

Gandy's Beach

2021 By the Numbers

Overtaken Crabs: 1,530

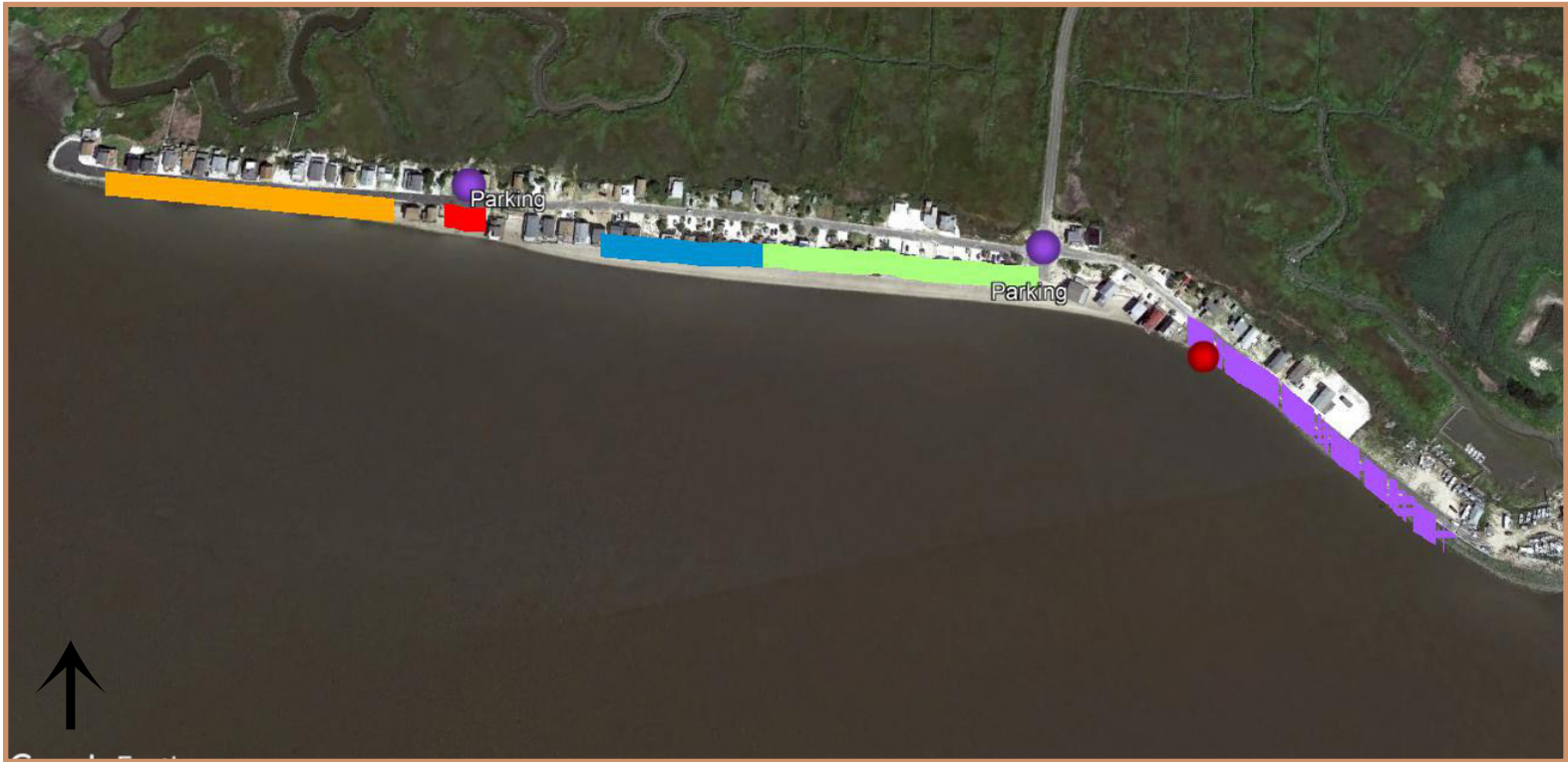
Man-made Impingement: 1,592

Natural Impingement- Overwash: 16

Total Crabs Rescued: 3,138

Rescue Walks: 39

Total Crabs Per Walk: 80.5



Beach Information

Total Distance – 0.79 km

Section 1 - 0.22 km: Northern-most section. Mostly large rubble pile beyond the last house on the bayside of the road.

Section 2 - 0.03 km: Small beach in front of the parking area on Cove Rd. It is just before the last houses on the bay-side.

Section 3- 0.12 km: One of the middle sections of beach. Only accessible on low tide.

Section 4 - 0.20 km: Second of the middle sections, just to the north of where Gandys Ave ends at the Bay.

Section 5- 0.22 km: South of where Gandys Beach Rd ends at the Bay. This all should be categorized as rip rap since it protects the road. Only accessible on a VERY low tide. Access this section near the last house.

