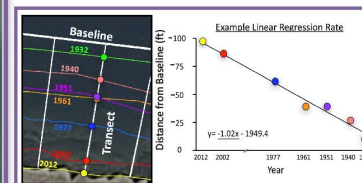
Step 3: Digital Shoreline Analysis System

The historic shoreline vectors were analyzed using the Digital Shoreline Analysis System (DSAS) program developed by USGS. DSAS casts transects at user defined intervals from the baselines created in Step 2. DSAS allows a number of statistics to be calculated. This map shows the Linear Regression Rate (LRR), calculated by taking the distance between the baseline and the point where the historic shorelines cross a transect. The residuals are plotted and a best fit line is placed that minimizes the sum of squares of the residuals. The LRR at that transect is equivalent to the slope of the best fit line. Armored shorelines and areas that eroded to allow inland ponds to open up to become shoreline were not included in this study as they would have given inaccurate shoreline change rates.

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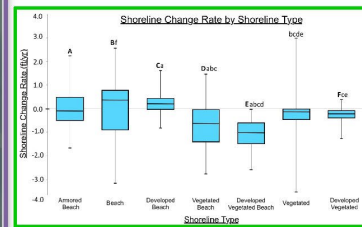


The rate of shoreline change is equal to the slope of the best fit line, -1.02. The shoreline is eroding 1.02 ft/yr. Hardened shoreline and areas where inland ponds opened up as a result of erosion were not included in the results as they would have given inaccurate rates.

Step 4: Results

All statistics were performed using R statistical software (version 3.2.3). The shoreline change rate (LRR) for each shoreline type were compared using a Kruskal-Wallis test, followed by a Dunn's test for multiple comparisons (using the Holm method to adjust p-values).

The results suggest that Developed Vegetated Beaches experience the most consistent erosion at Good Luck Point with all transects having negative rates. Vegetated Beaches also show high erosion with 75% of the transects having negative rates. Vegetated shorelines account for the highest rates of shoreline change, both eroding and accreting (this is most likely because vegetated shorelines account for over two-thirds of the study area). Coastal restoration efforts should be focused on these shores.



This plot depicts the shoreline change rates by shoreline type. The area within each blue box represents the interquartile range (middle 50% of the data). The line in the middle of each box is the median and the ends of the whiskers represent the maximum and minimum shoreline change rates for each shoreline type. Shoreline types with a lowercase letter have a shoreline change rate that is significantly different than shoreline types with a corresponding uppercase letter.



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Objective: To analyze bycatch and encrusting organisms in derelict crab traps and determine if trends exist between two locations in Barnegat Bay

Abstract

Species Name	Oyster Creek	Waretown
Oyster Threadfin	4	5
Rock Crab	26	1
Grey Crab	4	1
American Lob	1	9
Tomcod	9	1
Blue 7 Toadfin Mid Crabs	5	1
Jointed Crab	5	1
Chain (Dungeness) Crab	2	1
Spiny Crab	5	1
Sandpiper	1	1
Striped 7 Head	1	1
Oyster	8	1
Blue Crabs	3	3

Derelict fishing gear (DFG) is fishing equipment that has been lost or abandoned either due to storms, neglect, or other reasons and is left unattended in bodies of water. Derelict fishing gear includes but is not limited to nets, lines, crab pots, and other recreational or commercial harvest equipment (Derelict Fishing Gear Removal, n.d.). When fishing gear is lost or abandoned, it can cause long-term damage to the environment: not only is DFG a concern for boaters and swimmers, but it contributes to marine debris, and is often responsible for "ghost fishing," which is the unintended capturing and/or killing of organisms in abandoned fishing gear. DFG also often travels beyond where it was abandoned due to oceanic currents and storms, causing problems in other locations as well as their own ("Marine Debris: Derelict," n.d.). This particular study will focus on crab pots. It is important to understand the effects of derelict fishing gear on the organisms in these pots, for they could potentially trap species of concern or endangered species, impeding conservation progress. Allowing organisms to die in these pots will only attract more, for the decomposing organisms are an attractive food source to those not trapped in pots ("Impact of 'Ghost,'" 2015). While derelict crab pots do cause the death of many species, there are some species small enough to move freely in and out of these pots that suffer less. This study will focus on the effects of derelict fishing gear on the habitats to certain species ("Derelict Fishing Gear," 2016). This study aims to determine if there are trends in bycatch and encrusting organisms in different areas of Barnegat Bay.

Figure 5. The total bycatch species counts for Oyster Creek and Waretown. Although the t-test returned an insignificant p-value of 0.5821 (0.05 alpha), there were several unusual species of interest such as a seahorse and a large amount of crabs found at Oyster Creek. Wintertime retrieval could have contributed to this low value.

Species Name	Oyster Creek	Wardsboro
Bronze	24	18
Tulewren	14	12
Red Linch	10	0
Red Tanager	0	10
Sp. Hawk	5	4
Hy. Wren	4	0
Gr. Kinglet	1	0
Tanager	0	1
Junco	7	2
Amphisp.	0	0
Pigeon Dove	3	0
Red Winged	0	0
Yellow-bellied	0	0
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	0	8
Sp. Wren	1	0

Figure 6. The total counts for encrusting species for Oyster Creek and Waretown. Although the t-test an insignificant p-value of 0.8170 (0.05 alpha) there were unique species for each location such as algae, red tubeweed, and hydroids for Waretown and tunicate, anemones, and various sponge species for Oyster Creek. Wintertime retrieval could have contributed to this low value.

This study aimed to analyze the differences in bryatch species and encrusting organisms among two different locations within Barnegat Bay, Oyster Creek and Warefount, utilizing statistical analysis and Geographic Information Systems software. Figure 5, as well as Figure 6, and the word cloud, show that the most common species found in both locations between the two locations. Although a t-test ran on the species found between the two locations returned insignificant p-value of 0.5281, there were unique species to each location. A larger amount of crustaceans such as blue, spider, and rock crabs, as well as uncommon species such as a seahorse were found in Oyster Creek. While more fish species were found out of Warefount. This is likely due to the warmer waters of Oyster Creek and Warefount, as well as a better bottom structure. Warefount is a sandy bottom, while the cooler, more open waters of Warefount provide better habitat for fish and filter-feeders such as oysters (Wenk, 2016). A Sorenson similarity coefficient was calculated to compare the two sites and returned a value of 55.56% similarity, which shows that even though these two sites are both located in the bay, they are still 44.44% different. Likely due to the different shaded, open areas, and the different water temperatures. A Simpson's diversity index was also calculated for each site, returning a low diversity index of 0.296 for Oyster Creek and 0.12 for Warefount. This low diversity is likely caused by the fact that sampling was performed in the winter when species are less prevalent, but is also a good indicator that there are only a few select species being caught as bryatch instead of many. Similar tests were performed on encrusting organisms as shown in Figure 7, Figure 8, and Figure 9. The t-test returned an insignificant p-value of 0.8170 for the t-test of species found, a Sorenson similarity coefficient of 55.56%, and a low Simpson's diversity index of 0.24 for Oyster Creek and 0.18 for Warefount. The insignificant p-value and low diversity indices are likely due to the fact that very different species are present to attach to crab pots. However, the overall mean encrusting percentage for Oyster Creek was 14.2% and for Warefount was 10.2%. The difference in percentage is shown visually in Figures 11 and 12. The higher percentage found at Warefount is likely due to the fact that most of these encrusting organisms prefer the cooler, more open waters of Warefount, and that the warmer waters of Oyster Creek are more desirable for the rarer species found there such as anemones, finger sponges, boring sponges, and yellow sulfur sponges. These results suggest that the impact of directed fishing gear on the bryatch community across different locations in the same environment is significant. The potential to utilize crab pot bryatch to indicate species diversity and health. With populations of blue crabs in lower abundance, it is important to identify ways to conserve this species; studies in Maryland have found that the removal of directed fishing gear can lead to more blue crab harvests annually (Wenk, 2016). By utilizing GIS and statistics to compare the results of the bryatch sampling, it is possible to identify the most diverse, but by default gear, which locations are at the greatest risk, and the preferences of encrusting organisms which also are a nuisance to boats and human structures.

- Crab pots were collected in conjunction with several partner groups from around Barnegat Bay, New Jersey, particularly Oyster Creek and off the shore of Waretown (Ocean Township)
- Pots were located via side-scan sonar and retrieved utilizing grapple hoists
- Collected pots will be assessed for condition, bycatch, and encrusting organisms using special data sheets. Percentage of encrusting organisms was determined by visual analysis of the approximate percentage of the pot surface covered by encrusters. GPS coordinates were taken for every pot as well.
- Locations of the pots as well as percent encrusting organisms will be mapped utilizing ArcMap 10.2 software
- Species found as bycatch will be compared between the two sites utilizing statistics such as a t-test, Simpson's diversity indices, and a Sorenson coefficient to compare sites

Figures 7 and 8. The locations of crab pots containing fish off the shore of Waretown (top), and Oyster Creek (bottom). Both sites contained a similar amount of pots containing fish, though the individual species per site varied.

Figures 9 and 10. The locations of crab pots containing invertebrate bycatch (crabs, mollusks, etc.) off the shore of Waretown (top), and Oyster Creek (bottom). Oyster Creek had a slightly higher instance of pots containing invertebrates, as well as a slightly greater abundance of invertebrates, crustaceans in particular.

Figure 1 consists of two maps of the San Francisco Peninsula. The top map shows the entire peninsula with green circles indicating the percent of the population encountered by the 1906 earthquake. The bottom map is a detailed view of the San Francisco city center, showing the same data with a street grid and a compass rose.

Percent Encountered

Percent Encountered
0-1.5
1.5-20
20-40
40-75
75-100

Figures 11 and 12. The percentage of encrusting organisms on each pot off the shore of Waretown (top), and Oyster Creek (bottom) shown via dot density maps. The Waretown shore had a higher mean percentage of encrusting organisms of 44.46%, while Oyster Creek had a mean of 29.78%. The warmer waters of Oyster Creek may not provide as ideal a habitat as the shores of Waretown for these organisms.

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Analysis of DC Fast Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles (EVs) in NJ

Introduction

In NJ, the transportation sector accounts for roughly 46% of all greenhouse gas emissions in the State. Electric vehicles (EVs), which have no tailpipe emissions, are often seen as an essential component transitioning towards a more sustainable transportation sector. Since they use energy stored in batteries for propulsion, these vehicles must be plugged in and "charged". Failure to do so will result in the depletion of the battery over time, eventually rendering the vehicle unable to move. As a result, charging infrastructure must be deployed across the state, similarly to how gas stations are present for fueling conventional gasoline-powered vehicles.

With this said, the lack of available public charging infrastructure in the State has been seen as a major barrier hindering the widespread adoption of EVs. Without this, EV owners are frequently limited to home or workplace charging, which can severely limit their drivable range and cause "range anxiety". In New Jersey, there are currently 32 publicly accessible Non-Tesla DC Fast Chargers in the state at 21 locations (Tesla Superchargers are only compatible with Tesla Models). Compared to Level 1 or Level 2 chargers, which take hours to charge an EV's battery, DC Fast Chargers are able to provide an EV with 50-70 miles of drivable range in as little as 20 minutes. This technology, especially when placed along major transportation corridors, can be extremely beneficial to EV drivers, allowing them to charge up faster and travel further distances with no tailpipe emissions or "range anxiety".



Legend

- Public Non-Tesla DC Fast Chargers (32 at 21 locations)
- Priority Rest Stops
- Rest Stops
- Major Highways
- Counties
- DC Station Buffer (20mi)
- Rest Stops Buffer (20mi)

AC Level 1: 2 to 5 miles of range per hour of charging
AC Level 2: 10-20 miles of range per hour of charging
DC Fast Charging: 50-70 miles of range per 20 minutes of charging



Photos: Blink Network, ChargePoint, and AeroVironment DC Fast Chargers

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Data and Methodology

The electric vehicle charging station data for this analysis was downloaded from the US Department of Energy's Alternative Fuels Data Center on 1.4.16. Non-Tesla DC Fast Chargers were plotted using their geographic coordinates (Tesla Supercharger locations were excluded since they are only compatible with Tesla models). Using the buffer tool, a 20 mile radius was mapped around each of these stations to show the land area of the state that is located within 20 miles of one of locations. This initial analysis revealed a spatial irregularity in the current distribution of DC Fast Chargers. It is clearly apparent that the Jersey Shore, a region of high economic productivity, was not covered by this range.

In order to spread the land area located within 20 miles of a DC Fast Charger, more charging stations will need to be installed. Using the geographic coordinates provided from the NJ Turnpike Authority, all of the rest stops/service areas (24 total) along 4 major highways in the state were plotted (NJ Turnpike, Garden State Parkway, Atlantic City Expressway, and Interstate-78). Using a similar technique, the buffer tool was used to map the area within a 20 mile radius of each of these rest stops. When this data was overlaid with the current DC Fast Charging data and buffer, it became clear that by strategically installing DC Fast Chargers at the 6 "priority rest stop" locations (chosen based on their location outside the current 20 mile radius), nearly 95% of the State would be located within a 20 miles radius of one of these valuable charging resources.

Discussion and Conclusion

The initial analysis of the DC Fast Charging stations revealed that only about 63% of the state is currently located within 20 miles of a DC Fast Charger. It also uncovered spatial irregularities that indicate that the majority of area that is not covered happens to be along the coast. EV owners should not be discouraged from visiting the Jersey Shore, which is one of the most economically productive aspects of the State, due to the inability to charge their vehicles as a result of the lack of infrastructure. In order to improve access to the coastal amenities for EV drivers, the DC Fast Charging network in the state must be expanded.

By conducting a spatial analysis of the current DC Fast Charger network in the state, it is apparent that the majority of chargers are located along the I95 corridor—arguably the most heavily trafficked region in the state. With this in mind, a spatial analysis of rest stops/service areas along other major transportation corridors and highways was conducted, along with the area located within 20 miles of each. The results of this rest stop analysis showed a much more even distribution across the state, with more land area covered.

Since DC Fast Chargers tend to be expensive, in order to have the biggest impact per dollar spent, it is recommended that DC Fast Chargers are installed at the 6 "priority rest stops" which would effectively increase the percentage of the State that is located within 20 miles of a DC Fast Charger from 63% to 95%. Doing so would all but erase "range anxiety" while also facilitating the growth of the EV market.

Data Integration

Atlantic City

Development & Redevelopment Map



Map Sources: CoStar - Sale & Lease properties. NJ Office of GIS - Parcel/MOD IV, roads, municipal boundaries, urban renewal & vacant land. NJDCA - Designated Areas in Need of Redevelopment. Atlantic City Planning & Development Dept - ROSI's & other corrections. CRDA - Remington, Vernick & Walberg Engineers, ESRI.

