



Additional Smoke-Free Initiatives for Rehoboth Beach?



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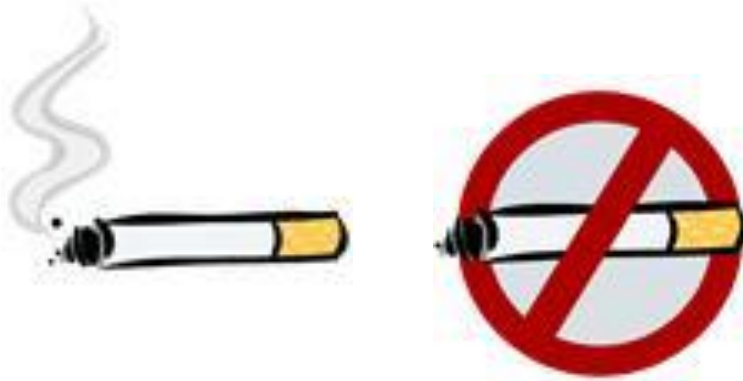
by Commissioner Stan Mills



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1. Review municipal smoke-free initiatives, and
2. Introduce discussion on whether or not to expand smoke-free initiatives in Rehoboth Beach to such areas as the beach, the boardwalk and/or other areas.



Concerns in the smoking/no smoking debate:

- Litter
- Economic Costs
- Environmental Costs
- Health



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- **Economic Costs**

- Some of the costs are associated with the manpower and resources to pick up litter. Who picks up litter? Employees of ... local governments have to pick up litter, as well as volunteers who care about the environment.
- Other costs are incurred when a cigarette butt starts a fire that destroys a forest, a field, or people's homes.
- The costs of "lost revenue" are incurred when tourists will not spend their vacation dollars to visit a beach or park that is full of litter and trash.



Concerns in the smoking/no smoking debate:

- **Environmental Costs**

- Toxic chemicals in the cigarette filters leak out, threatening the quality of the water and the creatures that live in it.
- Fish, birds, whales, and other marine creatures that mistake them as food, swallowing harmful plastic and toxic chemicals. Ingestion of plastic cigarette filters is a threat to wildlife.



Concerns in the smoking/no smoking debate:

• Health

- More than 450,000 people in the United States will die this year from a tobacco related disease. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, **secondhand smoke kills more than 50,000 people in the U.S.**
- [Tobacco] also causes serious diseases such as lung cancer, heart disease, and serious respiratory problems in **children**, including severe asthma attacks and lower respiratory tract infections.
- Eleven major health problems are caused in nonsmokers by environmental tobacco smoke (secondhand smoke) including respiratory disease, lung and nasal sinus cancer and heart disease. (http://www.breath-ala.org/html/out_facts.html)

<http://www.earthresource.org/campaigns/smoke-free/overview.html>

Presentations from first round of discussions are archived on the city web site

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NYC bans smoking in parks, Times Square

NEW YORK — Lawmakers have voted to extend New York City's smoking ban to parks, beaches – and Times Square. The ban approved Wednesday by a vote of 38-12 is one of the most ambitious outdoor anti-tobacco efforts in the

U.S. The smoking ban will cover some 1,700 parks and 14 miles of public beaches plus boardwalks, marinas and pedestrian plazas. The

law will go into effect in 90 days. New York City outlawed smoking in bars and restaurants in 2002.

From Associated Press reports

At the time of original discussions of smoke-free initiatives in early 2011 who already enacted similar legislation?

Jurisdictions nationwide.

Local jurisdictions:

DE State Parks

Bethany Beach

Lewes

News JOURNAL 2/3/11

AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT A NEW CHAPTER 224, CODE OF THE CITY OF REHOBOTH BEACH,
REGULATING OUTDOOR SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

Chapter 224:
SMOKING, OUTDOOR

Adopted by the Commissioners of the City of Rehoboth Beach 4-15-2011 by Ord. No. 0411-01.

Resolution language for adoption of new code:

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the City of Rehoboth Beach have determined that smoking in various outdoor venues in the City of Rehoboth Beach is injurious to the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens of and visitors to the City in that:

Smokers often dispose of their cigarette or cigar butts by dropping them on the ground. Such discarded butts create litter, pollute the environment and, if not fully extinguished, pose a significant threat of fire as well as risk of injury to barefoot members of the public; and

Scientific studies have concluded that smoking of tobacco causes chronic lung disease, coronary heart disease, stroke and various cancers leading to death; and

(Continued)

(Resolution language for adoption of new code, continued from previous page)

[WHEREAS] The United States Environmental Agency has found that “second-hand smoke” (sometimes referred to as “passive” or “involuntary” smoking) is harmful to human health, posing a variety of health risks, ranging from cancer to emphysema to triggering asthma attacks and the Surgeon General has determined that no amount of second-hand smoke is safe, and

