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## **PRESS RELEASE**

# **Volunteers Remove Over 50,000 Pounds of Trash from Texas Coast**

Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup draws thousands across 23 cleanup sites

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Austin — This past weekend, more than 4,000 volunteers gathered at 23 sites along the Texas coastline to participate in the 2022 Adopt-A-Beach Spring Cleanup. A total of 51,087 pounds of trash was removed from the Texas coast during the event which took place on Saturday, April 9.

“Texans from every corner of the Lone Star State showed up in droves to help maintain the natural beauty of our cherished beaches,” said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. “The overwhelming public support of our Adopt-A-Beach cleanups is essential to the success of this program. On behalf of the General Land Office and our partners, I thank the thousands of volunteers who showed up to help keep our beaches safe and clean.”

The Adopt-A-Beach program began in the fall of 1986, when 2,800 volunteers picked up 124 tons of trash. Since then, 557,129 volunteers have helped remove over 9,700 tons of trash from Texas beaches during Adopt-A-Beach events.

A family from Houston helps remove trash from the Texas Coast in Galveston

The next coastwide cleanup is scheduled for September 17. Those interested in volunteering can find more information at [texasadoptabeach.org](http://texasadoptabeach.org) and are encouraged to partake in a fun-filled day of giving back to our coastal communities and protecting Texas beaches.

Galveston, Adopt-A-Beach’s largest cleanup site, had nearly 1,000 volunteers

This year’s state sponsors include the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Valero, the Texas Coastal Management

Program, ExxonMobil, Great Lakes Dredge & Dock, Flint Hills, Gulf Copper, Altos Plantos Mijenta Tequila, Ocean Conservancy and iwi Life.  
To stay up-to-date on upcoming Adopt-A-Beach events, sign up for the Adopt-A-Beach [newsletter](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).