

Coastal Cleanup at the Albany Waterfront 2010 summary:

The event went very well. We had a great turn out and the weather was beautiful. Also, we had great success recruiting organized groups and had better participation than previous years from the Ocean View students, where we taught 4 classes in anticipation to the cleanup. We had some students from the local schools approach us looking for projects related to the cleanup and we will follow up with them.

We had 182 volunteers and 4 staff on site that day. They collected 1073 pounds of trash and 118 pounds of recyclables. The most unusual item found was a pesticide container and the area covered was approximately 3 miles of shoreline and trails.

We were also very successful with the BYO bucket campaign. Out of the 182 volunteers 40 people brought their own bucket. We also had plenty of buckets to outfit more than half of the rest of the people. This effort reduced the environmental foot print of the event significantly.

We also had copies of our newest posters "The Trash Heroes" and the "Spotlight on Water Bottles" to further our educational message.

For the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment:

We trained a group of students from UC Berkeley's Geography Department on the urban rapid trash assessment protocol and they were very diligent on Saturday Sept 25 collecting the data from the transect. We also recruited a smaller group to give them a hand.

On Friday Sept 24, we set up a transect 300 meters long and took the before pictures and GPS coordinates. We decided to set up our with boundaries 3 feet above the highest water mark that was identified based on the accumulation of vegetation brought by the high tide and 3 feet below the water level that day (which puts you at a -1 tide). We are still processing the data for the tally, but will have for you soon. At the end of the cleanup we took the after pictures.

Coastal Conservancy Tally cards:

Albany's top ten using the Coastal Conservancy Tally cards (this does not include the results from the Urban Rapid Trash Assessment) for 2010 were:

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| Cigarettes/filters | 1390 |
| Caps/lids | 1145 |
| Food wrappers/containers | 1059 |
| Plastic bags | 914 |
| Styrofoam products | 597 |
| Paper bags | 371 |
| Cigar tips | 352 |
| Straws/stirrers | 345 |
| Cups, plates forks etc. | 320 |
| Glass beverage bottles | 300 |

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