Group 10 focused on environmental justice and health. Our group struggled a bit with locating a local organization to work with because the first we had begun to work with decided our project did not fit the needs of their organization so we were forced to locate another project on short notice. We spoke with the New York Marine Rescue Center located in Riverhead. The staff there gave us information to spread awareness of the environmental impacts of water pollution, human interaction with sea animals, and moving the focus of protection towards the communities that are impacted by the conditions of beaches and water. Speaking with this agency allowed the opportunity to dispense information regarding these needs within the communities. This agency makes efforts to fundraise and rescue marine animals such as turtles, small tooth whales, seals, and others that are in need of support. Our group also created social media posts to distribute to the public and bring awareness. The agency is the only agency in New York state that operates in this way and is responsible for caring for animals in many regions. The agency offered our group opportunities to share donation links, Amazon wishlists, and even phone numbers to help engage the larger communities to work with this group. Our group focused on the chances to bring awareness to the needs of the animal life and in turn reflect on how helping animals within our communities helps us as humans as well. By raising awareness to poor beach conditions and the impact that humans have on the beach communities, it also shows that some aspects of these environments are neglected from human care. Humans defacing beaches or negatively impacting animal life shows that humans have no regard for the people living near these areas or water and environmental resources that they intake. The project helped to bring our own awareness to this agency working on environmental justice in our own neighborhoods. This also helped to reveal the ways in which we can disperse important information so people begin to care more about the environments they live and work in. Our posts, hashtag, and images can be viewed in the assignment below.

Sabrina DAgostino

Do you want to make a difference in helping keep New York healthy?

Keeping the ecosystem healthy, keeps people healthy and our environment! Since 1996 :

- The New York Marine Rescue Center are the primary responders for sick or injured sea turtles and marine mammals for the entire state of New York.
- Since inception, they have rescued and rehabilitated more than 6000 sea turtles and marine mammals.
- Keeping marine life healthy keeps people healthy by helping to rebuild ecosystems and the environmental impacts from humans

Are you looking to get more involved? The NYMRC hosts volunteer orientations on the last Thursday of each month. Once you have completed your application, you can sign up for an orientation that best suits your schedule. #AdelphiSocialAction2022 www.nymarinerescue.org



Emma Fogarty

The New York Marine Rescue Center is an amazing organization that works to keep our beaches and oceans clean for marine life from Montauk to Hudson Valley, NY with only eight official staff members. This staff coordinate 5 beach cleanups each month from April through December and recruit volunteers to remove debris from our beaches. They are the primary organization to rescue and rehabilitate\ marine mammals and sea turtles for the State of New York..

The work that NYMR does in helping to keep our oceans clean cannot be done without help from the community! Through fundraising, volunteering, donating items from their Amazon wishlist, sponsoring an animal, or just spreading awareness about the importance of the organization.

As a social work student I have learned about the importance of fighting for change and supporting NYMR is a great way to actively take part in environmental justice.

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http://nymarinerescue.org/



Clare Keller

The New York Marine Rescue Center is the primary sea turtle and marine mammal rescue organization for all regions of New York spanning from Long Island to Hudson Valley. The organization is responsible for managing a 24-hour hotline where people report sick or stranded sea turtles and marine mammals. They work hard to rebuild ecosystems and the negative environmental impacts of pollution. Sea animals are significantly impacted by the harm caused by pollution, especially in more densely populated areas where environmental injustice exists, and the effects are more obvious.

Adelphi Social Work Students challenge you to donate to the NYMRC, with whatever means you can spare, to ensure they can continue to rehabilitate and release seals and endangered sea turtles. #AdelphiSocialAction2022



Lauren Lanna

Helping local agencies is a great way to improve the environments that surround us every day. The New York Marine Rescue Center is responsible for community education and beach cleanups, on top of the care they give to animals in need across many regions of New York.

In the year 2021, nearly 600 cigarette butts, 400 food wrappers, and numerous other kinds of pollution were collected from one beach on Long Island alone. This shows the reduced value for the animal and human life that exists in these communities that thrive off of the water and ecosystems. The New York Marine Rescue Center works to educate communities on the negative impacts of debris and the sea turtles and marine mammals that share our waters. They also work to keep beaches and water clean to protect environmental health and safety.

