

TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

2016 ENDANGERED SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

ADOPT-A-BEACH

COMMUNITY SERVICE/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



The Town of East Hampton Natural Resource Department is recruiting volunteers to monitor nesting shorebirds and survey vegetation on East Hampton's beaches for the 2016 season.



We are seeking reliable volunteers to assist in monitoring, fencing and reporting data for bay and ocean beaches throughout the nesting season (for any time period between April and August). Active beaches for assignment may include: Sammy's Beach, Maidstone Beach, Lionhead Beach, Clearwater Beach, Gerard Point, Louse Point, and ocean beaches between Wainscott and Montauk.

To ensure continued breeding success, we depend on volunteers to monitor nests and inform the public about the importance of respecting nesting habitats. Although temporarily closed off by fencing and signs posted for restricted entry, people and dogs still enter these sensitive areas. In doing so, they can cause harm by interrupting incubation and feeding or stepping on eggs or young. Undisturbed birds have the best chance of successful breeding.

This is a great opportunity for high school and college students to achieve volunteer hours while exploring the beaches of East Hampton. Volunteers will engage in piping plover and least tern protection efforts and develop an understanding of beach ecology local conservation issues.

Volunteers must be able to walk to/from beach monitoring stations up to one mile away from parking areas. Volunteers will be required to undergo training for the installation of protective fencing for nesting areas and for interacting with the public.





For more information, please contact Juliana Duryea, Stewardship Coordinator at the East Hampton Town Department of Natural Resources.

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