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Map: NJ Dept. of State, Business Action Center, Office for Planning Advocacy, March 14, 2016, Steven Karp Cartographer

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EXISTING COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR SALE												
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The Impacts of Human Disturbance on Avian Presence in Barnegat Bay, New Jersey

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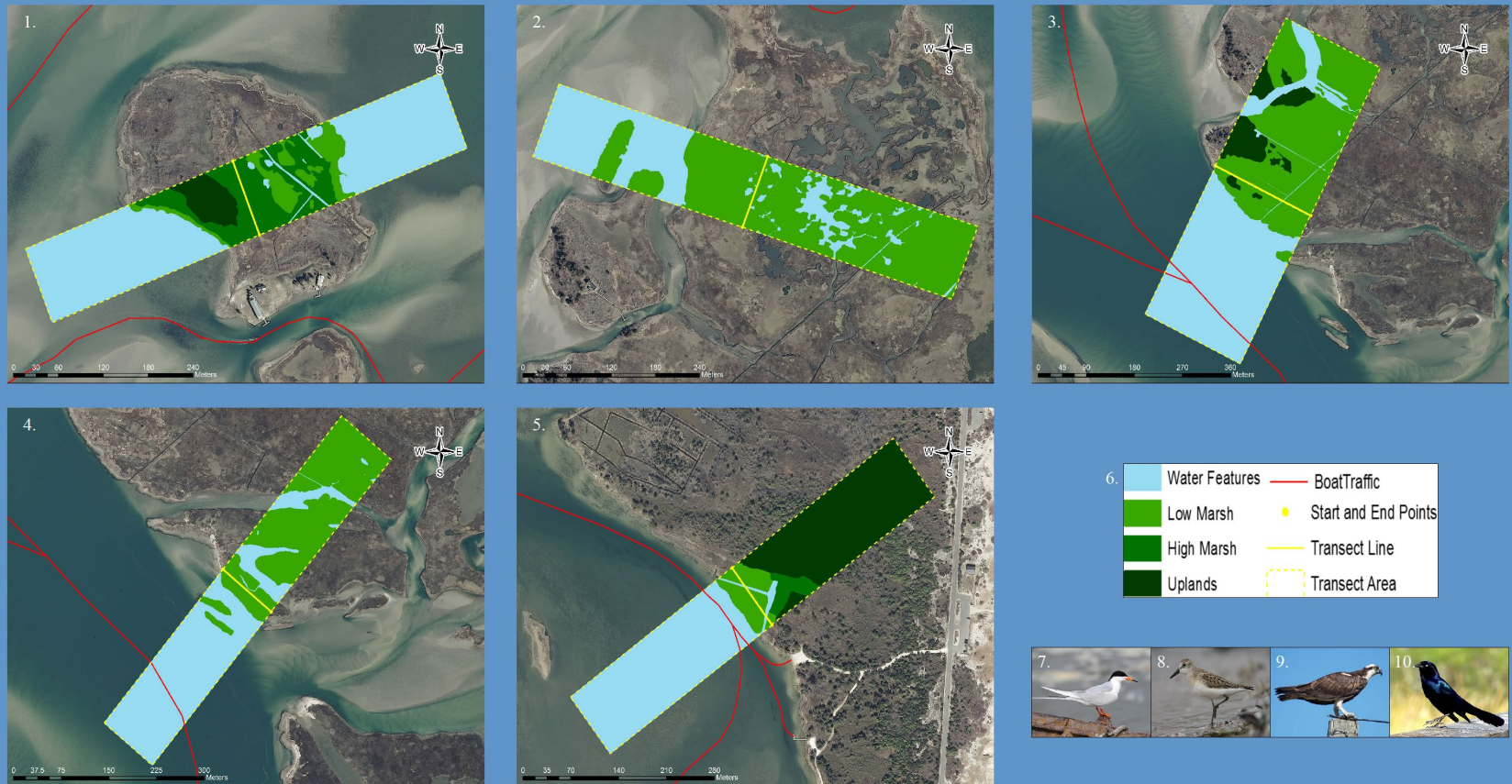


Figure 1-10. Digitized GIS maps displaying habitat zonation of each transect area in the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone, legend, and the most prevalent bird species during the study: Forster's Tern (*Sterna forsteri*), Semipalmated Sandpiper (*Calidris pusilla*), Boat-tailed Grackle (*Quiscalus major*), and Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

Abstract

Nearly all types of birds are subjected to human disturbance. Forms of disturbance include recreation, development, commercial fishing, as well as boat-based and aviation tourism. Such activities can have negative effects on the foraging, hunting, nesting, and mating habits of birds, depending on the species. While migrating, birds use the barrier islands and coastal salt marshes of Barnegat Bay, New Jersey for food and resources to regain energy before resuming their travels. In order to determine the impact human disturbance has on avian presence in the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone, five transects (in both sheltered and unsheltered areas of the bay) were surveyed for seven weeks during the summer of 2015. Any birds, boats, humans, or aircrafts observed within the transect area and in the 15 minute sampling period were tallied and weather data was also recorded. Using statistical tests including Simpson's Biodiversity Index, Jaccard's Index, Tukey HSD^{abc} Post-Hoc, and regression, it was found that all the transects had high avian biodiversity values and had the same degree of similarity. The results of this study support the claim that the effects of human disturbance on avian presence in Barnegat Bay, New Jersey are minimal. Based on the data and statistical analysis, the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone ecosystem is in a healthy state and protects the bird species that thrive there.

Introduction

Birds play an irreplaceable role in almost every ecosystem on Earth. The three main niches birds fill within a food web are agents of dispersal, biological controllers, and biological indicators. Birds benefit the environment by acting as agents of dispersal through the relocation of seeds, pollen, and fish eggs when foraging for food, defeccating, or flying to different areas. Birds such as swallows and warblers act as biological controllers and keep insect populations in check, many of which can potentially be harmful to humans. Birds are also major bio-indicators that can tell humans about the health of the environment, levels of pollution, and the potential health risks posed to humans by diseases ("The Importance of Birds," 2001). Needless to say, birds are extremely important to both mankind and the environment.

Nearly all types of birds are subjected to human disturbance. Forms of disturbance include recreation, development, commercial fishing, as well as boat-based and aviation tourism. Such activities can have negative effects on the foraging, hunting, nesting, and mating habits of birds, depending on the species. Increased human disturbance can force birds to relocate to less favorable foraging or hunting areas, thus causing possible malnourishment in the birds. For colony-nesting birds, such as sandpipers, plovers, terns, and gulls, human disturbance can have direct negative effects on the success and survival of individual breeders, as well as long-term consequences for the persistence of colonies as a whole" ("Human Disturbance," 2012).

While migrating, shorebirds use the Atlantic Flyway for food and resources on beaches, grassland wetlands, and agricultural wetlands to regain energy before resuming their travels. The barrier islands and coastal salt marshes of Barnegat Bay, New Jersey serve mainly to protect primary coasts from wave action and storm surges; however, these unique ecosystems also provide primary habitat for shorebirds and their invertebrate food sources. This study will be conducted in order to see the severity human disturbance poses on the avian life in Barnegat Bay, NJ.

Methodology

- Data collection took place two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday) for 7 weeks of the summer. The data collection schedule encompassed both weekdays and weekends, in which there was varying amounts of human disturbance.
- The collection times took place in the morning, usually from the hours of 7AM-10AM (unless otherwise delayed by outside forces i.e. weather, transportation interruptions, etc.).
- Several strip transects (100m or 200m x 600m) were performed at various locations around the Sedge Islands in Barnegat Bay, NJ.
- Any birds, boats, humans, or aircrafts observed within the transect area and in the 15 minute sampling period were tallied and weather data was also recorded.
- Simpson's Diversity Index and Jaccard's Index were used to calculate species biodiversity. A Tukey HSD^{a,b,c} Post-Hoc test was used to compare significance among the transects' parameters. Additionally, regression tests were used to show correlation strengths and significant differences between the data.

Objective/Hypothesis

This research project was conducted to unveil more information about the impacts of human disturbance on birds and to evaluate the effectiveness of the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone. Because of the relative skittishness of birds, I believe that the increased human presence in Barnegat Bay, New Jersey during the weekends will have a negative effect on avian presence.

Transect Areas in the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone

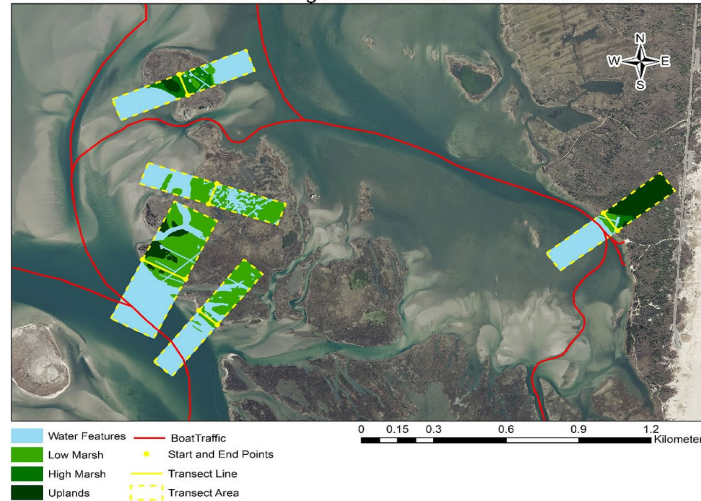


Figure 11. Transect areas and popular boating routes in the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone

Results

A Simpson's Biodiversity Index showed that all transects had extremely high biodiversity values (Transect 1 = 0.902, Transect 2 = 0.804, Transect 3 = 0.836, Transect 4 = 0.942, Transect 5 = 0.772). Averaging the biodiversity values of the transects reveals that both the sheltered and unsheltered areas have a biodiversity of 0.85. Jaccard's Index similarity percentages ranged from 65-218%; however, after averaging the values, the Jaccard's Index revealed that there is a 104% similarity among all of the transects. A Tukey HSD^{a,b,c} Post-Hoc test showed that the parameters measured in all five transects had the same degree of similarity. When comparing the weather conditions to the amount of birds observed each day using a regression test, no significant correlations among any of the comparisons emerged ($R^2 < 0.12$, $P > 0.65$). When each habitat type area was compared against the amount of birds and the biodiversity values for each transect for using a regression test, no significant correlations emerged ($R^2 < 0.44$, $P > 0.35$).

Discussion

The results of this study refute my hypothesis and support the claim that the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone is in a healthy state that shelters avian species. Bird presence is influenced by a plethora of variables. Excluding human disturbance, avian presence and biodiversity can be influenced by changes in weather conditions, predation, food and water resources, and habitat (Vaughan and Strauss, 2013). Due to the poor correlations and significant differences among the data when comparing avian population observations to weather and habitat zonation areas, it was ruled that human disturbance does not play an important role in affecting the presence of avian species in the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone.

After analyzing the results from the Simpson's Biodiversity Index, Jaccard's Index, and the TUSHS^{abc} Post-Hoc test, it was found that many of the transects had index, and TUSHS^{abc} values that were similar. The sheltered and unsheltered transects had the same, the transects had a cumulative similarity of 104%, and all of the transects had the same degree of similarity according to the TUSHS^{abc} Post-Hoc test, the results suggest that there are no supportable differences between the sheltered and unsheltered transect areas in terms of avian diversity. The tests signify that the avian biodiversity in the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone is uniform and that there is no significant difference between the amount of human disturbance and avian presence.

After compiling the data, several notable bird absences were discovered. Species including American Black Duck (*Anas rubripes*), Belted Kingfisher (*Megascops alcyon*), Black-bellied Plover (*Pluvialis squatarola*), Marsh Wren (*Cistothorus palustris*), and Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*) were expected birds that should be found in a saltmarsh habitat, but were never spotted. In addition, there were no invasive species observed. Brown-headed Cowbird (*Molothrus ater*), Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*), European Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), Rock Pigeon (*Columba livia*). The sensitivity of birds to proper ecosystem functioning makes them valuable indicators of habitat quality (Hill, 2016). Although there were several key species that were not observed during data collection, the absence of all avian invasive species found in New Jersey (bioindicators for impaired ecosystems) reveals that the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone is in a healthy state.

Conclusion

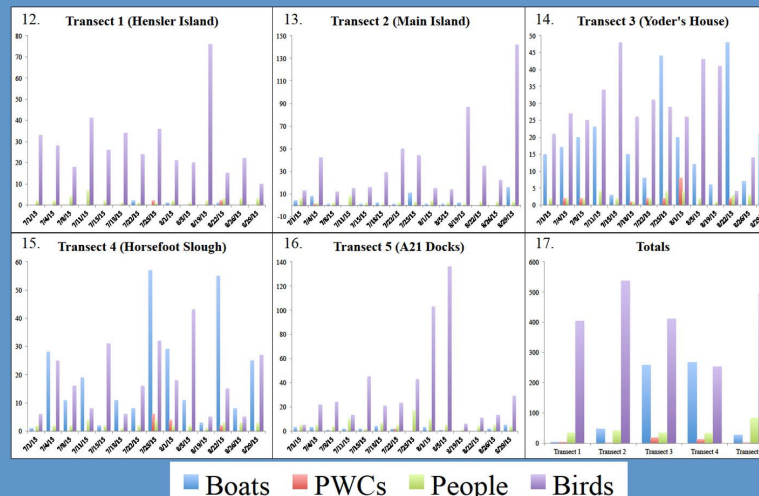
The results of this study support the claim that the affects of human disturbance on avian presence in Barnegat Bay, New Jersey are minimal. Based on the data and statistical analysis, the Sedge Island Marine Conservation Zone ecosystem is in a healthy state and protects the bird species that thrive there. In future research, I hope to continue evaluating ecosystems while looking at avian biodiversity.

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Figures 12-17. Bird, boat, PWC, and people tallies in each transect of the study



Streaming the Rivers and Creeks in Ocean County, New Jersey

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Abstract

The Barnegat Bay is an estuary with tributaries such as Metedeconk, Toms River, and Cedar Creek. The purpose of this project is to expose the natural beauty of the Barnegat Bay Watershed to support conservation efforts and acquaint citizens with the local ecosystem through pictures and historical information.

Introduction

Barnegat Bay estuary is a local attraction for fishing, swimming, clamming, and other recreational activities. It is tidally influenced by the Atlantic via Point Pleasant Canal, Barnegat Inlet, and Little Egg Harbor Inlet, which provide an influx of ocean water in high tide conditions. Barnegat Bay estuary has a greater net influx of fresh water and is mostly influenced inland tributaries including the Metedeconk, Toms River, Cedar Creek, and Forked River. Each tributary contains a headwaters and mouth, or a beginning source and end point, respectively. All tributaries contain headwaters in or near Ocean County and drain into the Barnegat Bay, forming the 600 mi² Barnegat Bay Watershed ("The Watershed"). The Watershed encompasses most of Ocean County and Southern Monmouth County, with 560,000 people residing within ("The Watershed"). As Ocean County continues to grow, it suffers from the negative influence of humans and their habits. Runoff, habitat loss, and fishery declines are all adversely affecting Barnegat Bay Watershed ("The Watershed"). The purpose of this project is to expose the natural beauty of the Barnegat Bay Watershed to support conservation efforts and acquaint citizens with the local ecosystem.

Objective: To spread awareness of the natural beauty of The Barnegat Bay Watershed to enhance conservation efforts

Discussion and Conclusion

In completing this study, there were several interesting discoveries made within Ocean County. Some species spotted were the garter snake, red squirrel, mute swan, sundews, pitcher plants, wood ducks, and Swamp Pink, a threatened species (Figure 4 & Table 2). Additionally, specific landmarks were accounted for, such as numerous historical cranberry bogs, and Native American mounds (Table 1). It was found that with exploring the nature of the county, there was also corresponding historical stories that took place at each of these locations. Additional facts and information about individual points of interest can be seen in the StoryMaps featured in the QR codes or links below.

Although all data gathered was pictorial and historical, there are several uses for this data. With the funding graciously provided by the Barnegat Bay Partnership, printed maps of each tributary and their points of interest are being constructed through the Ocean County Planning Office. Also, digital data will be compiled in an app available for download in app marketplaces. With these efforts, those involved in this project hope to make a usable interface for Ocean County citizens to become involved and concerned with their home ecosystem.



Figure 2 (A - C): Tributary points of interest in reference to waterbodies and wetlands (A), roadways (B), and publicly owned state and county parks (C).



Figure 4: Photos of species spotted during site exploration. Left Column (Top to Bottom): Swamp Pink, Pitcher Plants, Domestic Geese. Right Column (Top to Bottom): Red Squirrel, Garter Snake, Wood Ducks, Mute Swan.

