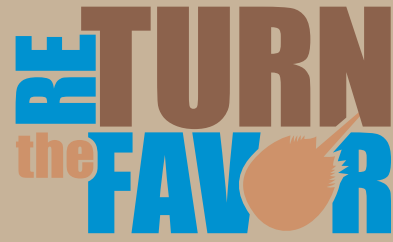


OVER **One Million** CRABS RESCUED 2023 RESULTS



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Since 2013, hundreds of volunteers have rescued over a million stranded horseshoe crabs on the Delaware Bay beaches in New Jersey. This effort is helping the Delaware Bay horseshoe crab population recover from overharvest in the 1990s. reTURN the Favor volunteers also inspire their friends, family, and communities to help horseshoe crabs and take action to restore the beaches.

119,795
Horseshoe Crabs
Rescued

606
Rescue Walks

106
Walk
Leaders

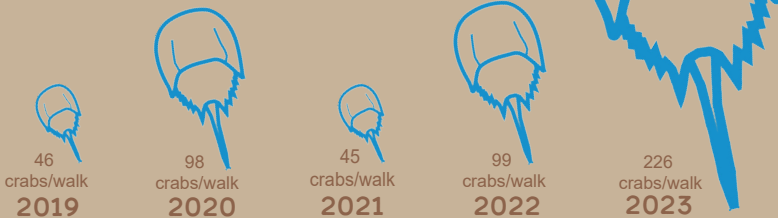


2,521
Volunteer
Hours



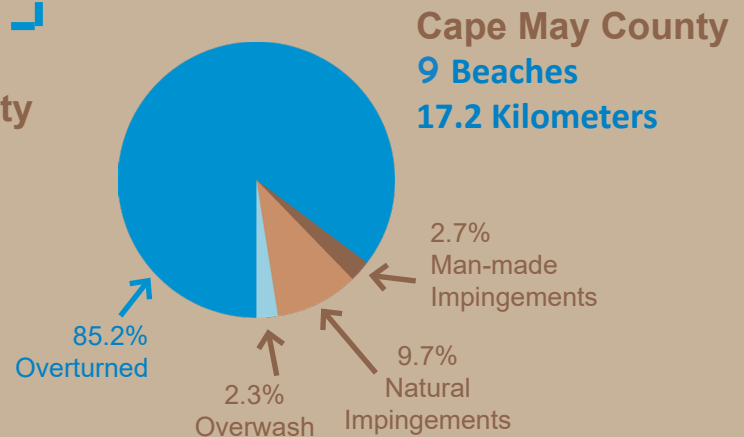
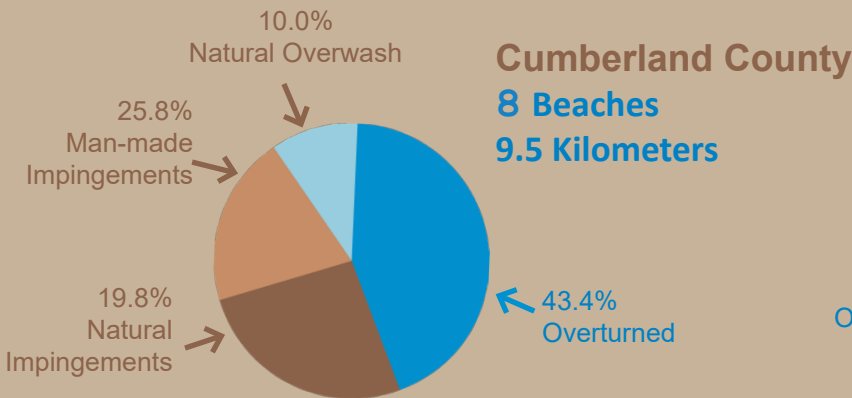
DYERS COVE: EROSION EXPOSES NEW HAZARD

A lot can change in a year. The number of crabs impinged per walk dramatically increased at Dyers Cove in 2023 due to the exposure of a derelict bulkhead. Many hands were needed each day to keep the crabs safe!



CUMBERLAND AND CAPE MAY DIFFERENT BEACHES DIFFERENT PROBLEMS

In Cape May County the beaches are long and very sandy, and most of the crabs are rescued from being overturned. In Cumberland County, the beaches are more broken up by saltmarsh and where there is sand there is also lots of rubble and rip rap.



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