



# WE RESTORE



The American Littoral Society promotes the study and conservation of coastal marine life and habitat, defends the coast from harm, and empowers others to do the same through advocacy, education, and conservation.

The Society's Habitat Restoration Team restores, creates, and enhances important coastal habitats for fish and wildlife, and improves the resiliency of our communities. In 2015, the Society was awarded the New Jersey Governor's Environmental Excellence Award for our work in Delaware Bay. In 2018, the Society was awarded two New Jersey Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards for its stormwater and fish passage work and the US best restored beach by the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association. This was a New Jersey first!

## What We Do



- Beach restoration
- Dune creation & beach grass planting
- Living shoreline creation
- Marine debris removal
- Reef building
- Oyster shell recycling
- Oyster spat setting
- In-class and field education programs
- U.S. Armed Forces Veteran intern program
- Community outreach and Citizen Science
- Horseshoe crab tagging
- Fish PIT tagging and tracking
- Fish, bird, and habitat surveys
- Forest, saltmarsh, and wetland restoration
- Project planning and permitting



# Restoration By The Numbers

Since the late 1990's the American Littoral Society has completed more than 50 habitat restoration projects. The Society has also restored or enhanced over 300 acres of important coastal and shoreline habitat. This includes: 16 acres of oyster reefs and clam beds; 76 acres of beach-dune complex; 62 acres of freshwater wetland and pond habitats; and 140 acres of intertidal habitats including flats, salt marshes, and mangroves.

## Since Hurricane Sandy

- 1/2 acre maritime forest created
- 1 subtidal oyster reef constructed
- 1.8 miles of spawning habitat connected
- 8 living shoreline oyster reefs built
- 15 U.S. Armed Forces veterans hired
- 9.5 acres of riparian habitat restored
- 8 bay beaches restored
- 300+ alewife PIT tagged
- 155 metric tons of marine debris removed
- 600 foot fish passage culvert installed
- 2,000 tons of rubble removed
- 22,500 horseshoe crabs tagged
- 90,000+ beach grasses planted
- 200,000+ oyster spat placed
- 211,000 cubic yards of beach sand placed

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