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Figure 1: Location of Ocean County in New Jersey

Methods & Data

The headwaters and mouth of each Barnegat Bay tributary in Ocean County were visited, as well as several points of interest along the water body accessible to the public totaling 160 points.
All photographs were taken by professional nature photographer Bob Birdsell (Figure 3). GPS coordinates were gathered using a Garmin GPS device, as well as the iPhone Compass app.
All coordinates and photos were compiled into a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation and into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.
All coordinates were plotted in a map document using Esri ArcMap 10.2.2. Multiple maps were created in reference to different attributes such as county wetlands and waterbodies, roads, and national and state parks (Figure 2).
The State and County open spaces were clipped to the Ocean County layer from the NJDEP Open Spaces shapefile.
The state and county highways, Route 9, and the Garden State Parkway were selected from the NJDEP Tiger Roads 2000 in Ocean County, New Jersey shapefile.
All points of interests were displayed onto Esri Story Maps with a corresponding picture.
All data collected during this project was qualitative and collected in the form of photographs.
All basemap data was retrieved from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Bureau of Geographic Informational Systems.



Figure 3: Sample photos of points of interest. From left to right: Shoop Creek at Bayview Avenue, Mouth of Tuckerton Creek at South Green St., Holly Lake at Great Bay Blvd., Native American Monument at Forge Pond along the Metedeconk, Cold Brook near old 'Stone Place' along Oyster Creek, and Headley Cranberry Farm at Pine Bridge Branch.

Table 1: Selected sites of historical significance

Historical Site	Location
NJ's Tallest Pitch Pine	Manahawkin
Thoroughfare Island Indian Mounds	Stafford
Stout's Creek	Lacey
Rova Farms Russian Settlement	Jackson
Salt Works	Berkeley
Good Luck Point	Ocean Gate
Native American Monument	Brick
Huddy Park	Toms River
Old Central Railroad	Barnegat

Get Exploring!

Scan the QR codes or follow the links below to explore StoryMaps, like the one pictured below featuring all points of interest along Ocean County tributaries

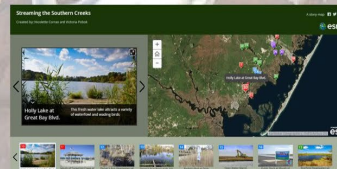
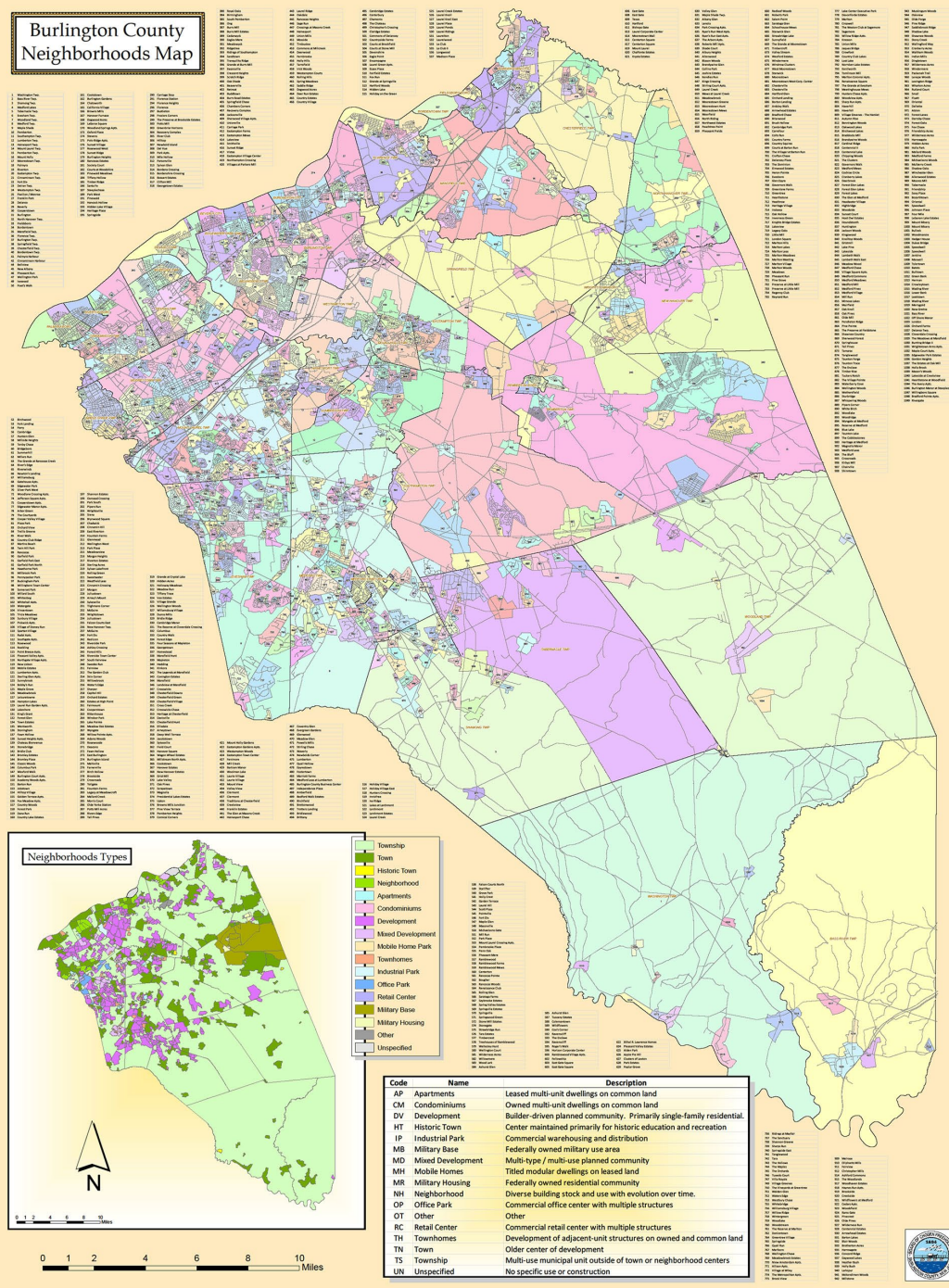


Table 2: Species spotted at points of interest

Animal Species	Plant Species
Great Egret	Curly Grass Fern
Northern Pine Snake	Floating Heart
Red Shouldered Hawk	Pine Barrens Gentian
Pine Barrens Tree Frog	Purple Pitcher Plant
Red Squirrel	Swamp Pink
Barred Owl	Sundews
Wood Duck	Bog Asphodel
Garter Snake	Arethusa
Mute Swan	White Fringed Orchid

Burlington County Neighborhoods Map



New Jersey Conservation Focal Areas

Overview

The identification of **Conservation Focal Areas** is one of two main components of New Jersey's revision of the **State Wildlife Action Plan** (<http://www.nj.gov/dep/fsw/ensp/wap/home.htm>) that aims to identify and address the highest priorities of NJ's fish and wildlife resources. The existing plan's focus will be narrowed by establishing and prioritizing focal species, identifying the areas that provide good conservation opportunities and then target the greatest threats to those species and habitats. Implementable conservation actions will then be linked to those threats, creating a blueprint for conservation of NJ's wildlife. Conservation Focal Areas represent a two-part approach to identifying threats to New Jersey's species of Greatest Conservation Need (GCN), as well as to develop actions which will address these threats. In addition to identifying "Focal Species" (priority subset of GCN) specific geographic areas of NJ's landscape are recognized as presenting greater opportunities for effective conservation action. Conservation Focal Areas are where the conservation community can undertake actions to improve the conditions not only of the focal species but of other species relying on the same habitats.

Objectives

- Provide a data driven approach for geographically focusing conservation action with New Jersey's Landscape Regions that incorporates metrics of landscape condition/ecological integrity, existing conservation infrastructure, existing wildlife habitats, biodiversity, and negative human influences.
- Incorporate a regional perspective/context that addresses ecosystems of importance to the Northeast region that are found in New Jersey.
- Emphasize riparian corridors that serve to connect larger tracts of habitat in an otherwise fragmented landscape.

Next Steps

Identify the threats in each Conservation Focal Area and develop conservation actions that will guide the conservation community and land-use decision makers that are able to undertake actions to improve the conditions of New Jersey's highest priority fish and wildlife resources.



Process - Phase I

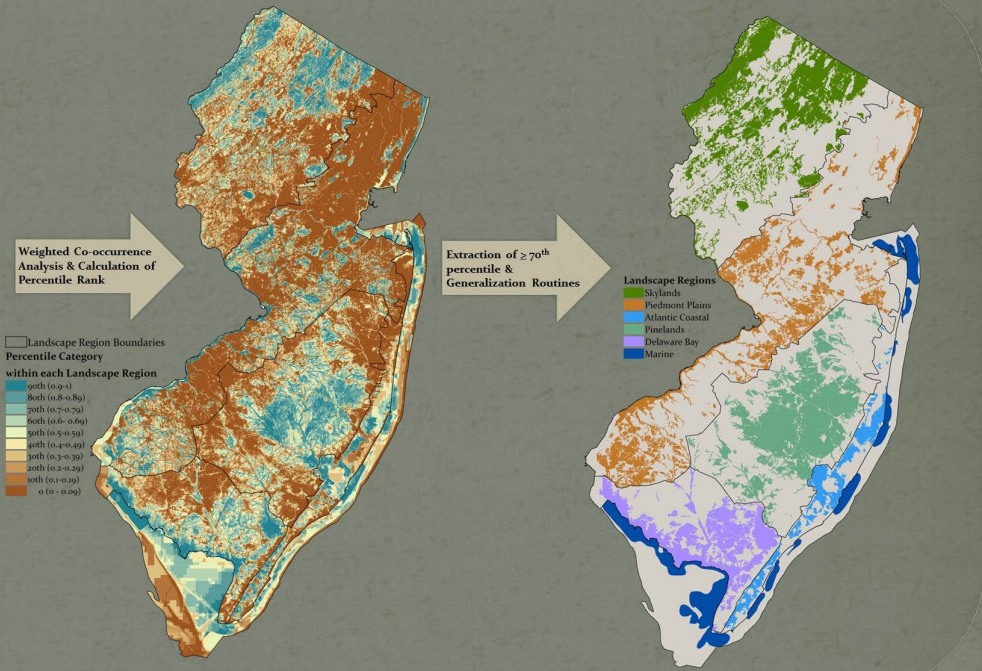
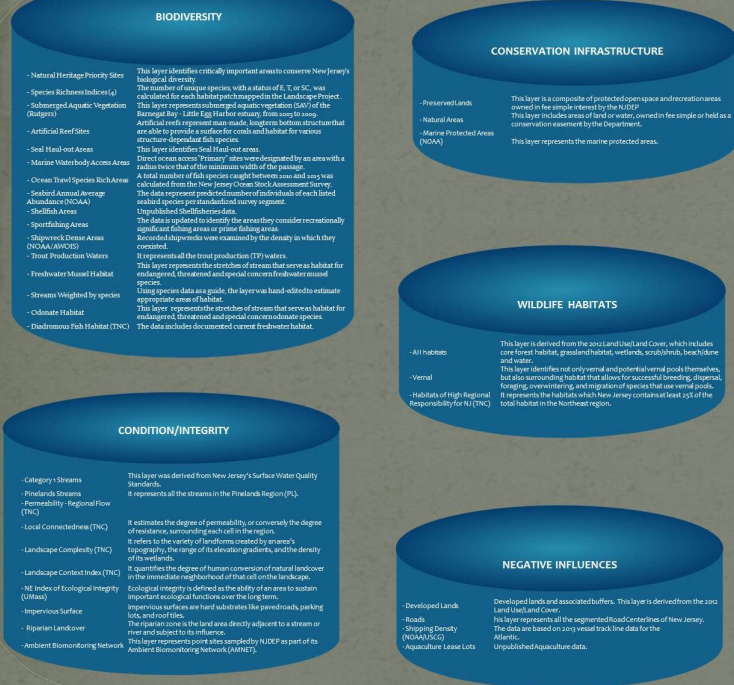
- Compiled ~41 inputs spanning terrestrial, freshwater aquatic and marine environments from state and regional sources.
- Performed conversion, re-scaling and reclassification so that each input was standardized into 30' cells.
- Categorized data into four global habitats: Condition/Integrity, Conservation Infrastructure, Wildlife Habitats, Biodiversity and Negative Influences.
- Assigned relative importance (weights) to each input.

Process - Phase II

- Performed weighted co-occurrence analysis that combines inputs to identify areas where several different qualities are present ("resource-rich" areas).
- Stratified by Landscape Regions (calculated percentile ranks relative to each region) in order to have even distribution of areas between regions.

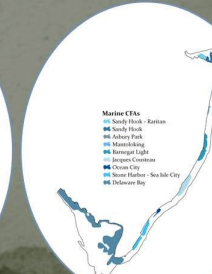
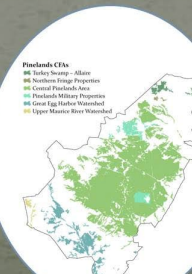
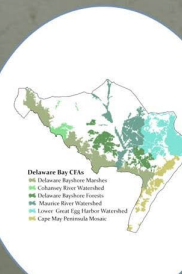
Process - Phase III

- Extracted percentile ≥ 70 in each Landscape Region.
- Applied minimum size criteria to identify core areas.
- Applied connectivity rules to select key connections between high value areas.
- Ran basic generalization/simplification processes to smooth boundaries of areas.



Regional Conservation Focal Area Insets

The datasets used in the analysis were provided by NDEP and our partner organizations in landscape conservation:





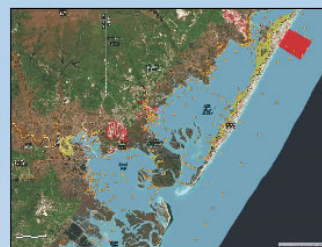
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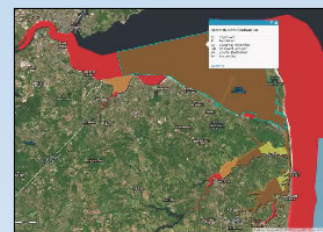


In compliance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP), the Bureau of Marine Water Monitoring collects and analyzes approximately 12,000 to 15,000 samples each year to ensure a safe shellfish harvest. The NSSP ArcGIS Online map allows users to interact with the published data to review shellfish classification areas based off of statistical analysis of results collected at 1,781 NSSP stations along New Jersey's coast. Through the analysis of this data, waters are classified to inform shellfish harvesters of areas to avoid to protect Public health.

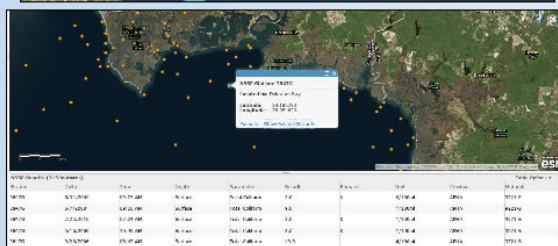
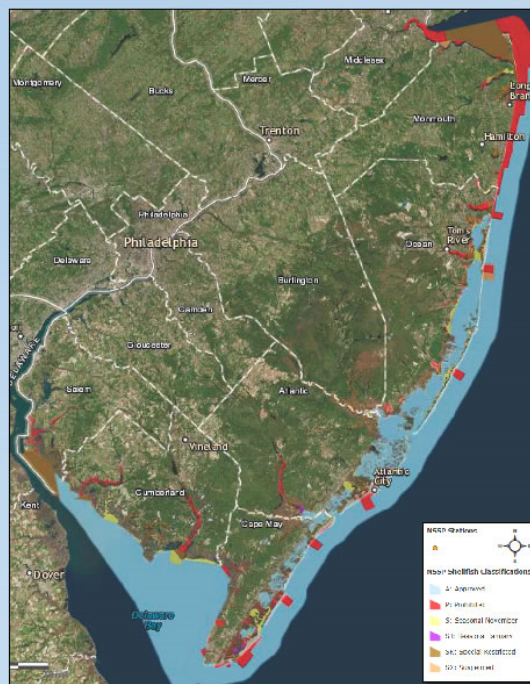
More information: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/bmw/>.



By using both NSSP Station data and NSSP shellfish classification data, the coast of NJ can be effectively monitored and classified to ensure the safe harvest of shellfish (See above).



Each NSSP shellfish classification is represented by different symbology. Users are able to identify each polygon to find out the shellfish classification of a particular area (See above).



