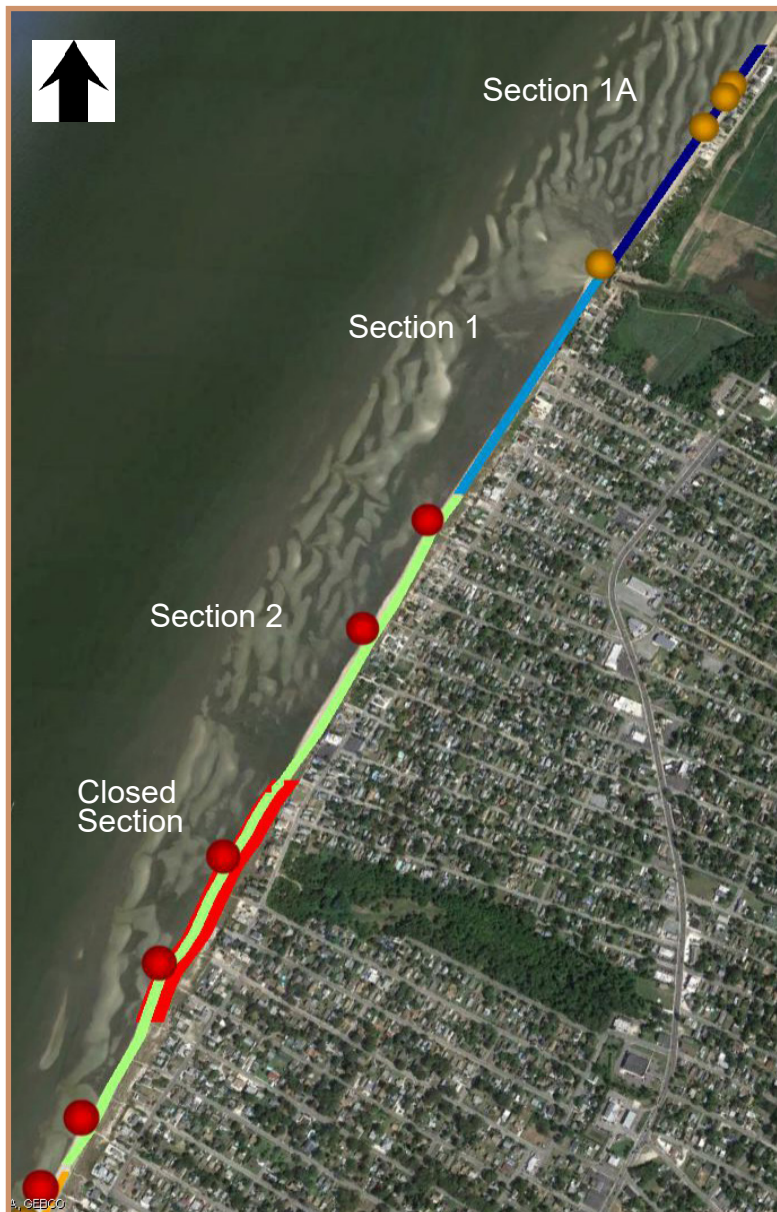


Villas Beach

2024 By the Numbers

Overturned Crabs: 14,538
Man-made Impingement: 527
Natural Impingement: 0
Natural Overwashed: 188

Total Rescued Crabs: 15,253
Total Rescue Walks: 73
Total Crabs per Walk: 208.9



Closed: Portions from May 7- June 7 (closed area, in red)

Sponsoring Organization: The Wetlands Institute
Ownership: Township of Lower, New Jersey Natural Lands Trust

Other activities: Horseshoe crab spawning surveys, shore-bird research, horseshoe crab egg density surveys

