



2025

FISHING LINE RECYCLING REPORT

4.34
MILES

of monofilament
fishing line recycled



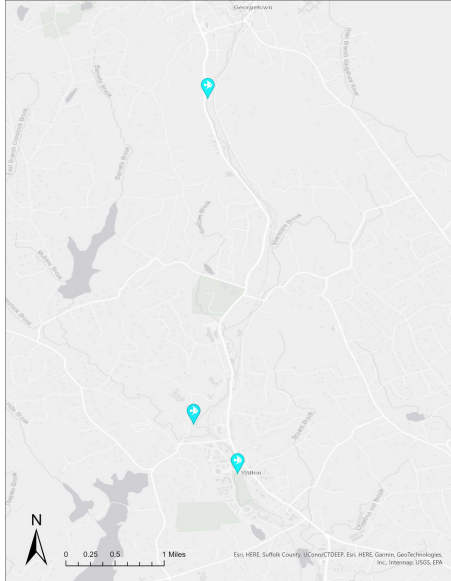
2.73
LBS

of lures, hooks, weights,
and other debris properly
disposed

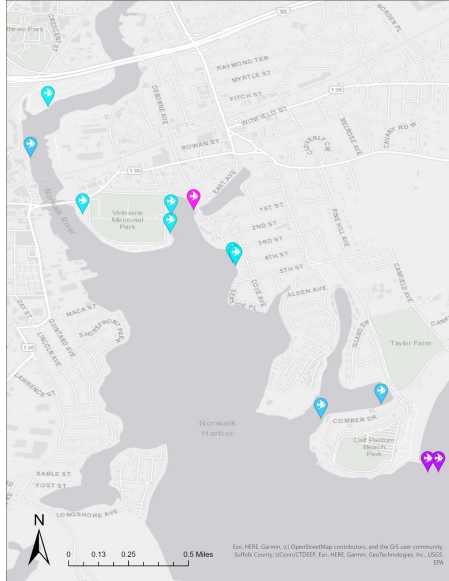


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BINS

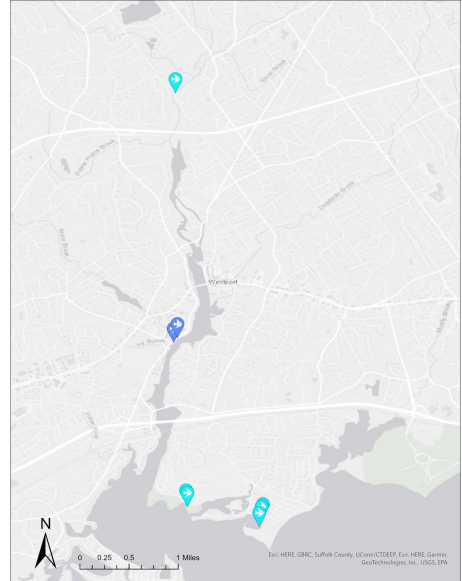
maintained at 15 local
fishing spots



WILTON

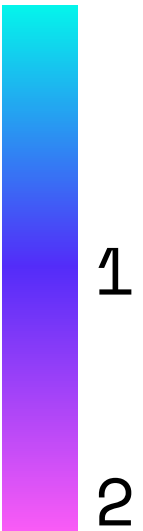


NORWALK



WESTPORT

MILES



2025 TOTAL FISHING LINE: 5 MILES

THAT'S ENOUGH TO NAVIGATE EVERY TRAIL AT EARTHPLACE ALMOST 3 TIMES!

We would like to thank everyone who utilized our recycling bins this year for doing their part to keep debris out of the environment - **Thank you for enjoying our local resources responsibly!**



PROJECT PARTNERS



WHY COLLECT FISHING LINE?



Abandoned fishing line poses detrimental impacts to habitat and can harm the local fauna that get entangled in or ingest it.



Derelict fishing line is unsightly and reduces the aesthetics and recreational value of our waterways.



Fishing line is not biodegradable, and when left in the environment, it can persist for hundreds of years.



MONOFILAMENT LINE

Monofilament line is recyclable.

We collected and thoroughly cleaned **8.1 miles** of monofilament over the last two years, and are sending it to be recycled into new products such as tackle boxes, lures, and more.



BRAIDED LINE

Braided line is not recyclable.

We have collected and thoroughly cleaned a total of **1.9 miles** of braided line. This will be repurposed in projects at Earthplace such as crafts, jewelry making, and more.



HOOKS, LURES, ETC

Hooks, lures, sinkers, and other tools are commonly discarded with fishing line. Our team has removed a total of **6.5 lbs** of these items over the years. Broken and rusted pieces are properly disposed of. Some useable pieces were reclaimed by the local fishing community.

Do you have a location in Fairfield County that you believe could benefit from a receptacle? Please email Harbor Watch harborwatch@earthplace.org to discuss getting one set up.