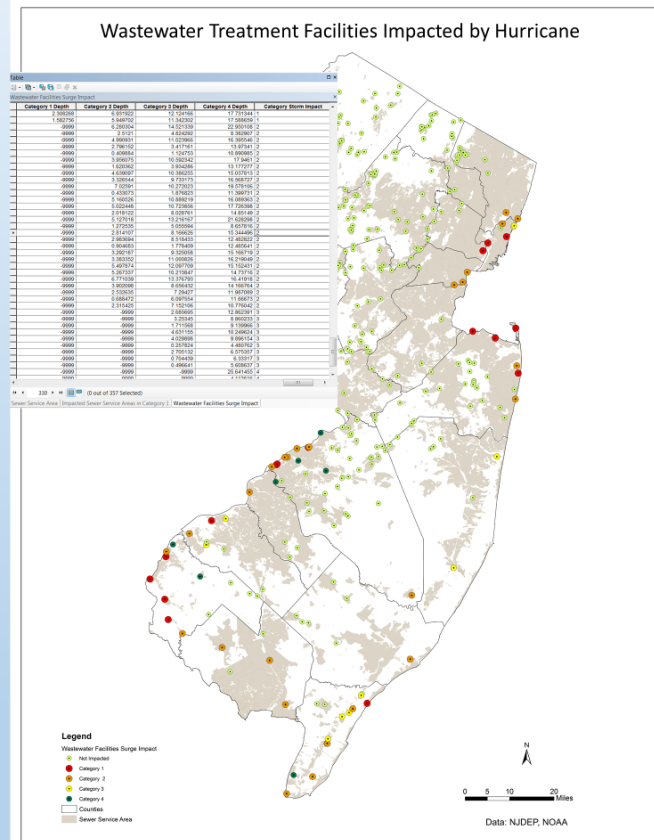
A user can find more information about each NSSP station by identifying each point. A Relationship Class was created between the NSSP Station feature class and the NSSP Results table. This relationship class utilizes the NSSP Results table that auto populates through multiple tables in the relate. Any data added to the DEP supported Enterprise COMPASS database automatically updates the results. To view this table, click on the "Show Related Record" hyperlink (See left).

Instructional Presentation

GIS - Planning and Decision Making Tool for Hurricanes

Pre-Storm Planning

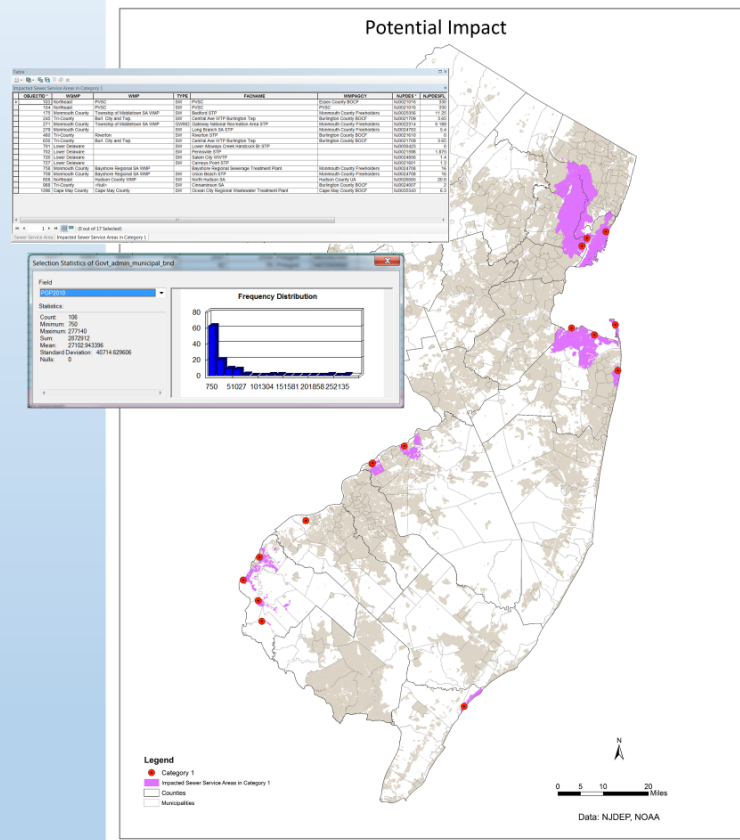
Intersection of the Wastewater Treatment Plants with Sea, Lakes, Overland Surge from Hurricane (SLOSH) Model output



Hurricane Categories	Impacted Facilities
1	16
2	44
3	53
4	60

During Storm and Post Storm

Potentially impacted Sewer Service Areas and Municipalities as a result of impacted Wastewater Treatment Plants by Category 1 Hurricane



Potential Impact of Category 1 Hurricane

- * 16 Wastewater Treatment Plants
- * 17 Sewer Service Areas
- * 106 Municipalities
- * 2,872,912 Population Impacted

This analysis can be used to determine possible impacts on drinking water intakes, Shellfish beds etc. and indicate necessary actions.

Layers of Concern: Using GIS to Communicate Environmental Injustice in Newark, New Jersey

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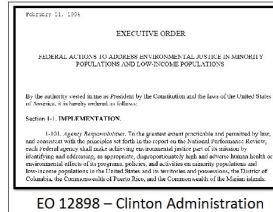
History & Background

A movement, backed by early GIS research, alerted activists government officials, and researchers to the significant disparities in exposure to environmental hazards, faced by minority and low income populations.



Environmental justice is defined as the equal treatment and involvement of all people regardless of their race or income when it comes to the implementing the proper environmental laws and policies. Everyone has a right to be protected under the same laws that protect them from environmental and health risks. In order for everyone to reach this status everyone must have a say in regard to the decision making process that affects their well being and pursuit of happiness. Unfortunately, many minority and low income areas are threatened by environmental injustices emerging, because of the lack of say they have in the decision making process when it comes to the dumping of hazardous waste sites and the lack of air and water quality in many areas.

EJ is short for Environmental Justice.

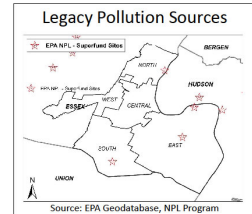
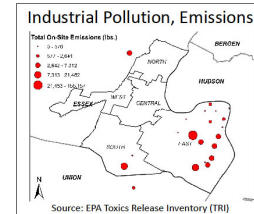
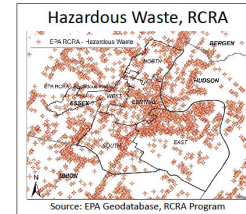
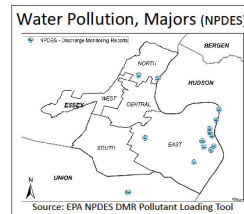
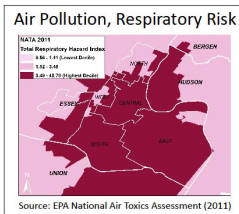
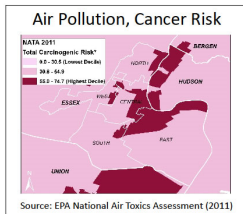


An Executive Order, upheld by federal agencies, required environmental and public health organizations to begin to consider their impact on on minority and low income communities.

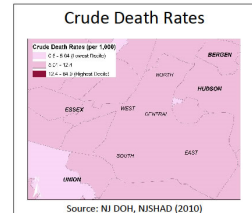
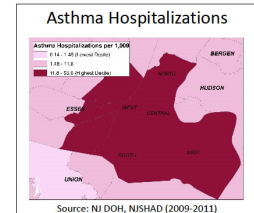
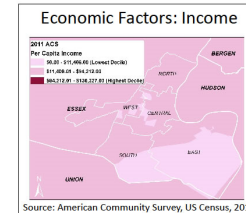
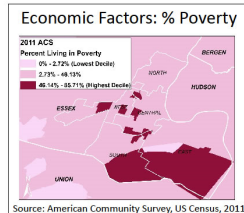
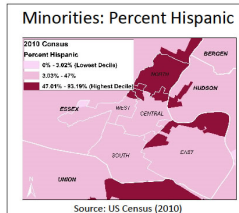
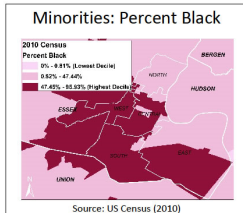


EJ as a social movement, body of research, and area of governance continues today. The lead found in Flint and Newark drinking water introduced a new community of concerned citizens to the phrase and its meaning. EJ has also been used to examine social impacts of climate change and a wide range of public health and urban planning work (e.g. food access and variety, access to transportation and to greenspace).

Layers & Sources Environment:



Demography:



Analysis:

Summary Statistics: As in the original *Toxic Wastes and Race* report, the use of GIS is very valuable for assessing environmental, demographic, and health risks, as they relate to minority and low income populations. The measures below summarize our findings shown in the Newark maps.

Environmental Health Measure	Number of Tracts in Top Decile
Air Pollution, Total Cancer Risk	10 of 87 (22 percent)
Air Pollution, Total Respiratory Hazard Index	67 of 87 (77 percent)
Environmental Risk Measure	Total Count
Water Pollution, Major Dischargers	13
Hazardous Waste Sites, RCRA	1,348 (of 32,848 in the state)
Industrial Pollution (TRI)	19 (of 131 in the county)
Legacy Pollution Sources (NPL)	4 (of 150 in the state)
Health Measure	Municipality Rate
Asthma Hospitalizations	14.2 per 1,000
Crude Death Rates	670.9 per 100,000

Advanced Demographic Summaries:

Demographic Characteristics in New Jersey Census Tracts with the Highest Respiratory Risks from Air Pollution (NATA 2011)									
Top Decile	Number of Census Tracts	Total Population	% Black Population	% Hispanic Population	% White Population	% Asian Population	% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Population	% Two or More Races Population	% Foreign Born Population
No	77	2,704,564	9.2%	9.4%	81.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Yes	10	748,253	8.1%	14.5%	77.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%
Total	87	3,452,817	9.2%	9.4%	81.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%

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Top Decile	Number of Census Tracts	Total Population	% Black Population	% Hispanic Population	% White Population	% Asian Population	% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Population	% Two or More Races Population	% Foreign Born Population
No	11	203,719	79%	1%	20%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Yes	3	75,593	75%	1%	24%	0%	0%	0%	2%
Total	14	279,312	77%	1%	22%	0%	0%	0%	2%

Online Tools:

Even highly sophisticated demographic analyses and spatial queries, with user defined buffer tools, are possible through EISCREEN's web interface.

Automation of EJ Assessment with tools like EISCREEN and the EPA NATA Online Application, enables easier access to data for research.

Website: <https://www.epa.gov/eiscreen>

NJDEP Coastal Management NJ Coastal Atlas Website

http://www.nj.gov/dep/cmp/czm_mapindex.html

Coastal Hazards

Coastal Hazards

The interactive maps provided in this section contain flood hazard spatial information to support state and community Coastal Hazard planning.

NJDEP Office of Coastal Management - Coastal Flood Exposure Viewer is focused on helping coastal communities understand about flood hazards. Users can view maps of coastal flood exposure, people, places, and natural resources exposed to coastal flooding.

Roberts Island Coastal Hazard Data Viewer is an online map service that shows different aspects of community exposure to flood hazards. Users can view maps of coastal flood exposure, people, places, and natural resources exposed to coastal flooding.

Roberts Island Coastal Hazard Data Viewer is an interactive mapping website to visualize coastal flooding hazards.

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Coastal Restoration and Living Shorelines

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The interactive maps provided in this section contain living shoreline spatial information to support state and community Coastal Restoration planning.

NJDEP Office of Coastal Management - Restoration Atlas is focused on restoration projects in coastal communities. This map application provides spatial information related to coastal restoration.

TNC Restoration Atlas supports coastal planning innovation to hazard risk, resilience and adaptation issues. This is a digital network providing access to peer practitioners, tools, information and training on nature-based solutions.

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Living Shoreline Projects

Ocean Planning

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The interactive maps provided in this section contain Ocean spatial information to support Regional Ocean planning.

The 2016 Atlantic Ocean Data Report provides spatial information on ocean resources and human use information and an inventory of coastal resources, including: marine, natural areas, and energy sites, among others in the Mid-Atlantic region. It includes state, federal, and local data and the general public to visualize and analyze data in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

MarineCoastal.org National Living provides baseline information needed for ocean planning efforts. Users can visualize and analyze spatial data for marine spatial planning activities at a national level. Contributing partners of this application include: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and NOAA Office of Coastal Management.

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NJ Coastal Map Archives

Archive of Coastal Maps

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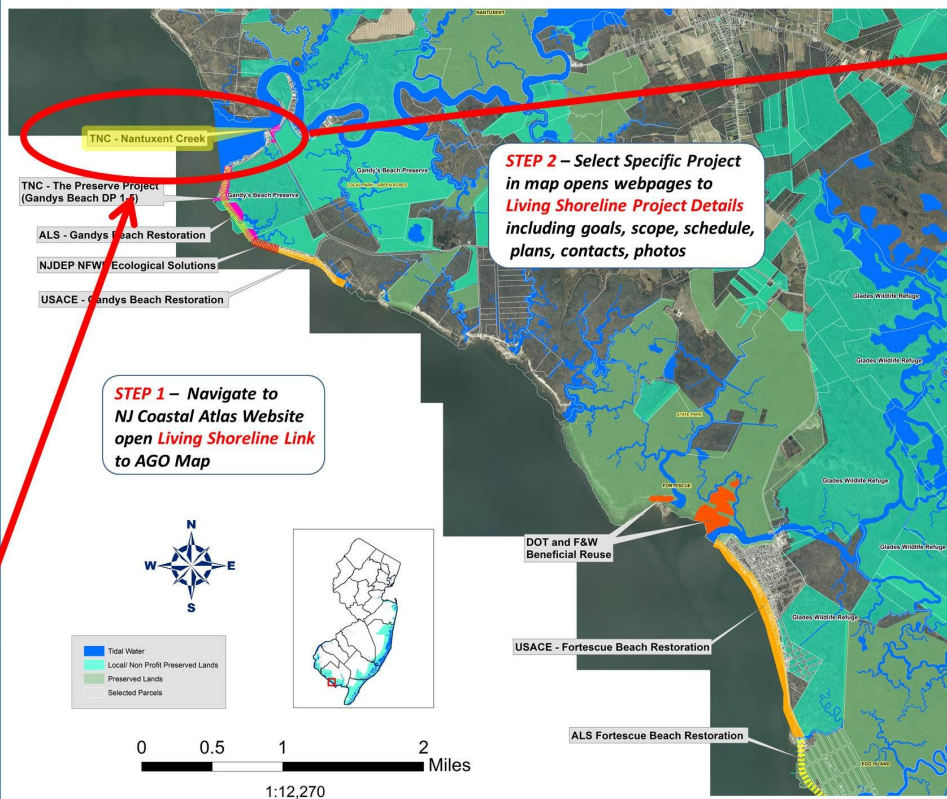
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Developing an AGO Story Map for Identifying Living Shoreline Projects in New Jersey



Historic Shoreline Treatments (2)



Examples of Living Shorelines (1)



Living Shoreline Coir Log and Marsh Grass Project Components (3)



The coir logs and marsh grasses also combine to prevent erosion of the shoreline. The natural fiber coir log is woven tightly together and is able to withstand wave action that normally would erode the bank. The root system from the marsh grasses growing in the coir log and soil also acts to more solidly holding the soil in place.

Figure 1: Example Living Shorelines Projects (A - Marsh Silt, B - Joint Planted Revetment, C - Oyster Reef, D - Reef Balls)

TNC Nantuxent Creek Project



Location: Along the southern bank of Nantuxent Creek, upriver of the Money Island Marina.

Goals: increase the resiliency of tidal marsh, beach, and oyster reef habitats to the impacts of sea level rise and more frequent and intense storms to ensure these habitats are providing the full suite of ecosystem services to the wildlife and human communities within the project areas.