Northern Sections

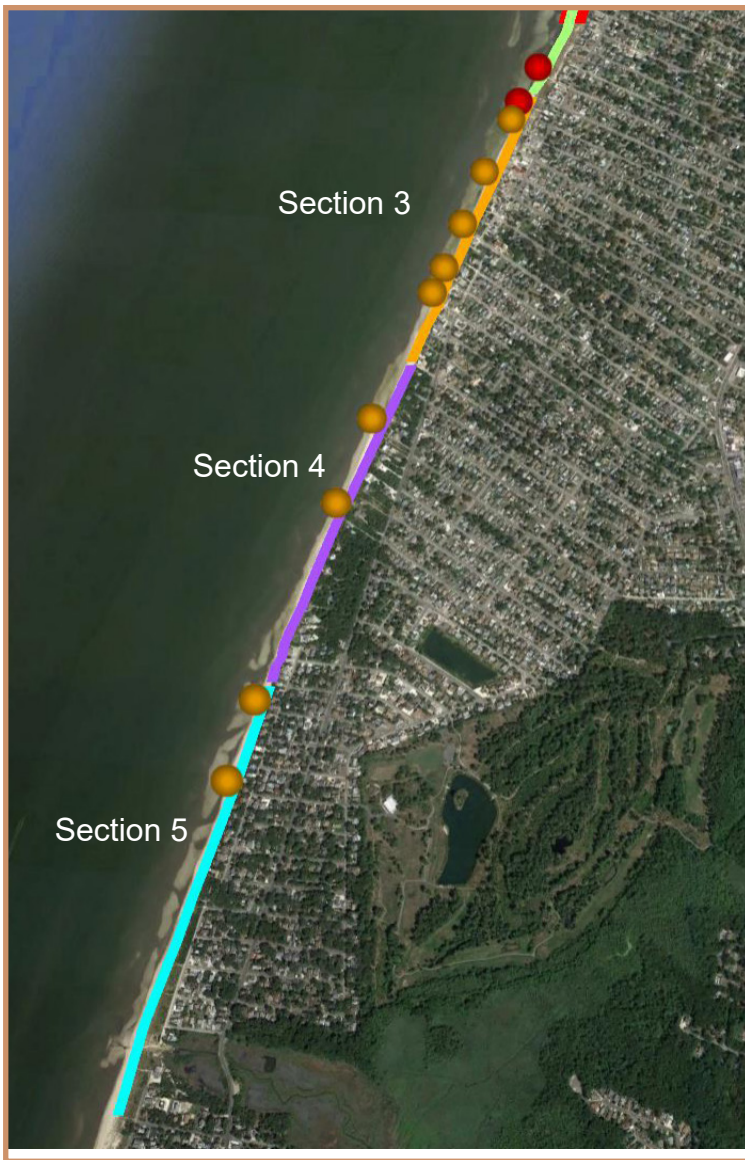
Total Distance – 2.3 km

- Section 1A- 0.7 km:** Starting at the end of the homes in Villas and then heading north to Eldridge Ave.
 - Section 1- 0.6 km:** Schellinger Avenue, at the dilapidated wooden pilings in the sand, to the creek to the north past the end of the row of homes.
 - Section 2- 1.0 km:** Schellinger Avenue to Pine Tree Avenue. Location of public RTF walks and horseshoe crab spawning surveys. Portions of this beach are restricted due to shorebird closures.
- Known Hazards
 - Likely Hazards

Known impingement hazards: Most of the hazards are from outfall pipes. Crabs are often trapped and barely visible underneath wooden support structures. Known key hazard areas are marked with a red dot, and suspected (but not yet surveyed) impingement hazards are marked with an orange dot.

Be sure to check for monofilament stuck on the outfall pipes. A pocket knife will be useful to cut it free.

Safety: The outfall pipes are very slippery when wet- do not walk on top of them. If surveying at night, do not survey alone- beach access is available almost every street, so personal safety is a consideration. Be courteous to residents and properties when parking and conversing near homes, especially at night.



Southern Sections



Total Distance – 4.6 km

- **Section 3- 1.0 km:** Pinetree Ave to Village Road.
- **Section 4- 1.0 km:** Village Road to Mistletoe Road, behind Lake Champlain.
- **Section 5- 1.0 km:** Mistletoe Road to Pinewood Road, the last road at the bridge to North Cape May.
- Known Hazards
- Likely Hazards

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Directions:

From the north (Route 47): Take a right on Bayshore Road (Route 603). Take Bayshore road until the next light, and take the left to continue south on Bayshore. Follow Bayshore over the marsh, and take the right at the water tower onto Miami Avenue.

From the south/east (Route 9): Take Route 9 north to Fulling Mill Road. Take a left onto Fulling mill. At the next light, take a left, follow south to Village Road (1.5 km). Follow Village Road until it turns to the left and turns into Bay Drive. Follow Bay Drive 1.2 miles until you reach Pinewood Road. Take a right onto Pinewood Road.

Note: There is parking access at most roads that you can access the beach from Bayshore Rd.

For RTF public walks, horseshoe crab spawning surveys:

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From the south/east (Route 9): Take Route 9 north to Fulling Mill Road. Take a left onto Fulling mill. At the next light, take a left, follow south to the first light, and take a right on Pinetree Avenue. Follow Pinetree to the end of the road.

