

# Hornaday Award Project Summary

**Project Category:** Air and Water Pollution Control

## Silver Beach Clean-up and Recycling

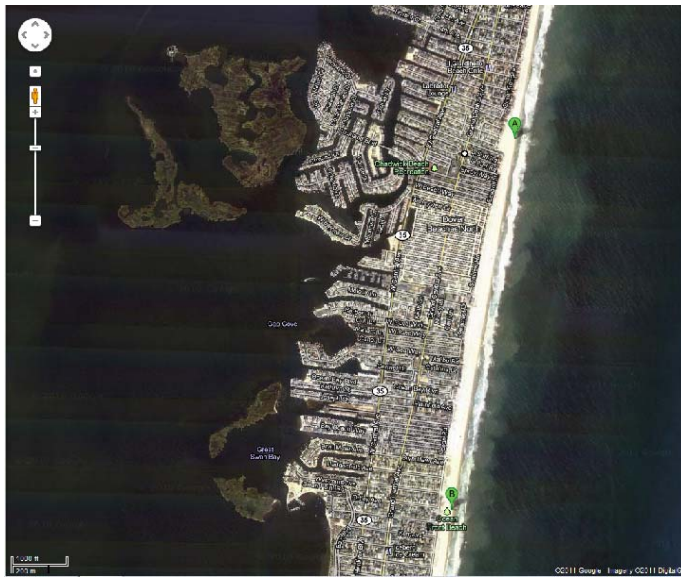
**Plan:** Walk a three mile stretch of shoreline and collect all items left on the beach that are not natural to the environment (glass, paper, plastics, etc.). The stretch of beach chosen for this clean-up is between Silver Beach Rd. and Ortlely Ave., Normandy Beach, New Jersey. This beach is used by thousands of people during the summer season. With the help of other Scouts I will recruit, we will walk down and back along the shore with garbage bags and collect all the trash and recyclable items we can find in order to better the condition of this environment.

**Leadership:** The first step was to get approval from the beach to carry out this project. This was easily done by working with the head lifeguard of the Silver Beach Lifeguards, who immediately approved the project. The next step was to gather helpers and necessary materials to carry out the project (garbage bags and gloves). I was able to recruit three Boy Scouts and two Girl Scouts, and my mother to assist with the project. We set out to clean the beach in the afternoon when the supermajority of people sun bathing had left the beach for the day.

**Results:** After the clean-up, we found we had gathered about 25 pounds of trash which was then sorted into trash and recycling piles, and then disposed of in beach area trash and recycling bins. We had also picked up four beach towels left by beachgoers in addition to two wakeboards, and these were left with the lifeguards as lost and found. After a week had passed and no one had claimed them, the lifeguards gave us back the towels and wakeboards. We laundered the towels and donated them to a homeless shelter. The wakeboards were stored in case someone called for them.

**Date Completed:** June 14, 2005

**Number of People Involved:** 7



THREE MILE STRETCH OF SILVER BEACH, NEW JERSEY.