



The Issues

Non-point source pollution like domestic animal, wildlife and human waste, lawn fertilizers, and other factors are leading to the contamination of the rivers and bays we love and call home. The American Littoral Society is working to educate the public, and protect, conserve, and restore these ever-important ecosystems. You can help.

WHAT WE DO ...

Restore Oysters to the Waters

One oyster cleans up to 50 gallons of water per day.

Recycle Oyster Shell

Oysters need a calcium carbonate substrate to live on. We give it to them by putting them back into the water.

Use Good Science

We use the latest methodology from scientists at major institutions.

Build Living Shorelines

They stabilize the shoreline, provide habitat for wildlife and improve water quality by filtering upland run-off.

Partner with Citizens and Businesses

Restaurants recycle their oyster shell through our recycling program, businesses send their employees to plant grasses, and regular citizens volunteer in our programs.

Advocate for Better Policies

We work in Trenton and Washington, DC to create clean water initiatives.

Educate the Public

Through the media, our website and outreach publications we educate the masses on how to achieve cleaner waters.

Educate

Protect

Conserve

Restore

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Healthy
Rivers and Bays

WHAT YOU CAN DO ...

Reduce your water use

Water carries pollutants across driveways, roads and other impervious surfaces to the storm water system and into the river.

Minimize Impervious Surfaces

By reducing asphalt, concrete and other impervious surfaces and allowing water to be absorbed into the ground, nature has a chance to filter out pollutants before they reach the river.

Scoop your dog's poop

It's toxic. One gram of dog poop contains 23 million fecal coliforms. One average dog creates close to 2 trillion fecal coliforms per year.



Take your car to the carwash

Car washes recycle their water. Yours runs off the driveway with its cleaners, into the stormwater ... and the river.

Plant native plants

They require less water, thus reducing run-off and also provide habitat for wildlife.

Avoid pesticides and herbicides

They kill not just weeds and bugs, but everything else in its path. Eventually they end up in the river and our food chain.

Reduce your fertilizer use

They promote algal growth, which causes low oxygen, which then kills life in the river.

JOIN US

By joining and supporting the American Littoral Society you aid our efforts to clean our rivers, bays and oceans.