Scope: Approximately 2,800 linear feet of oyster breakwaters split between the Preserve and Nantuxent Creek project areas. Approximately 300 feet of coir log living shorelines in the Preserve's detail plan 1 and Nantuxent Creek site.

Schedule: 1st Phase - August 2015 - October 2015.
2nd Phase April 1-15, 2016 and June 15 - November 8, 2016



TNC The Preserve - Gandy's Beach

ALS Gandy's Beach Restoration

NJDEP NFWF Ecological Solutions

USACE Gandy's Beach Restoration

NJDOT / F&W Beneficial Reuse

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Map Development: Dave DuMont

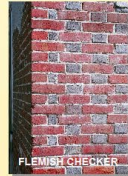
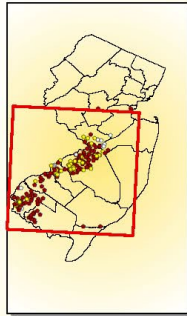
References: (1) Stevens Institute of Technology,
Living Shorelines Engineering Guidelines;
(2) Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership

Photo credit: (3) Steve Jacobus



Vernacular Architecture: Patterned Brickwork

Patterned Brickwork, southern New Jersey c.1720 - c.1890



In colonial New Jersey, brick was the finest building material that was widely available. It was more expensive than wood or stone, but it was within both the means and the aspirations of the more prosperous property owners in the Delaware valley, where clay was plentiful and where many brick makers and bricklayers lived. For those who could either purchase or commission a brick house, there was a further popular refinement: patterned brickwork. Patterned brickwork took advantage of the pre-industrial methods of brickmaking, which resulted in a percentage of the bricks in any firing becoming "glazed" on one end, because of vitrifying substances in the clay. These surfaces present a dark appearance when light is not reflected at the viewer, but a bright and shiny appearance when it is. Patterned brickwork was the art of the bricklayer. The most common pattern is called "Flemish checker", in which glazed and unglazed brick alternate in each course. Patterned brickwork became popular in the Delaware valley, including Philadelphia, before the end of the 17th century, but the better houses in much of eastern Pennsylvania were built of stone rather than brick, and relatively few such houses were built in Delaware. However, in the clay-rich portions of southern New Jersey—the inner coastal plain—brick was widely used, and even though many houses were built with plain brickwork, still the number of patterned brickwork houses is impressive. An ongoing inventory by the Historic Preservation Office has thus far yielded more than 300 examples. Today, along the Delaware bay shore, the most southern examples—including some of the very earliest—will be lost to sea-level rise if nothing is done. This is a vernacular architecture that is special to New Jersey—and it is at risk!

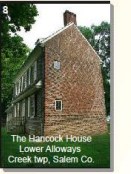
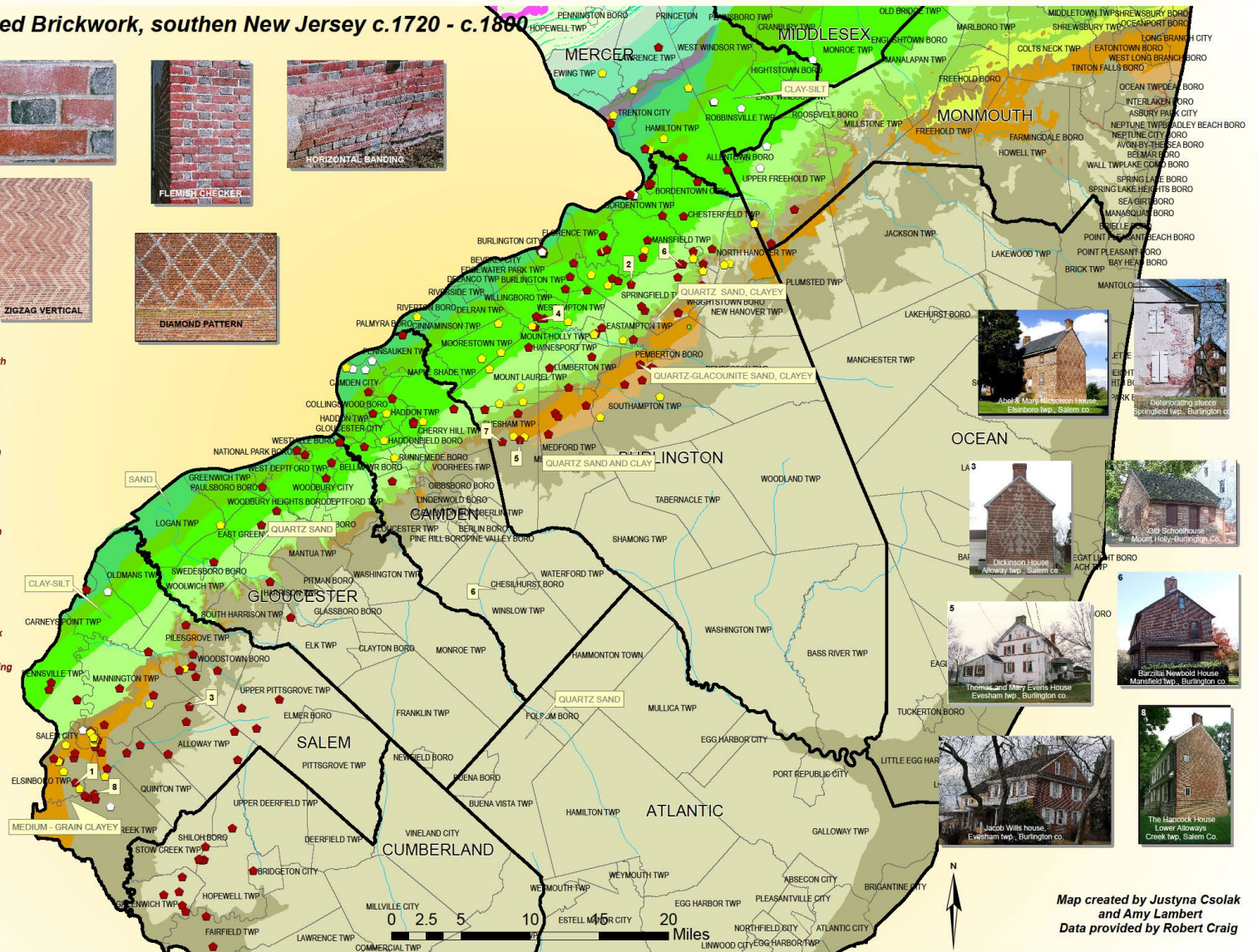
NJ Historic Preservation Office
Natural and Historic Resources

Legend

Patterned Brickwork Points

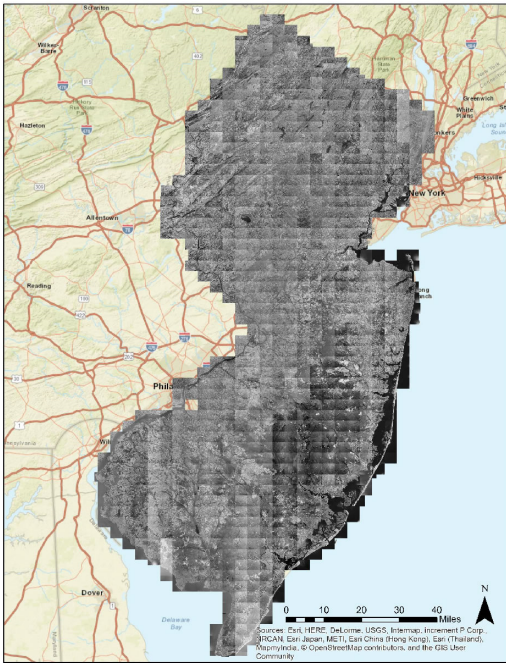
- Patterned Brickwork (Extant)
- Known or Suspected Patterned Brickwork (Extant)
- Patterned Brickwork (Demolished)
- Hydrography (state/major - generalized)

Basemap: Bedrock Geology



Map created by Justyna Csolak
and Amy Lambert
Data provided by Robert Craig

Panchromatic 1987 Imagery of New Jersey



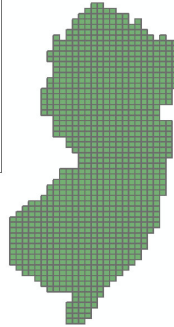
The 1987 Imagery of New Jersey is a statewide panchromatic (grayscale) mosaic dataset of aerial images. It is composed of 933 individually georeferenced images. These images were flown and collected by Keystone Aerial Services, and purchased by the NJDEP for their historical imagery archive.

In order to create the final mosaic dataset, many different geoprocessing steps had to be done to ensure an accurate dataset. These geoprocessing steps include creating a fishnet grid, georeferencing each individual image, image clipping, and QA/QC. Other software like Microsoft Excel 2016 can provide a means to organize and tracking data as it is finish.

Based on this procedure, the statewide imagery layer of 1987 was created before being distributed to internal NJDEP applications.

Step 1: Create Grid

Using the Fishnet tool, a grid was generated based upon the approximate centroid of each image frame. A starting coordinate is used to orient and align the rest of the grid. This grid allows the user to quickly spatially locate each image in the image set (See right).



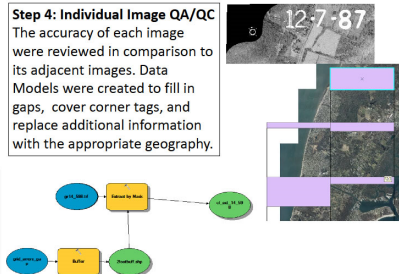
Step 2: Georeferencing



Georeferencing was done using 7 to 15 points control points around the images based on identifiable and unchanged features on the source image. The 2nd Order Polynomial transformation was used to increase the accuracy of each control point. The images are then rectified and saved to a specified directory.

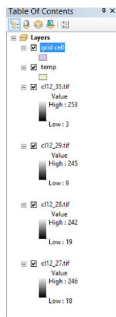
Step 4: Individual Image QA/QC

The accuracy of each image were reviewed in comparison to its adjacent images. Data Models were created to fill in gaps, cover corner tags, and replace additional information with the appropriate geography.



Step 3: Image Clipping

A clipping tool was created using python to match and clip images to their corresponding grid cell. Each image and grid cell are standardized with a row and column. The clipping tool selects the appropriate grid cell, extracts it, creates a 2 foot buffer to account for the raster pixel cell size, and then goes on to the next image located in the specified directory (See right).

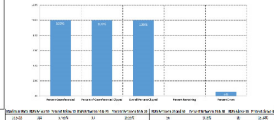


Step 5: Mosaic

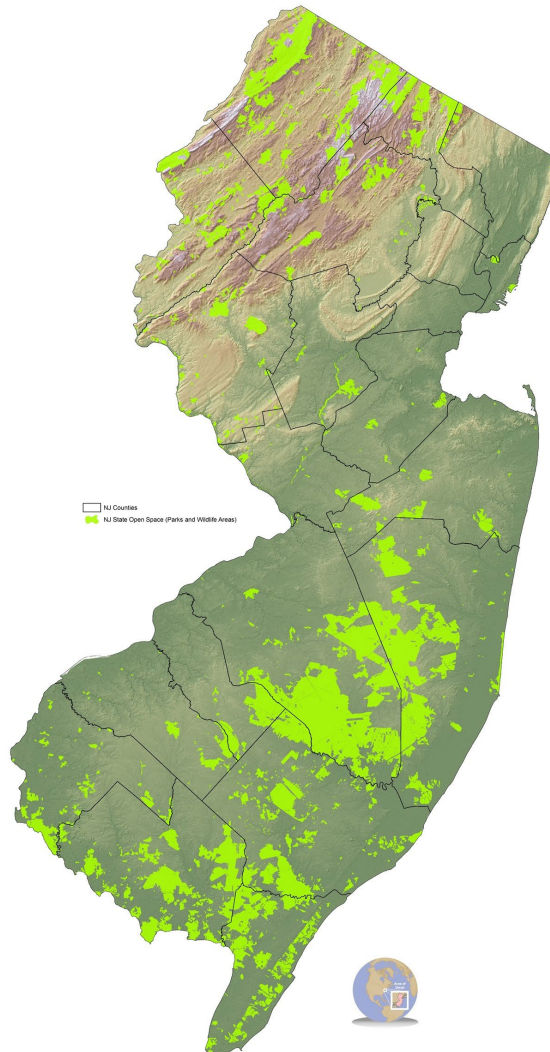
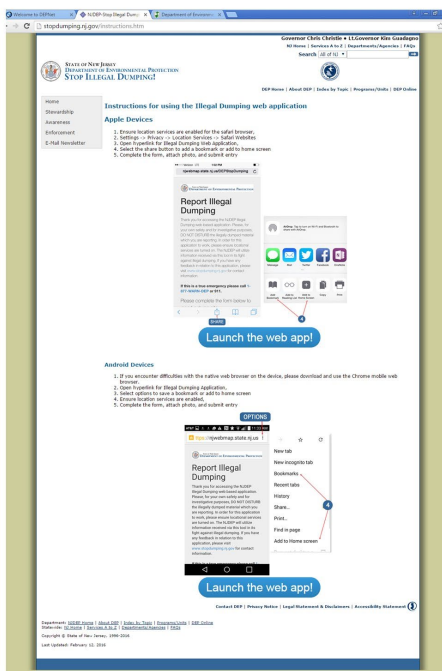
Building the mosaic requires creating an empty mosaic dataset within a geodatabase and importing the appropriate images based on dataset or workspace. The user can generate overviews and building pyramids to enable the imagery to draw faster. Footprints and the imagery boundary should then be created to be able to identify individual images within the mosaic dataset (See full map above).

Bookkeeper

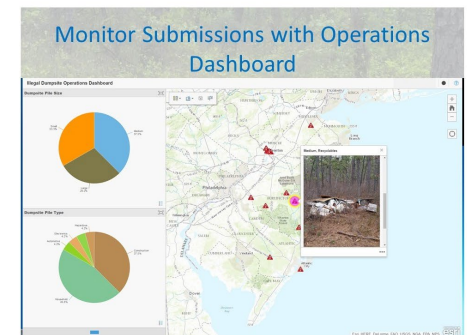
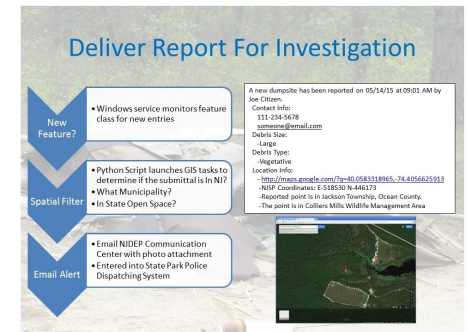
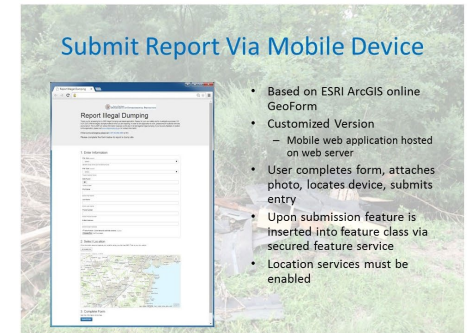
By using Microsoft Office 2016, data locations, progress statistics, were tracked to ensure no data was omitted during the project. The project timeline was updated automatically based upon the calculated statistics.



NJDEP Illegal Dumping Crowd Sourcing Application



Public lands all over New Jersey are being used as dumping grounds. Litter, garbage bags, tires, televisions, electronic waste, appliances, yard waste, and construction debris are being dumped and threatening our local environment, animals and public. This dumping detracts from the natural beauty of our public lands; it decreases property value, and costs the citizens of New Jersey tax dollars to clean up. New Jersey's 39 state parks, 11 forests, 4 recreation areas, 42 natural areas and 57 historic sites, representing New Jersey's natural and cultural legacy, are situated on over 360,000 protected acres.