● Hazard 1

● Parking

Closed: All accessible portions are OPEN

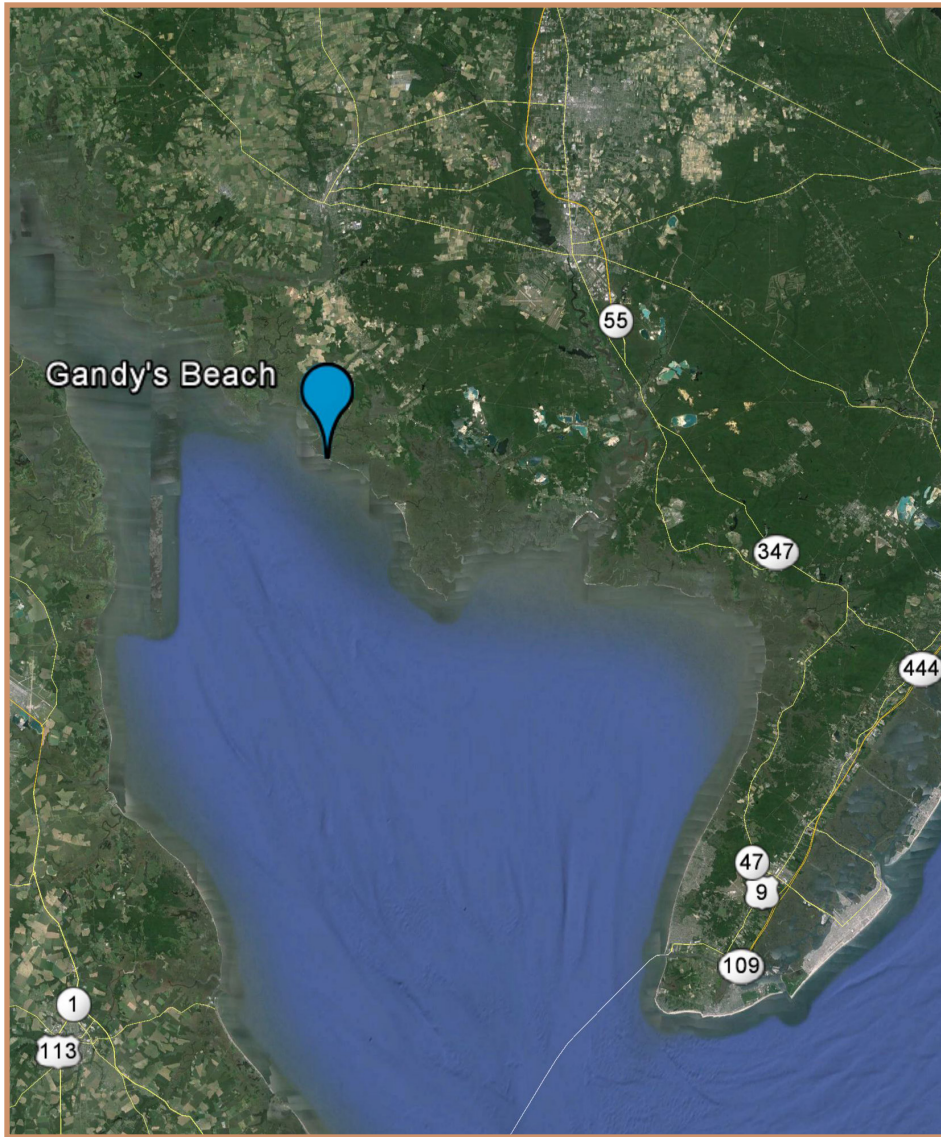
Sponsoring Organization: Individual volunteers

Ownership: State, Private

Other activities: horseshoe crab survey, large-scale restoration project, Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary with ERDG

Safety and other Issues: In some sections of the beach you will be passing near private homes. Please be quiet and respectful of their privacy. Be careful when scrambling on rocks.

Known impingement hazards: The largest sections of impingement is the large rubble pile at the southern end (section 5) and northern end (section 1) of the beach.



Directions:

From South: While heading North on Rt 553/Main St, turn Left on to 732/Methodist Rd just after the Downe Township Municipal Building. Where Rt. 732 meets Landing Rd and Baptist Rd, turn left. Make a quick left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From North: Follow 553 South from Cedarville to Rt. 629. Turn right onto Rt. 629. Turn right at the T onto Rt. 656/Baptist Rd. Travel one long block to turn left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From Millville/Rt. 55/Rt 49: Turn off Rt. 49 onto Cedarville Rd (Cedar St) at the blinker just west of the Maurice River Bridge in Millville. Follow Cedarville Rd past the airport across Buckshutem Rd and shortly after take the left fork at the 'big oak tree' onto Newport-Centre Grove Rd/Rt. 629. Continue on this road, crossing over Rt. 553. When the road ends at Rt. 656/Baptist Rd, turn right. Travel one long block to turn left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From the blinker for Fortescue Rd: Once on Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 travel to the split at Rt. 643/Newport Rd and Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637. Take the slight right for Rt. 643 towards Money Island and Gandy's Beach. After about 3.5 miles, make a slight left for Gandy's Beach Rd and travel to the end of the road.

Parking:

Park where Gandy's Ave terminates at the Bay. Depending on the tide you may need to walk on the road at times to access different sections of the beach.

There is additional parking north on Cove Rd.

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Section 2 at the northern end of the beach.



The key hazard on the map is at the beginning of the long wall of rubble at the eastern end of the road. It is a large gap between the beach, the wall and the rubble. It traps hundreds of crabs.