As a social work student, it is important to share information about agencies that help provide for our environments. Please join, through the link below, in supporting this agency in their efforts through making a financial donation on their website, purchasing an item from their Amazon wishlist, or looking deeper into their outreach efforts and offering time to protect our environments and in turn protect our human and animal service needs for the future. #AdelphiSocialAction2022

http://nymarinerescue.org/how-to-help/?doing_wp_cron=1648565447.935025930404663085937 5#donate



Lee Scimeca

If you are looking for ways to help marine life and its environment, please consider donating to the New York Marine Rescue Center (NYMRC). The NYMRC is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1996. Its mission is to preserve and protect the marine environment. Over the past 25 years NYMRC has successfully rehabilitated over 6,000 animals.

If you are unable to give a financial donation you can still help. We all have the ability to help preserve and protect wildlife and its environment. The NYMRC hosts "Pick It Up!" beach cleanups at 5 locations throughout Long Island from April through December. Single use plastic and other forms of waste are harmful to wildlife. Consider taking part in a beach clean up event and help save the environment by reducing, reusing, and recycling and encourage others to do the same. Please consider donating to the New York Marine Rescue Center and help protect marine animals and our environment. #AdelphiSocialAction2022



Brianna Franzone

The New York Marine Rescue Center is an organization that provides rescue and rehabilitate efforts to marine animals, as well as educating the public on environmental preservation. NYMRC was established in 1996 and is the only rehabilitation facilty for seals and sea turtles in NYS. Over the last two decades, NYMRC has successfully rehabilitated thousands of marine animals.

The organization is dedicated to taking action by conducting beach clean-ups and facilitating public education programs. Environmental justice and conservation is a global issue so it is imperative for all that are able to take action. The NYMRC highly encourages volunteers to aid them in fulfilling their mission and to help save existing communities that may suffer due to damaging environmental impacts. To join one of their upcoming beach cleanups, please visit their website (www.nymarinerescue.org).

As social workers, we can utilize community outreach to spread education and awareness of this organization's mission and conservation efforts to attract more volunteers. Please help to support this organization in any way that you can - by making a financial donation on their website, purchasing an item from their Amazon wishlist, or even applying to become a volunteer.

We must work together to spread the word, practice conservation efforts, and protect the health and well-being of the humans and animals living in vulnerable environments. #AdelphiSocialAction2022

Follow the link below for additional information. http://nymarinerescue.org/?doing_wp_cron=1648843902.7743461132049560546875



Matthew Veltman

The New York Marine Rescue Center was founded in 1996. The goal of the rescue center is to support rescue efforts for marine mammals and sea turtles. The New York Marine Rescue Center responds to sea turtles, seals, and small cetaceans, which include dolphins, porpoises, and small toothed whales throughout New York State. If you see a stranded sea turtle or seal, please contact their hotline at 631-369-9829. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) you must maintain a distance of at least 50 meters (150 feet) at all times. Please consider helping the New York Marine Rescue Center by donating or joining an upcoming beach cleanup. Let's work together to protect marine animals. #AdelphiSocialAction2022



Rashida Dokes

The New York Marine Rescue Center offers a wide-array of education opportunities for school students and the general public; in pursuit to display the importance of rescue efforts. The center provides children friendly programs to enhance the awareness for the generations to come. Some programs include; Cold Stun Sea Turtle lectures, Rescue Center tours, classroom presentations and lectures, hands-on marine pollution labs, mock strandings and beach clean ups. All programs can be modified to fit curriculum needs and or age adequacies. For older students, the center provides a unique internship experience. Participants "work" for school credit and volunteer their time within a specified area of interest. The internship provides hands-on and field experience for aspiring biology majors. Many of the interns have continued to volunteer following completion of their internship. Getting the younger generation involved is vital for the longevity of rescue reform and efforts. For more information please call (631) 369-9840 or email <u>education@nymarinerescue.org</u>, #AdelphiSocialAction2022