Map Production: Ed Apalinski NJDEP/BGIS, 4/2016
For more information visit : <http://stopdumping.nj.gov/>

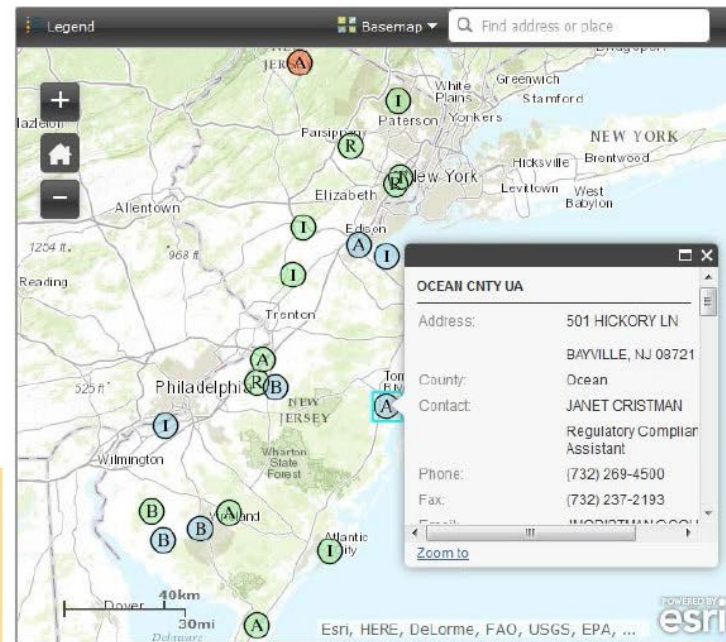
DWQ - Interactive Sewage Sludge Management Tool

The project was a result of the closure of sludge processing facilities due to Hurricane Sandy and the need for sludge generators to locate alternative facilities.



Basic view showing the five categories of sludge receiving facilities and their operational status.

NJDEP/WRM/DWQ/BPR
Contact: Tom Cosmas or Steve Boyer



Popup Window Displays:

- 1) General Info
- 2) Acceptance Criteria
- 3) Capacity Data

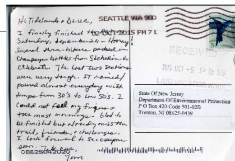
Popup window allows the user to see the pertinent information for alternative disposal facilities.

Most Unique

Thru-Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

In 2015, Mr. Straus thru-hiked the Pacific Crest Trail in 156 days as an ultra-light backpacker. The following map will give you the "feelings" of thru-hiking the Pacific Crest Trail. You will be guided through the Mojave Desert, Lake Tahoe & Lassen Volcanic National Park of Northern California, the beautiful lakes of Oregon including Crater Lake, and Cascade National Park in Washington.

Most consider Mr. Straus an expert in the backcountry. He has guided and led many trips throughout the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA) and Quetico Provincial Park, an area covering 2.2 million acres in Minnesota and Ontario, Canada. He has backpacked, mostly solo, in various national parks around the world. He has backpacked in the rain forests of Costa Rica, Denali National Park, Alaska, Banff and Jasper National



- Legend**
- Mail Locations for Food and Gear (23)¹
 - Camping Spots Along the PCT (77)²
 - Pacific Crest Trail (PCT)
 - GPS Coordinates Missing³
 - US State Boundary

NOTES:
¹ Mail drop locations are the recommended locations for food and gear. The number of days in the label represent the estimated hiking days.
² GPS coordinates for camping spots were recorded with a smartphone using the app: INSCOUT NAME OF APP. Not all camp locations were recorded along the PCT.
³ Section of trail where GPS coordinates of camping locations were not recorded.

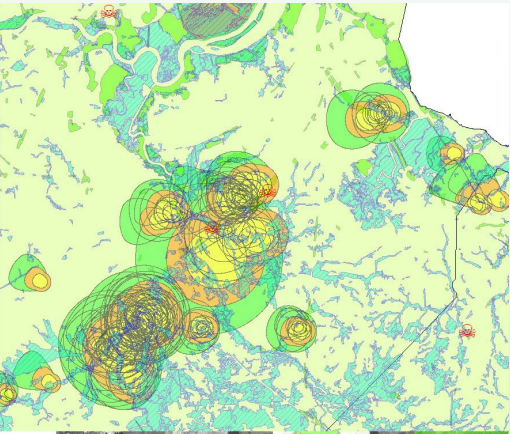
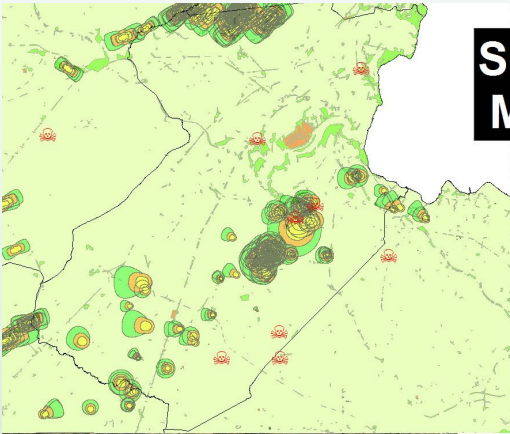
0 50 100 200 Miles
 Trail filed by Tom Straus during the 2015. Map was produced with the help of Seth Docherty

The Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) is 2,650.4 miles long and ranges in elevation from just above sea level at the Oregon-Washington border to 13,153 feet at Forester Pass in the Sierra Nevada. The route passes through 25 national forests and 7 national parks. Total elevation gain/loss for a northbound hiker is 977,829 feet (489,415 feet of climbing and 488,411 feet descending) with an overall change of 1,027 feet as they hike from Campo, CA to Manning Park, British Columbia Canada. Total elevation change is equivalent to climbing up Mount Everest and back down over 16 times.

A thru-hiker has a window of four to six months to finish the trail due to weather conditions making sections of the trail impassable. On average, 25-30 miles a day must be hiked in order to finish the trail within the required time frame.

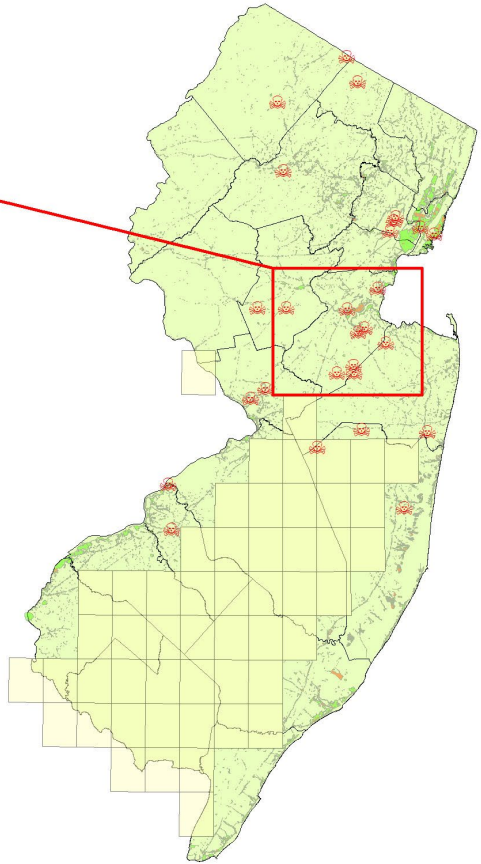


Solid Waste Compliance & Enforcement Middlesex County Active Problem Sites



SUMMARY OF ANALYTES EXCEEDING OR APPROXIMATING EXCEEDING STANDARDS
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Titanium	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Zinc	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100



The DEP monitors several sites around New Jersey that need to come into compliance with state solid waste standards. The Residential Direct Contact Soil Remediation Standard (RDCSRS) and Non-Residential Direct Contact Soil Remediation Standard (NRDCSRS) are the two standards the DEP uses to regulate contaminant levels. Analytes that exceed the standards must be put in compliance in efforts to preserve our wildlife, safe drinking water and healthy way of life.

Legend

- Problem Sites
- Historic Fill
- Wetlands

Well Head Protection Areas (Community)

- Tier 1: 2-Year
- Tier 2: 5-Year
- Tier 3: 12-Year



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NJ Brewery Location & Information

What is Beer?

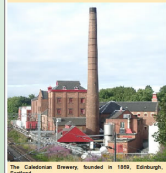
Beer is an alcoholic drink brewed mainly from malted barley, hops, yeast and water although other sources of fermentable carbohydrates (e.g. maize, wheat, rye) and other related ingredients may be added to create different styles and types of beer.

The process of making beer is known as brewing. A traditional method for making beer is called *brewing* though beer can be made in other ways. The process of brewing beer is a complex one and involves many steps. The process of brewing beer is a complex one and involves many steps. The process of brewing beer is a complex one and involves many steps.



History

Beer is one of the oldest beverages humans have produced, dating back at least to the 5th millennium BC and mentioned in the written history of ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia. In about 3500 BC, beer was brewed in Egypt and Mesopotamia. In about 3500 BC, beer was brewed in Egypt and Mesopotamia. In about 3500 BC, beer was brewed in Egypt and Mesopotamia.



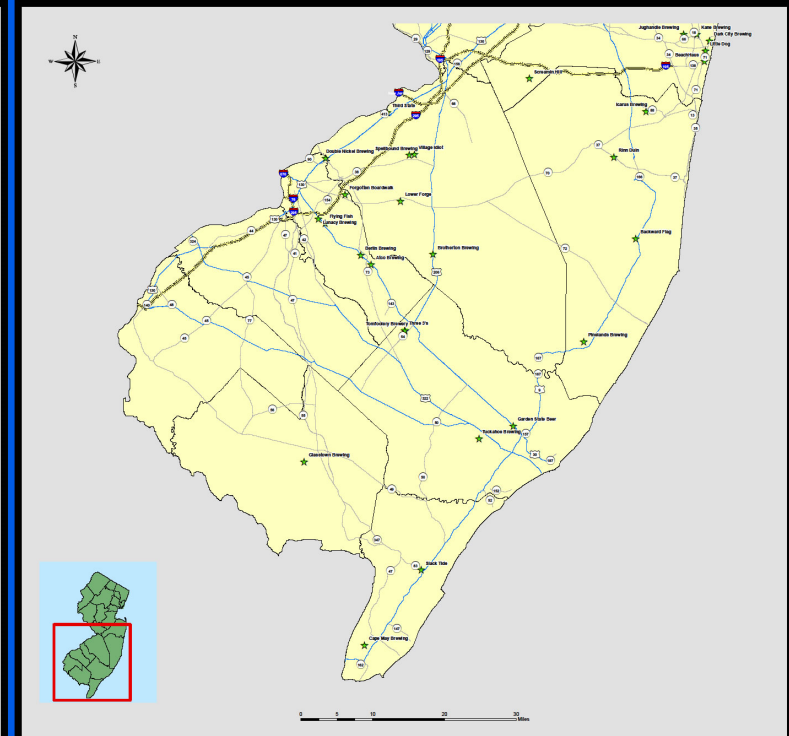
Health Benefits

- 1. Heart Health**
Drinking beer in moderation can help reduce the risk of heart disease. Beer contains antioxidants that can help protect the heart.
- 2. Bone Health**
Beer contains silicon, which is essential for bone health. Drinking beer in moderation can help increase bone density.
- 3. Digestive Health**
Beer contains B vitamins, which are essential for digestive health. Drinking beer in moderation can help improve digestion.
- 4. Liver Health**
Beer contains B vitamins, which are essential for liver health. Drinking beer in moderation can help improve liver function.
- 5. Skin Health**
Beer contains antioxidants that can help improve skin health. Drinking beer in moderation can help reduce the risk of skin disease.

Styles

There is no universally agreed list of styles, as different countries and regions have different traditions. However, the following are some of the most common beer styles:

- Lager**: A light, crisp beer with a low alcohol content.
- Pilsner**: A light, crisp beer with a slightly higher alcohol content than lager.
- IPA**: A bitter, hoppy beer with a high alcohol content.
- Stout**: A dark, heavy beer with a high alcohol content.
- Wheat Beer**: A light, crisp beer made with a high proportion of wheat.



Water

Water is composed mostly of water. Regions have water with different mineral content. Some regions have water with high mineral content. Some regions have water with low mineral content. Some regions have water with high mineral content. Some regions have water with low mineral content.

Hops

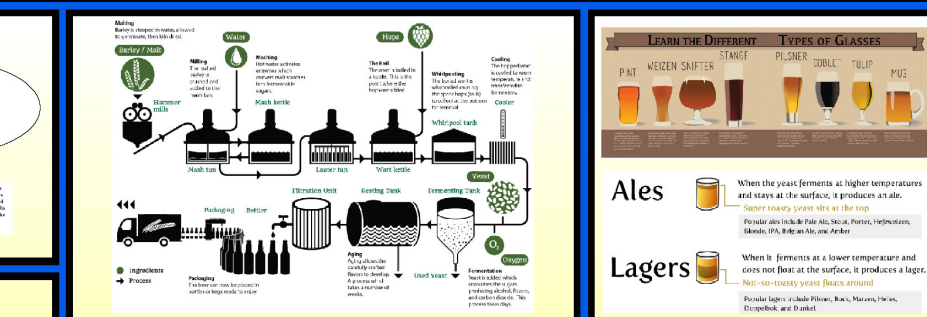
Hops contain several characteristics that brewers desire in beer. Hops contain bitter, resin, and essential oils. Hops contain bitter, resin, and essential oils. Hops contain bitter, resin, and essential oils. Hops contain bitter, resin, and essential oils.

Barley

Barley is one of the most important grains in brewing. Barley is one of the most important grains in brewing. Barley is one of the most important grains in brewing. Barley is one of the most important grains in brewing.

Yeast

Yeast is the microorganism that is responsible for fermentation. Yeast is the microorganism that is responsible for fermentation. Yeast is the microorganism that is responsible for fermentation. Yeast is the microorganism that is responsible for fermentation.



LEARN THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF GLASSES

GLASS TYPE	BEER STYLE	DESCRIPTION
PILSENER	PILSENER	When the yeast ferments at higher temperatures and stays at the surface, it produces an ale.
LAGER	LAGER	When it ferments at a lower temperature and goes not float at the surface, it produces a lager.

Beer : The Four Main Ingredients

Small Format



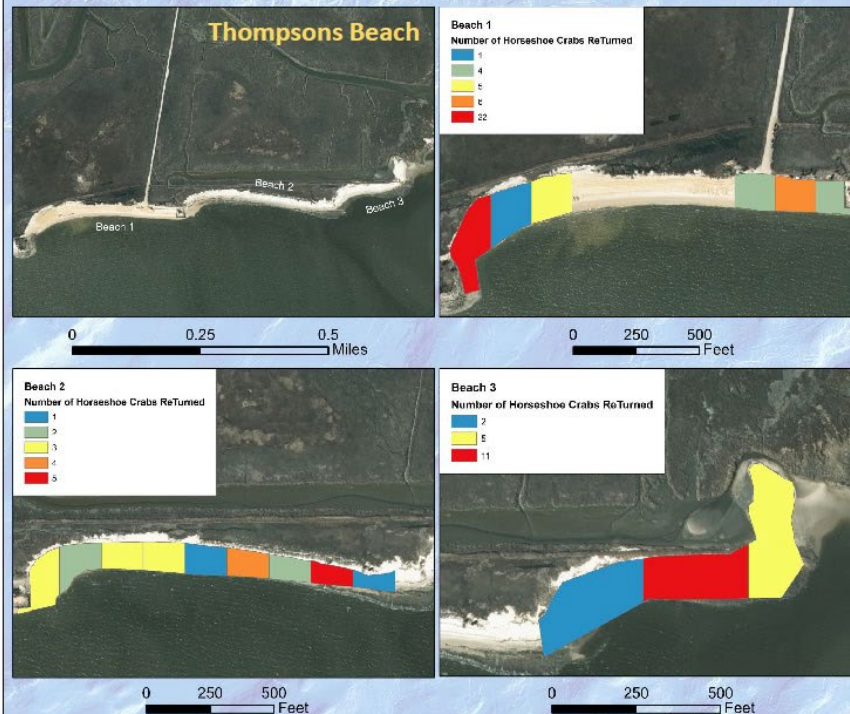
RETURN the FAVOR

Rescue Stranded Horseshoe Crabs



The Wetlands Institute works in conjunction with The Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Conserve Wildlife Foundation to organize a collective volunteer effort called "ReTurn The Favor" to aid the horseshoe crab population along the Delaware Bay. The volunteer season starts in May and extends through July. Horseshoe crabs are often left stranded and impinged upon beaches due to wave action, jetties, debris, or birds. ReTurn The Favor is an effort to help them back to the sea without breaking conservation laws, compromising the crabs' ecological niche, impacting migratory shorebirds, or harming the crabs, themselves. I volunteered at Thompsons Beach in Maurice River Township, Cumberland County. A total of 84 horseshoe crabs were turned over during my trek across the beach.