State law prohibits smoking in public buildings and restaurants; and

WHEREAS the Commissioners of the City of Rehoboth Beach recognize that many other communities across the United States, particularly including resort communities, have imposed restrictions and/or outright bans on outdoor smoking; and

WHEREAS the Commissioners of the City of Rehoboth Beach recognize that some balance should be struck between the desire of smokers and the desire of non-smokers to breathe smoke-free air;



Outcome of discussions of
smoke-free initiatives in
Rehoboth Beach—

implemented only in six parks

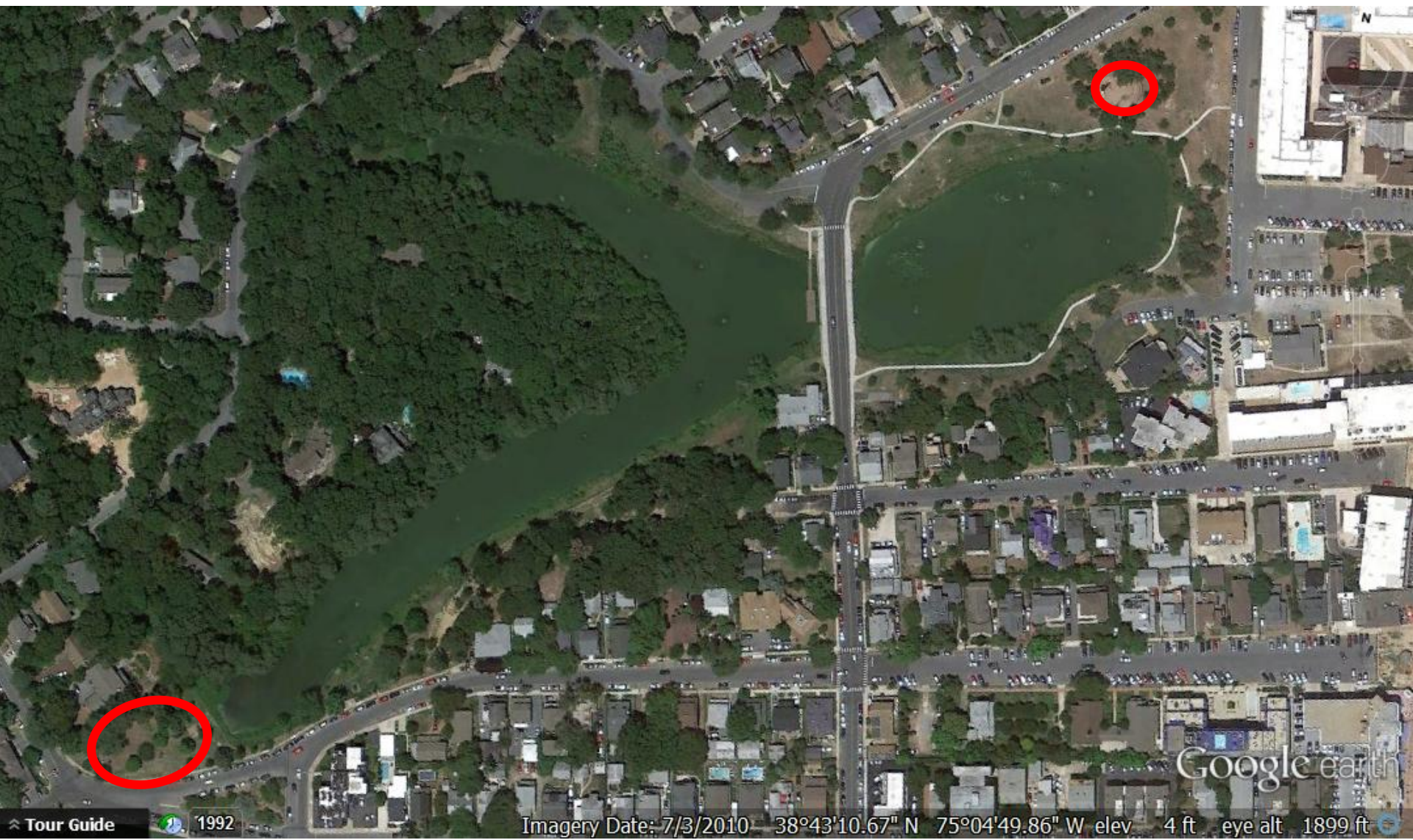


Park/TotLot/
Recreation Area
at Grove Park



Tot Lot at
Lake Gerar-
Lake Avenue-
Henlopen Hotel





Cranberry Park
- western tip
of Lake Gerar
(opposite Bad
Hair Day?)



