During the month of October, local volunteers conducted beach cleanups in Juno beach. Following each beach and underwater cleanup, LMC’s conservation department sorts and analyzes 25% the debris collected. The debris removed during the cleanup was sorted and data collected in alignment with best practices as outlined by our partners at NOAA and the Ocean Conservancy.

407 volunteers
9 cleanups
286.80 pounds (total weight)
15,653 pieces of debris (25%)

Figure 3. 98.0% of all debris removed was plastic.

**TOP 5 ITEMS COLLECTED**

- Hard Plastic Pieces: 6,810
- Plastic Film Pieces: 1,841
- Bottle Caps: 1,416
- Plastic Foam Pieces: 1,368
- Processed Paper: 532

Figure 2. Top 5 items collected in October, 2023.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Ditch single-use plastic water bottles by purchasing and using a reusable one!
- Say no to Styrofoam! Instead, request for leftover food to be wrapped in aluminum foil when dining out.
- Refuse disposable plastic utensils when ordering takeout or delivery. Try utensil sets made from sustainable materials, like bamboo, as an alternative.

Figure 1. Strange items found in October, 2023, include 26 fake plants.