

HARBOR ISLAND SEA TURTLE PROJECT OTHER WAYS CREW MEMBERS CAN HELP

Recruit other interested adults to volunteer for the Harbor Island Sea Turtle Project crew. Having a cell phone is helpful and access to email is required. Please refer interested persons to the Project Coordinator.

If people don't have time to volunteer but would like to help, encourage monetary donations to help subsidize equipment, signs, printing, reference materials, etc.

Take pictures for use on the website, i.e. sunrise crawls, emerging hatchlings. Please email any pictures to the Project Coordinator.

Ensure compliance with the Beaufort County Lighting Ordinance. See detailed handout. Turtles dig the dark. Complete and submit a Lighting Complaint Form for any residence violating the ordinance to the Project Coordinator.

Remove beach litter. Balloons, plastic bags, Styrofoam and other non-degradable pollutants cause the deaths of many sea turtles who mistake them for food.

Report any beach furniture or other items left on the beach after dusk to Security.

Ensure that pets are on leashes away from sea turtles and their nests. The Beaufort County ordinance states that dogs must be on leashes. In addition, loose dogs can chase away birds (some threatened or endangered) that may use the beach to rest during their migratory flight to and from the great white north. This can have a negative impact on their survival.

Look for and report Beach Vitex on Harbor Island to the Project Coordinator. See detailed handout.

Educate yourself regarding sea turtles so that you can educate others.