The following maps represent the distribution and approximate location of where the horseshoe crabs were turned over at Thompsons Beach.



Data Sources: State of NJ and field data.

By William Smith, NJDEP

Software Integration

INTRODUCTION

The New Jersey Geological and Water Survey (NJGS) maps the State's offshore geology and identifies offshore sand deposits by acquiring, analyzing and interpreting marine geologic and geophysical data. With support from its parent agency, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and from the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), NJGS is preparing assessments of offshore sand resources for beach nourishment in a series of maps by county at a scale of 1:80,000. These maps are developed to support the cooperative resource assessment by NJDEP and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

This map identifies and quantifies remnant sand shoals offshore Monmouth County, New Jersey, located in both State and Federal waters (within and beyond the 3-mile State/Federal jurisdictional boundary, respectively). The USACE had previously identified five remnant shoals in this map area, including the large offshore Sea Bright and a group of small sites offshore Seaside (USACE, 1989, 2005). Most of these are located within State waters. Sand volumes for these areas were calculated by previous USACE studies and are listed in the Map Explanations. The State of New Jersey has recovered sand from the large site offshore Sea Bright and several of the smaller sites offshore Seaside. The goal of this survey was to find additional sand resources in the area offshore central and southern Monmouth County, including sites in Federal waters, where sites had not previously been identified.

This map identifies 14 additional sand features. Sand volumes at these sites, calculated based on a 5-foot minimum thickness, range from 295,000 to 33,337,000 cubic yards (cu yds.). Sand volumes at these sites, calculated based on a more constrained 10-foot minimum thickness, range from 53,000 to 27,020,000 cu yds.

The 1:80,000 map scale corresponds to the scale common to nautical charts. Likewise, the level of detail presented in these maps and the goal of depicting a regional view are not achieved at this scale. In addition, Plates 1 and 2 include larger-scale views of each of the 14 sand features, along with grain-size data on vibracores acquired at each shoal to ground-truth the seismic data and for sediment characterization.

METHODS

NJGS collected the seismic sub-bottom data used in this analysis in 2000 and 2001, using an Octopus 360 Sub-Bottom Profiler. The goal of sub-bottom profiling extends from Sea Bright to just south of Manasquan Inlet. The seismic image was processed to reveal the seafloor and sand layers and also recorded on tape. Post-survey, a number of tapes were found to be defective or broken, and for completeness and consistency, NJGS recently converted the analog data into digital using file name "imagined" software. This allowed for the data to be processed and analyzed in SeismicView™ seismic processing software.

A total of 63 vibracores were collected in the map area in three expedition phases in 2000, 2001, and 2002. Analysis of these cores was completed in the sediment lab at NJGS. For each core, lithologic and photographic logs were prepared and samples for grain-size analysis were collected and processed. A 5-cm-long quarter-inch of the core was extracted at 30-cm intervals down core and analyzed for grain-size. Sediment samples were analyzed following procedures outlined by Folk (1980). Grain size distribution focused on sand and silt and clay content, with weight percent of full phi sizes ranging from -2 to +4 (from grain to silt/clay; see Table 1). Cumulative curves, and the median statistics derived from these data (median, mean, sorting, skewness, and kurtosis), of these statistics, median grain size is listed in the core tables. The other calculated statistics are on file at NJGS. Several cores in these tables list multiple runs. These are cores drilled at sites where the pneumatic drill did not penetrate the full 20-foot depth of the core. After extracting the retrieved core segment from the wing apparatus, the vibrator would be repositioned as close as possible to the original seafloor drilling location. The resulting drilled shaft would be pulled down to the depth where resistance was not original, and then would collect the remaining amount of core. As a result of this process, there can be slight discrepancies in the median grain size of sediment at the same depth in different runs. Reflections analyses were collected and analyzed, where available. The vibracores reported in this map are archived at the NJGS Core Storage Facility.

CORRELATION OF SEISMIC DATA AND SEDIMENT ANALYSIS

NJGS correlated changes in sediment character with acoustic impedance changes and major reflector observed on the sub-bottom profiles. For each of the sand shoals identified on this map, cores were used to locate which reflector represented the base of sand. That reflector was traced for the entirety of the shoal, or for as long as the clarity would allow (Figure 1).

INCORPORATING PREVIOUS ANALYSIS INTO CURRENT, STANDARDIZED SHOAL ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL

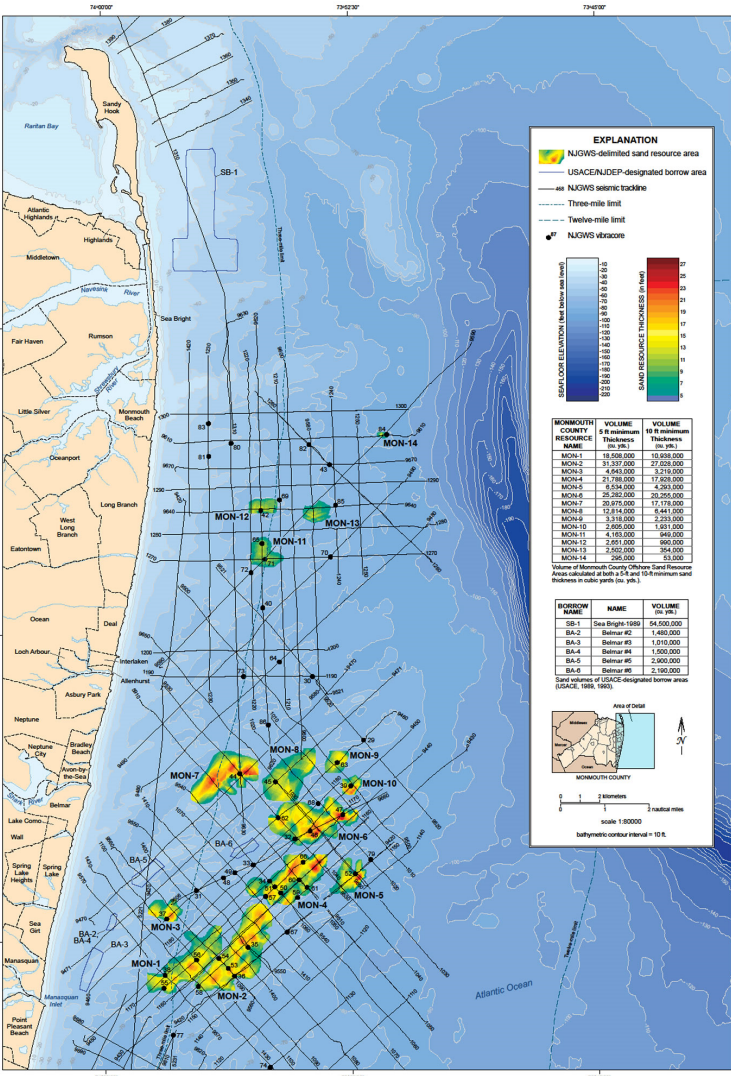
Previously, we performed initial analysis of the shoal core offshore Monmouth County by correlating the data from analog seismic records into digital files using the Diagen™ and Surf™ imaging and correlating software. This data analysis targeted shoal areas where the sand thickness was in excess of 10 feet. In this analysis, sand volumes were calculated for each shoal. 1) Areas with a 5-foot minimum thickness of sand, and 2) Areas with a 10-foot minimum thickness of sand. On the 14 large-scale sand thickness plots, the 5-foot minimum thickness is the proximal boundary of the earlier plots, and the 10-foot minimum thickness contours are indicated with a solid black line. On each grain-size and depth-referenced sub-bottom profile, NJGS delineated the base of sand, correlated to the vibracore lithology, to generate sand thickness data for all profiles that cross the feature. These data were then combined in Surf™ to further define the shoal and to calculate sand volumes.

NJGS considered that it is most practical to trace the reflector interpreted as the base of the sand deposit areas to full extent (Figure 1). This method provides additional data to the correlating analysis, resulting in a more complete and realistic representation of the sand, including and excluding the minimum thickness was selected and all areas of less than this thickness are excluded. The resulting sand volume for the area of 5-foot minimum thickness and the area of 10-foot minimum thickness are listed in the map explanation and on each sand thickness contour plot.

Sand thickness contour plots of each shoal feature are shown on Plates 1 and 2, with accompanying median grain-size values (in phi and phi) for sediment samples collected at 30-cm (approximately 1 ft) intervals from a 6-meter (20-foot) long vibracore. This high-frequency sampling increases the accuracy for determining the base-of-sand on the sub-bottom profile.

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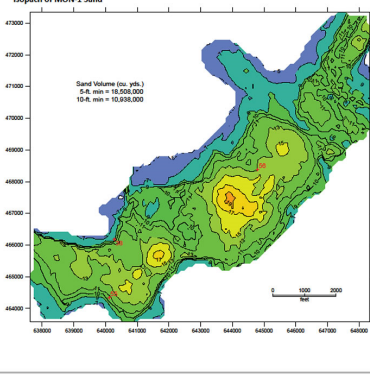
SIGNIFICANT SAND RESOURCE AREAS IN STATE AND FEDERAL WATERS
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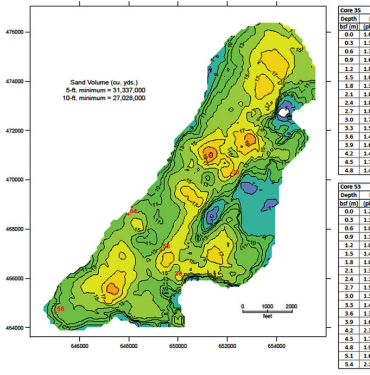
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Contour Plot of MON-1
Isobath of MON-1 Sand



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4	3.0	0.91	4	3.0	0.91
5	4.0	1.22	5	4.0	1.22
6	5.0	1.52	6	5.0	1.52
7	6.0	1.83	7	6.0	1.83
8	7.0	2.13	8	7.0	2.13
9	8.0	2.44	9	8.0	2.44
10	9.0	2.74	10	9.0	2.74
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45	44.0	13.42	45	44.0	13.42
46	45.0	13.72	46	45.0	13.72
47	46.0	14.03	47	46.0	14.03
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95	94.0	28.67	95	94.0	28.67
96	95.0	28.97	96	95.0	28.97
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Sand Resource Thickness of MON-2



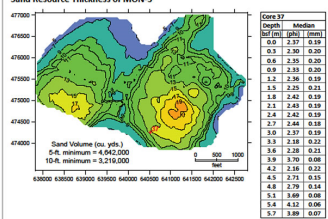
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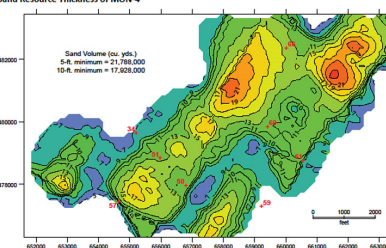
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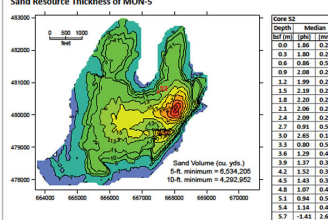
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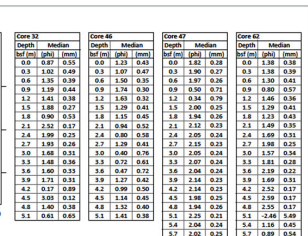
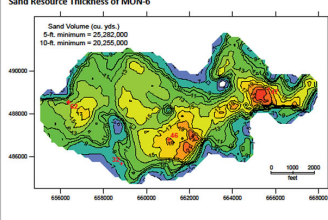
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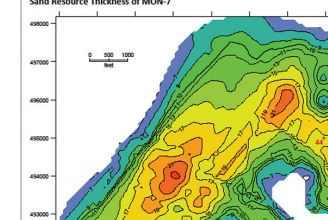
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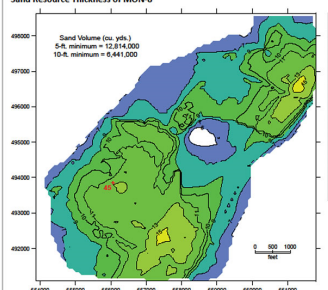
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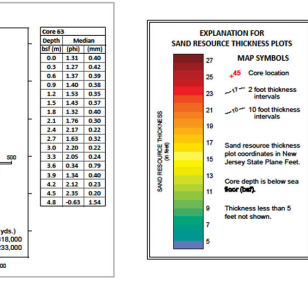
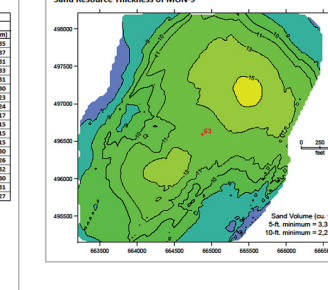
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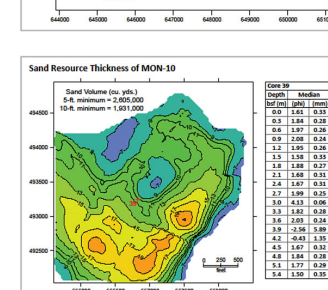
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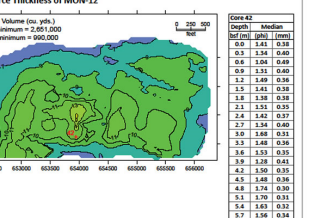
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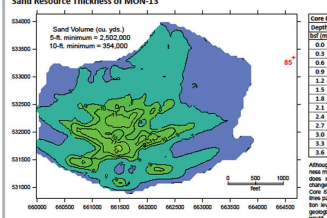
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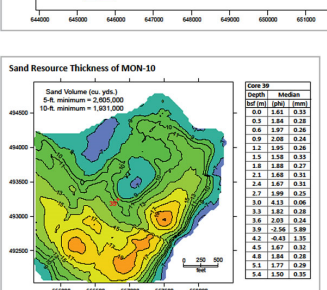
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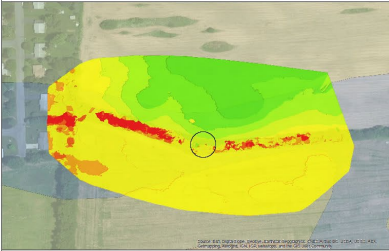


USING AERIAL IMAGERY CAPTURED FROM A DRONE TO ANALYZE KARST-BASED SINKHOLES

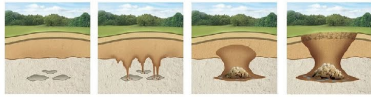


Purpose/Hypothesis:
The purpose of this project was to see if images taken from a drone could provide further analysis in the event of a sinkhole. Also, how helpful would this data potentially be to those involved, and could this data be used to test for sinkhole susceptibility in surrounding areas.