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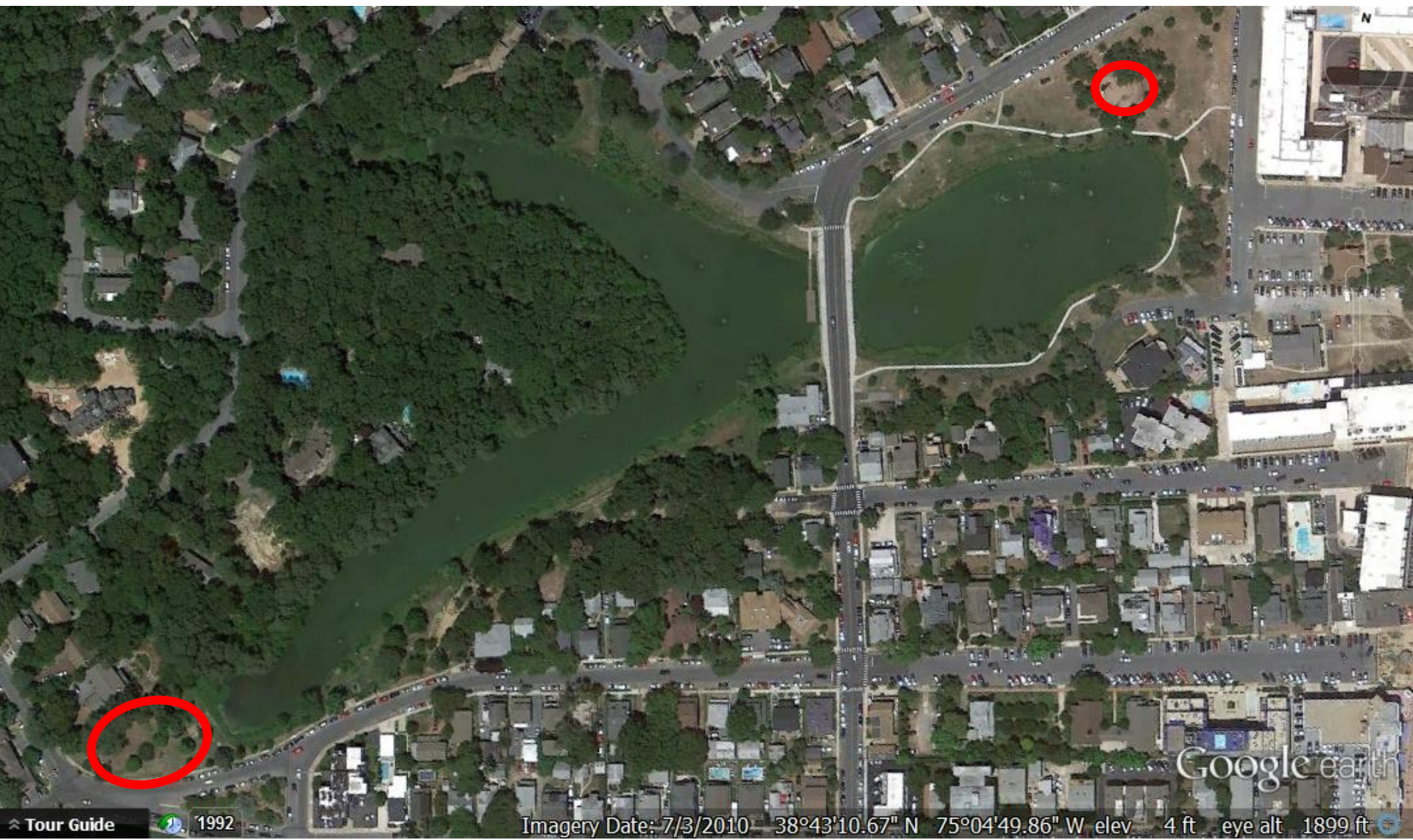
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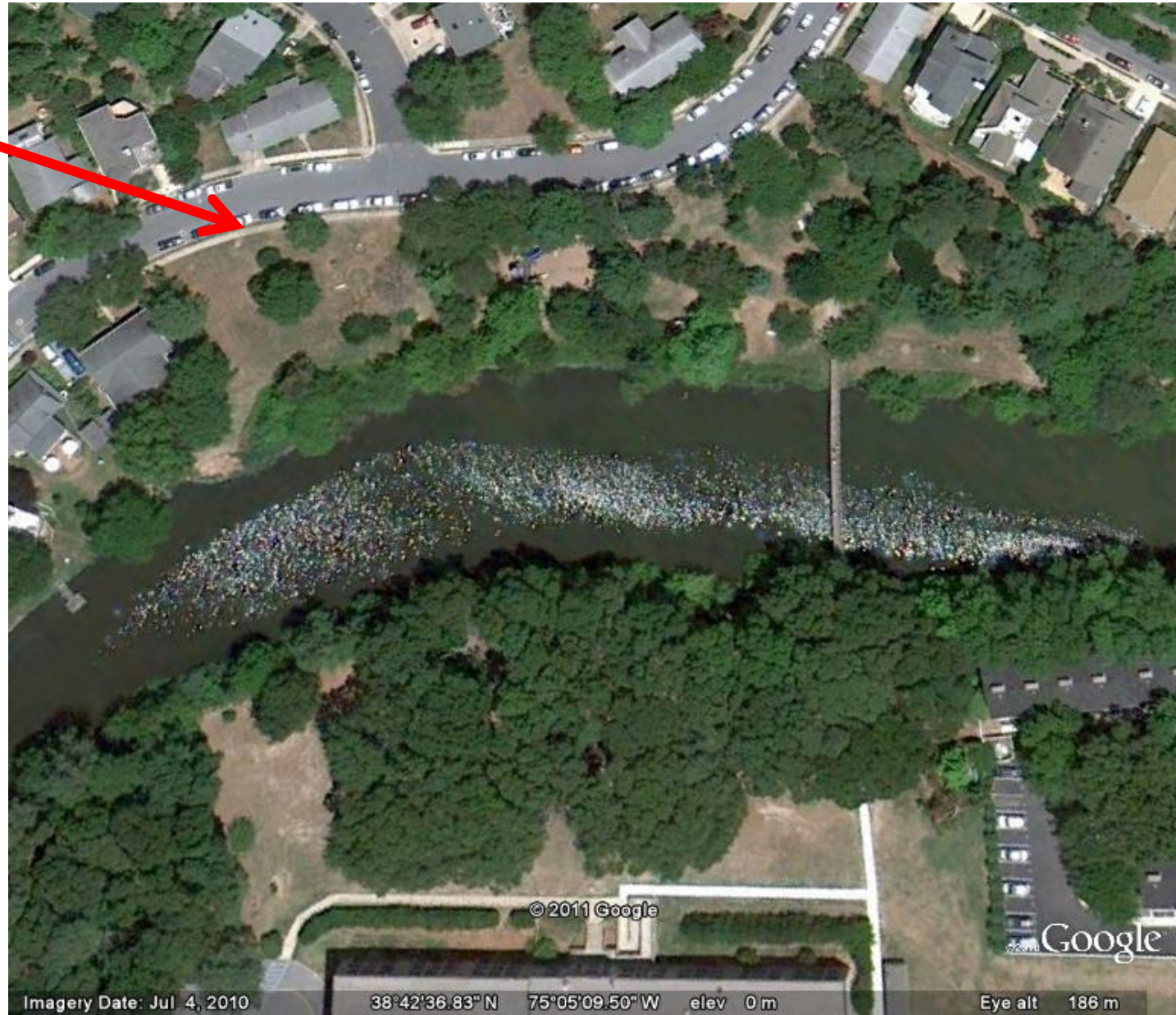
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Cranberry Park
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Silver Lake Park
-Stockley Street
in Country Club
Estates



