



**NEW JERSEY FIELD OFFICE
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NOVEMBER 2015**



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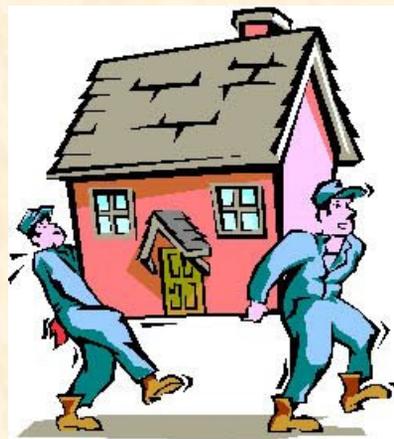


**THE NEW JERSEY FIELD OFFICE IS
MOVING TO A NEW LOCATION ON
DECEMBER 7, 2015!**

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Veteran's Day Celebration **By Beth Ciuzio Freiday**

The New Jersey Field Office (NJFO) celebrated Veteran's Day, November 11, 2015, by dedicating the oyster reef that was built the spring of this year at Reed's Beach in Cape May County. The event was organized by the American Littoral Society and the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey. Participants wrote a message about a beloved veteran on the whelk shell (Figure 1); at the end of the event the shells were collected, bagged and added to the existing oyster reef. The event was well attended with 65 participants, 11 of whom were veterans and ten were youth between 15-25 years of age. Participants seined for fish (Figure 2), helped monitor animal diversity on the reef, and played educational games. The oyster reef is part of an ongoing project to protect and restore habitat for red knot. Congressional District 2.



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Figure 1. Whelk shells inscribed with messages to veterans.



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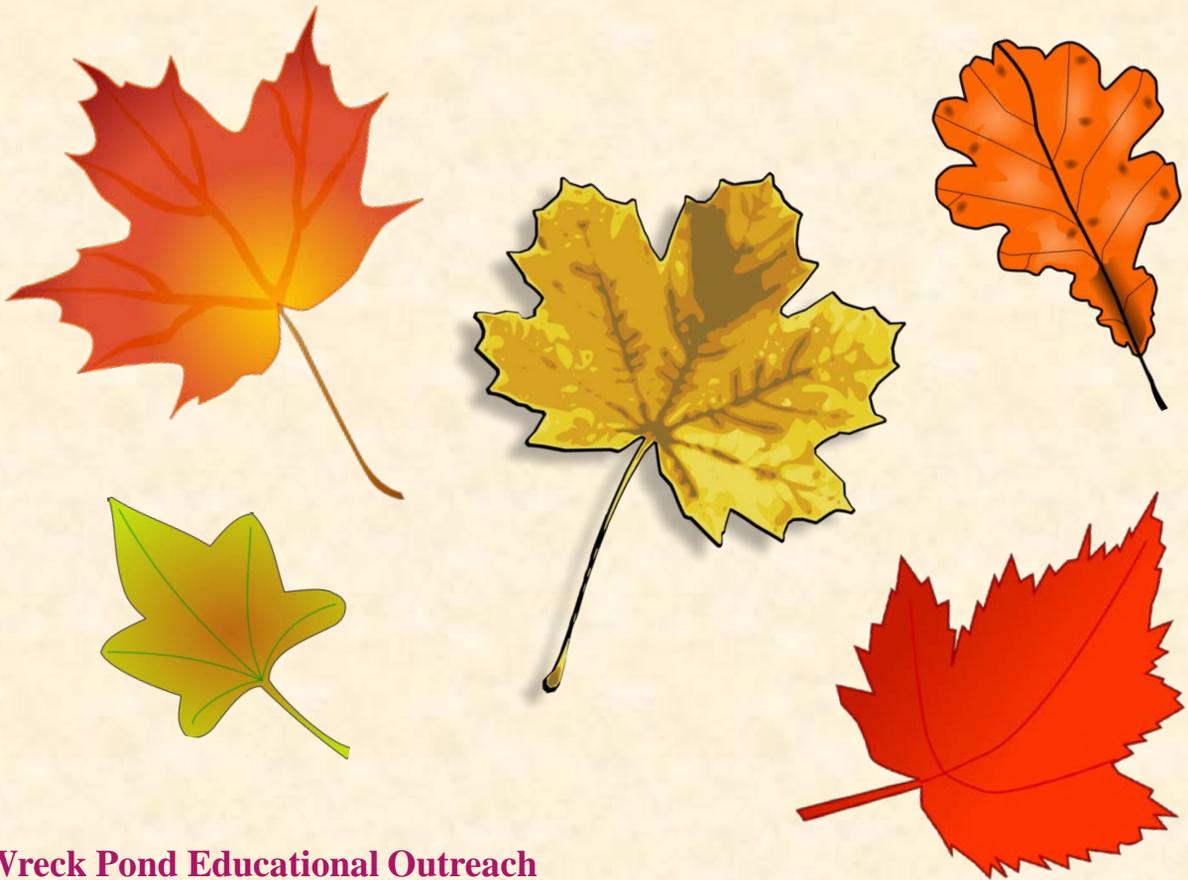
Figure 2. Steve Mars, of the NJFO (center front), helps youth participants seine for fish.



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Wreck Pond Educational Outreach By Katie Conrad

On a blustery fall day more than 40 seniors and juniors from St. Rose High School of Belmar, New Jersey visited Wreck Pond, in Spring Lake, New Jersey on Friday, November 13. Staff from the American Littoral Society and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided lessons on the characteristics and importance of Wreck Pond and the Wreck Pond Brook Watershed, while highlighting the current and future restoration work being conducted. Wreck Pond is one of the Sandy Resiliency Projects funded by the Service. The project will construct a secondary bypass culvert between Wreck Pond and the ocean in order to facilitate fish passage, reduce flooding of the surrounding communities, and improve water quality. The day's activities included seining, quadrat sampling, water quality data collection, and a nature walk focused on documenting biodiversity. Those who attended had fun, learned a lot, and hopefully came away feeling a greater connection to their local environment. Congressional District 4.



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Figure 1 and 2. Students seining for fish. Species included mummichugs (*Fundulus heteroclitus*), Atlantic silversides (*Menidia menidia*), and winter flounder (*Pseudopleuronectes americanus*).



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU
AND YOURS!

