

THE BEACON

Babylon Village, West Babylon, North Babylon, Deer Park, Lindenhurst, West Islip and Long Island, New York

Creek Defenders host 30 Clean-Ups this year so far!

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Above, volunteers pose with Babylon Town officials in Amityville following clean-up in that community.

From Massapequa to Mastic Beach, Save The Great South Bay's Creek Defenders have organized over 30 clean-ups this year alone, engaging hundreds of volunteers along many of the 50 creeks that flow into the Bay.

Volunteers cleaned up the Massapequa Creek March 6, Amityville and Lindenhurst on May 21, and Carlls River in Babylon Village on June 12.

Creek Defenders are local stewards, people who help organize and guide their communities, lead clean-ups and implement habitat restoration projects. They unblock and unclog creeks overrun by debris and stormwater runoff directly affecting the health of the Bay. They also spread the message that our care for the Bay begins on the land, and the quality of that water entering the Bay.

"It's the Creek Defenders who volunteer in each of the 16 towns along the Bay that deserve all the credit," said Tom Kain, chairman of the Creek Defender program. "They speak with the local government, civic groups and schools to make their creek clean-up events a success. They can also

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Top left, volunteer cleaning up in Lindenhurst community.

“As a volunteer-driven organization, we can’t do what we do without the support of local residents. Every year we are inspired by the tremendous turnouts at these events,” said Robyn Silvestri, the executive director of The Great South Bay organization. “Residents starting where they stand to protect their local creeks is one way we move forward towards a healthy Bay.”

Creek and/or beach clean-ups are great team building events and groups and companies are welcome to participate.

An International Coastal Clean-Up at Gilgo Beach in Babylon is scheduled for Oct. 29.

For more information on how you can volunteer for this or other events, go to: savethegreatsouthbay.org.

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Bottom left, turtle peeks out from beneath his shell in Babylon Village as work on the Carlls River proceeds.

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