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Second "Wave of Action" Calls for Christmas Tree Donations

Post-Sandy Day of Service Slated for Saturday, January 19, throughout New York and New Jersey

Atlantic Highlands, NJ — As part of Clean Ocean Action's second "Wave of Action", consider donating old Christmas trees to help rebuild dunes. On January 13 and 19, Christmas trees are will be collected to be "planted" to rebuild the dunes on Island Beach State Park in Seaside Park, New Jersey.

Volunteers can drop off their Christmas trees and plant them from 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, January 19th at Island Beach State Park. For those who cannot volunteer that day, Christmas trees can be dropped off on Sunday, January 13th at Cattus Island State Park (1170 Cattus Island Blvd, Toms River, NJ 08753).

Clean Ocean Action's Wave of Action "For The Shore" is a long term volunteer initiative that began in the response to Superstorm Sandy to help the communities and millions of citizens left devastated in the wake of the storm. For the second Wave of Action, COA hopes to attract volunteers over Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, a weekend centered on service. To sign up to volunteer on Saturday, January 19, please visit www.ForTheShore.org.

Over 700 people have already signed up to help to clean out homes, neighborhoods, parks, beaches, and waterways at 15 locations throughout New York and New Jersey on January 19th, including Atlantic City, Asbury Park, Sandy Hook, and Jones Beach, New York.

If you are in need of assistance, have an idea for a project that needs volunteers, or would like to volunteer on January 19th, please visit <u>www.ForTheShore.org</u> to register, or call 732-872-0111. For more information about Christmas tree collection drive contact Katie Barnett at <u>katie.barnett@dep.state.nj.us</u>.

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