

OYSTER REEF PROJECT



HALF SHELLS FOR HABITAT OYSTER SHELL RECOVERY PROGRAM

Waste Oyster shells can provide many benefits to our marine ecosystem; they are the perfect base for young oysters to settle on and a natural habitat for many small fish and crabs. As they dissolve, oyster shells protect animals against the effects of coastal acidification. Oyster shells also serve to stabilize our shoreline against destructive storms. But first we must return the shells to the bay!



FAT

RESTAURANT STAFF KINDLY SEPARATE WASTE OYSTER SHELLS FROM TRASH

WASTE OYSTER SHELLS ARE PLACED INTO BLUE HALF SHELLS FOR HABITAT RECYCLING BUCKETS



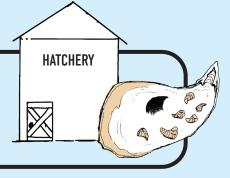
COLLECT

VOLUNTEERS PICK UP BLUE BUCKETS FROM PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS AND BRING THEM TO THE TOWN RECYCLING FACILITY



GROW

AGED SHELLS ARE SENT TO MANY PLACES, INCLUDING THE SHELLFISH HATCHERY WHERE BABY OYSTERS, CALLED "SPAT" SETTLE UPON THE OLD SHELLS



RETURN

WHEN LARGE ENOUGH, THE YOUNG OYSTERS AND RECYCLED SHELLS ARE RETURNED TO THE BAY



BENEFITS

LIVE OYSTERS CONSUME SMALL ALGAE BY FILTERING SEAWATER THUS CREATING CLEAN, CLEAR COASTAL WATERS. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF OYSTERS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP VISIT WWW.SEATUCK.ORG

HALF SHELLS FOR HABITAT IS A COLLABORATION WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS AND TOWN LISTED BELOW AND PARTICIPATING LONG ISLAND RESTAURANTS. LEARN MORE AT: HALFSHELLSFORHABITAT.ORG





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