



Friends of Wollaston Beach

The Friends of Wollaston Beach is an organization promoting public use of Wollaston Beach, preserving and protecting the fragile ecosystems, and addressing the quality of life issues relating to the Beach. The goal of the Association is to promote the wise use and preservation of the Beach, encouraging volunteerism, alerting others to issues affecting the Beach through educational, cultural, social and civic programs, and advocating on behalf of Beach users.

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Please join the Friends of Wollaston Beach on **Saturday, September 15, 2018** from **10:00 am to noon** to participate in this year's Massachusetts COASTSWEEP. Plan to meet on Wollaston Beach near the Wollaston Yacht Club (692 Quincy Shore Drive).

COASTSWEEP Massachusetts was formed in 1987. COASTSWEEP participants join hundreds of thousands of other volunteers in the world's largest volunteer effort for the ocean — Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup — collecting trash, fishing line and other marine debris, and recording data on what they find. This data is used to find solutions for keeping trash out of the ocean.

Sources of marine debris include people littering, trash blowing out of trash cans and cigarette butts washing into storm drains that connect to the ocean. Marine debris is more than an eyesore, it can also directly harm sea life and humans.

Maureen Mazrimas, president of Friends of Wollaston Beach noted that: "If you do only one cleanup per year, this should be the one! Participation in this cleanup has never been more important. Not only does the cleanup preserve and protect the beach's fragile ecosystems, but the data collected in COASTSWEEP is invaluable in identifying the sources of pollution to better allocate ever-dwindling resources on the state and federal level."

If you would like to learn more about FWB or the cleanup, please see wollastonbeach.org for further details. To volunteer for the 9/15 cleanup, please email Maureen Mazrimas at squantummaz@gmail.com. If you would like to join FWB, dues are \$10 per year. An application can be found on the website.

Hope you will join us on September 15.