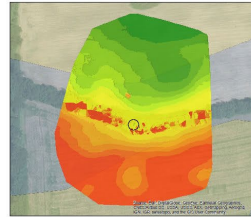
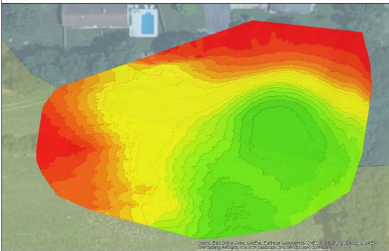
All of the following images are DSM mosaics (Digital Surface Models).
The red to green color scheme represents higher to lower relative elevation.
The layer underneath the DSM image is the soil layer. The blue layer is Harford fine sandy loam, which translates to great farming soil.



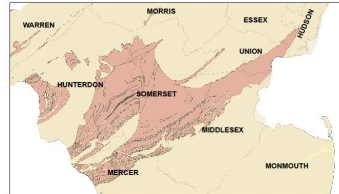
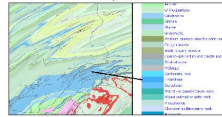
This test consists of 34 images taken of the sinkhole and its surrounding area of the same elevation. Here, the software picked up the branches from the surrounding trees. Even though there wasn't a clear view of the sinkhole from the sky, the software was still able to distinguish changing elevations on the ground level.



This image is dealing with an area of farmland roughly 100 meters southwest from the known sinkhole. This area was surveyed due to its noticeable depressions and rolling hills. (These images were taken at an altitude of 50 meters. The other images were taken at 100 meters.)



This image is comprised of 18 images taken on March 25th. Here, the sinkhole is clearly identified by its lower elevation colors. This image was part of the test series of tests meant to test the power of the Pix4D software and its capabilities.

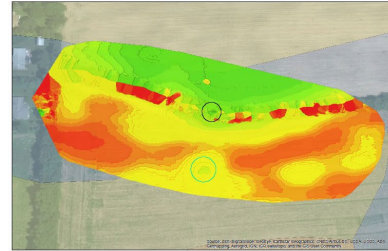


KEY

- Other geologies
- Limestone-rich areas
- Counties

The map you see above is of New Jersey and all of the limestone-rich regions it contains. As you can see, almost all of the limestone is in the northern section of New Jersey. With the large amounts of limestone in this area, it is clear how drone imagery analysis could help in identifying potential future sinkhole locations.

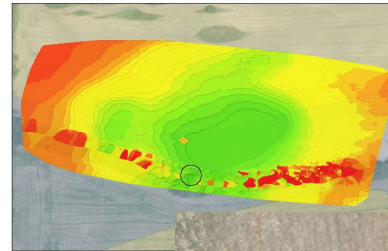
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Sources: USGS, Pix4D, ESRI



In this test, most of the imagery was focused on the ground south of the sinkhole. What is interesting to note is that even though the sinkhole is clearly defined within the tree line, another depression has appeared roughly 50 meters away. In order to test if this depression is growing, or to see if this is a natural formation in the land, imagery would have to be acquired once or twice a year for a few years to possibly a decade to note changing elevations. Presently this could possibly be where the next sinkhole forms. But it is far too early to tell.



In this image, more land to the north of the sinkhole was photographed. What is interesting to note in this DSM is that along the east side of the tree line, another depression can be seen. Could this be a sinkhole forming? More pictures of the area would have to be taken to prove or disprove this hypothesis.





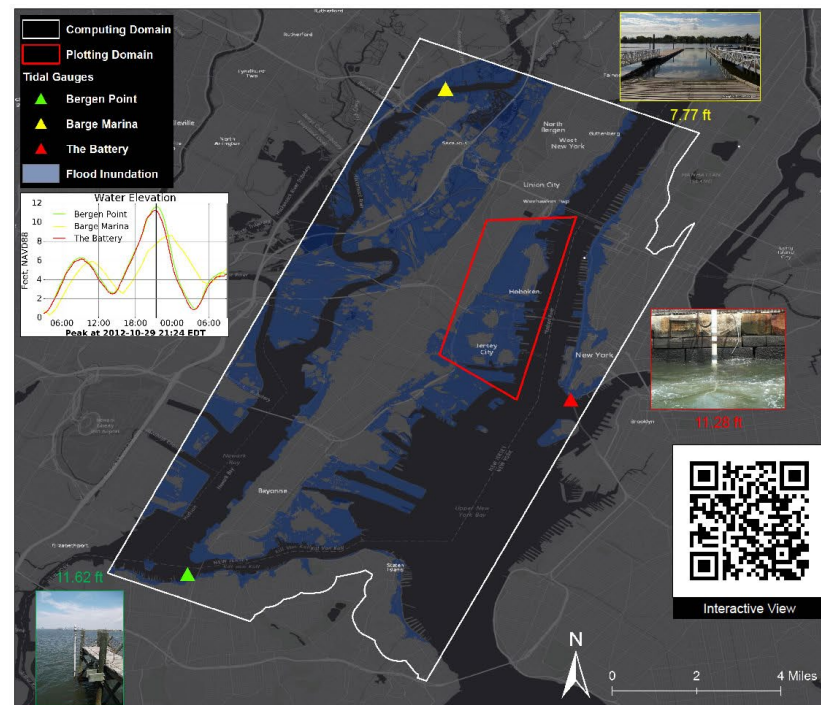
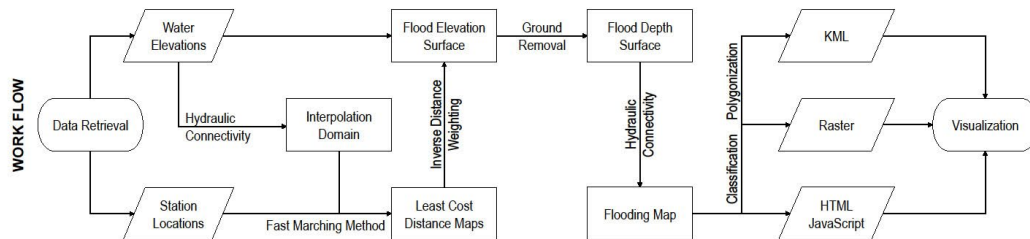
Sandy Flooding in Hoboken and Jersey City, NJ

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The flooding map shows where was flooded and how deep the water was over ground at 21:24 EDT on Oct 29, 2012, when the Hudson River off Hoboken and downtown Jersey City reached its historic high because of the superstorm Hurricane Sandy.

The flood surface was interpolated from the observation data from 3 tidal gauges, at the Battery Park, NY (NOS), Bergen Point West Reach, NY (NOS) and Barge Marina at Carlstadt, NJ (MERI). Interpolation was done by inverse distance weighting (IDW) with consideration of barriers, the places that stayed dry. For each station, a least cost distance map was created by fast marching method (FMM) to supply a matrix of distance weights. Hydraulic connections were also computed and the real flood zone, one that links to the ocean, was selected by a simple classification algorithm based on weighted ranking of maximum depth, average depth and area. The topography and bathymetry was from FEMA Region II Storm Surge Project working DEM, in which the land elevations came from USGS/Sanborn LiDAR conducted between 2006 and 2007.

Most of the work flow was automated by Python scripts. The output was written to a KML file and displayed in Google Earth with 3D Buildings. The supplementary map was plotted with ArcGIS. Flood in the full computing domain can be viewed online interactively through Google Maps JavaScript API at <http://hudson.dl.stevens-tech.edu/njdemo/>.



Using Citizen Science to Monitor Global Jellies Populations: An Evaluation of the JellyWatch Database

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Introduction

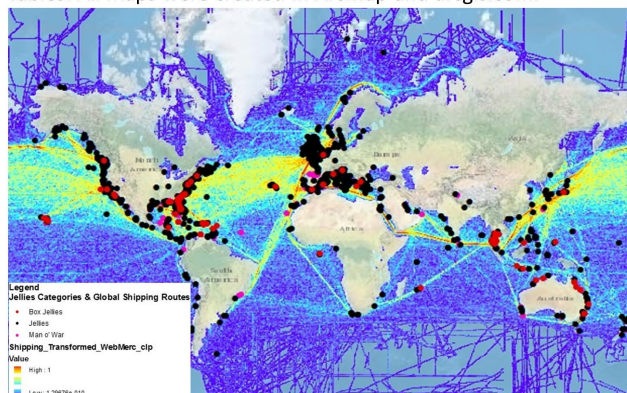
As citizen science has become a common practice for collecting scientific data, it is important to evaluate how effective those sources are at providing reliable information. This project aims to evaluate the effectiveness and organization of the JellyWatch citizen science project, as well as to encourage New Jersey citizens to contribute jelly sighting to this growing database.

Data

Reported jellies sightings between the years 1974 and 2016 were compiled from the JellyWatch database. The Global Annual Representation of Commercial Shipping Activity was published by the University of California Santa Barbara as an open access layer available on arcgis.com. Their study converted summed ship tracks collected from 2004-2005 to raster data. The major public ports in New Jersey were obtained from worldportsource.com.

Methods

JellyWatch data entries were downloaded as a CSV text file and were initially sorted in Excel by the pre-assigned titles users selected when entering data (focusing solely on jellies-related entries). Entries titled as "Other" were further sorted and classified into more specific groupings based on Phylum, Order, or Genus to evaluate whether the JellyWatch database was effective at depicting trends in jellies populations. The fourteen major ports in New Jersey were geocoded using Google Fusion Tables. All maps were created in ArcMap and arcgis.com.



Reported Jellies Sightings in New Jersey (1974-2016) Compared to Commercial Shipping Activity

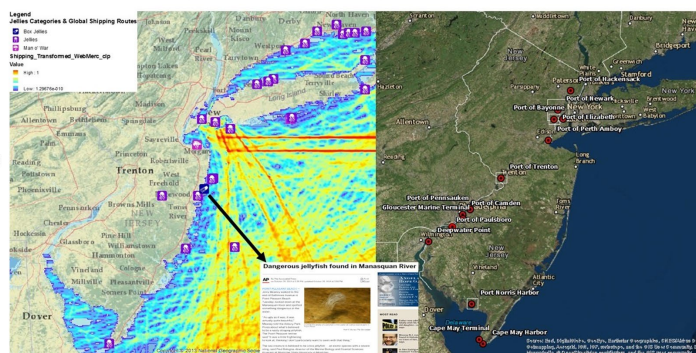


Fig 2. Areas with greater commercial shipping activity did not always tend to have more jellies sightings. Many of the major ports in New Jersey did not appear to have reported jellies sightings, possibly due to a lack of awareness of the JellyWatch database.

Reported Jellies Sightings Categorized as "Other" in JellyWatch

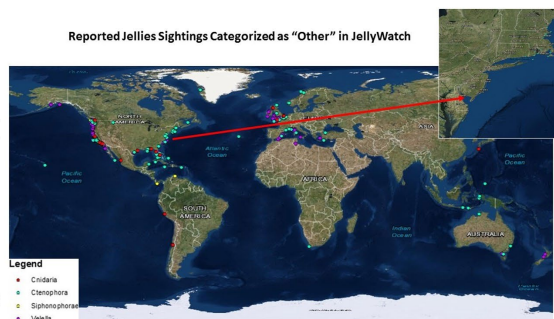


Fig 3. Demonstrates how the "Other" category on JellyWatch can be effective in showing more descriptive patterns for jelly populations. Currently, there appears to be no "Other" jelly sightings in New Jersey.

Fig 1. Shows the global distribution of jellies as they correlate with global commercial shipping activity.

Results

- 1). There appears to be a correlation between global commercial shipping activity and reported jellies sightings from 1974 to 2016. Heavily traveled shipping routes tended to have more sightings of jellies. In New Jersey, major public ports did not seem to be hubs for increased jelly activity.
- 2). Most of the JellyWatch data entries were sorted by pre-assigned titles (Table 1) with only 776 entries categorized as "Other." From the "Other" category, more specific categories of jellies could be defined based on Phylum, Order, or Genus that may not have been provided for entries given pre-assigned titles (Table 2).
- 3). While jellies are being reported in New Jersey, there may be a lack of awareness of the JellyWatch database which leads to fewer jellies reported.

Table 1:

Type	Reported Sightings
Jellies	3344
Man o' War	311
Box Jellies	152

Table 2:

Type	Reported Sightings
Cnidaria	28
Ctenophora	159
Siphonophorae	13
Velella	317

Conclusions

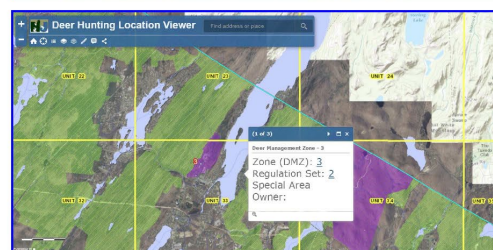
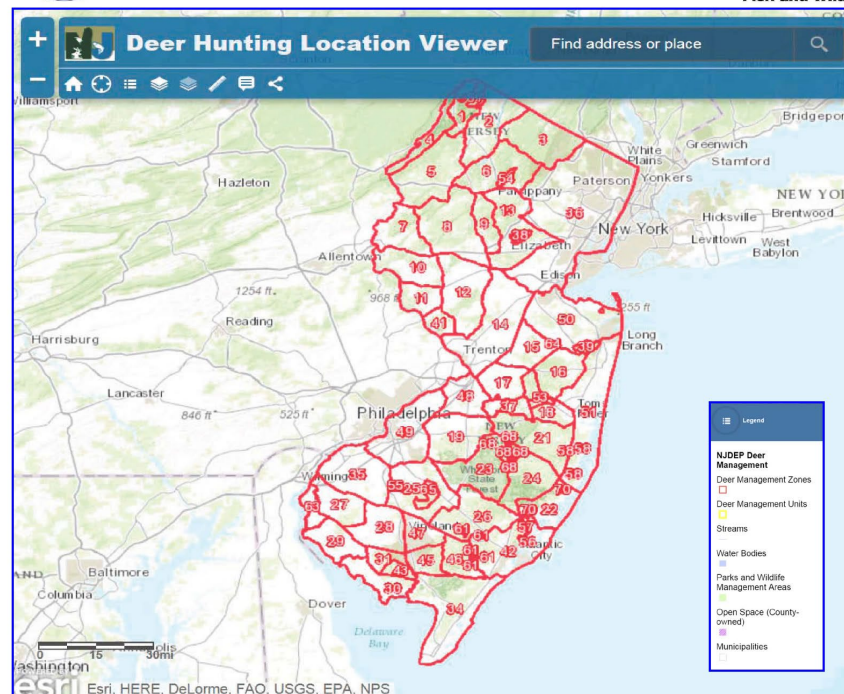
The JellyWatch database is an effective tool to measure global jelly populations as its expansive database can be used to discuss possible trends with global oceanic impacts, such as commercial shipping activity. In this case, it appears that jelly activity increases in areas with greater commercial shipping activity. While the "Other" category may have been viewed as a source of error, it was a useful way to classify jellies into more specific categories than the pre-assigned titles. As jelly sightings are focused around coast lines in New Jersey (which are most accessible), future work may look to create new ways to consistently monitor and record jellies in the JellyWatch database, particularly around major ports.

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Area	Description
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NOTE: For Mobile Users: There are a few users who have downloaded the "Explorer for ArcGIS" application for optimal results. The icons and elements are slightly different from those shown but all features are the same. The "Explorer for ArcGIS" application is available for download from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. For more information, please visit the "Explorer for ArcGIS" application page.

Legend	Legend
1. NJDEP Deer Management Zones	2. Deer Management Units
3. Streams	4. Water Bodies
5. Parks and Wildlife Management Areas	6. Open Space (County-owned)
7. Municipalities	

SPECIAL AREA
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This Deer Hunting Location Viewer on-line application, map, was created using ESRI ArcGIS and ArcGIS Online (AGO) Application. It can be used to locate and identify deer hunting spot to obtain harvest location information (DMZ, Unit, County, Township). This data is required when reporting deer via the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Automated Harvest Report System. It can be accessed from desktop PC and/or mobile device, iPhone and Android users should download the free "Explorer for ArcGIS" application for optimal results.

This application was created and presented jointly by Dan Roberts, NJDEP Deer Management Program, Harry Chen, Craig Coutros, and Dnyanada Bhide, NJDEP BGIS Staff.