Tot Lot at
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TOT LOT IN GERAR PARK

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GROVE PARK

SCHOOL
GROUNDS

Delaware jurisdictions with smoke-free initiatives in beach, boardwalk areas.

As at January 6, 2014 Blue highlighting to emphasize beaches and boardwalks

Jurisdiction	Adoption date	Smoking banned in these areas	Times applicable	Notes
Bethany Beach	April 2008	Children's Playgrounds	Year Round	* Smoking allowed in designated beach areas - 100' min. from paths; near toe of dune; 12' radius from sign; smoking tender in
		Town Parks	Year Round	
		Bandstand Plaza	Year Round	
		Boardwalk and access ramps	May 15 -- September 15	
		Beach *	May 15—September 15	
	March 2011	Boardwalk and access ramps	Year Round	
Lewes	Sept 2009	All city public parks & playgrounds	Year Round	
DE State Parks	Feb 2008	Bandshells, amphitheaters, athletic stadiums and fields, swimming pools and playgrounds	Year Round	
	July 2012	Concession areas, restrooms, etc.	Year Round	
		Boardwalks	Year Round	
		Swimming beaches	Year Round	
Fenwick Island	Jan 2013	Town Parks	Year Round	
		Beach	Year Round	
Dewey Beach	May 2013	Town Parks		
		Beach, dunes and access walkways	Year Round	

California
New York
Minnesota
Hawaii
Chicago
Des Moines, IA and more states

states with smoke-free beaches* – 21

* Total ban, no designated smoking areas provided

East Coast beaches

Maine

Vermont

New Hampshire

Connecticut

Massachusetts

Rhode Island

New York

New Jersey

Delaware

North Carolina

South Carolina

Georgia

<http://www.no-smoke.org/>

<http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/SmokefreeBeaches.pdf>

<http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/SmokefreeParks.pdf>

As at January 6, 2014

BETHANY BEACH (Summer 2010)



Town of Bethany Beach
Smoking Restrictions Enacted
April 18, 2009

“There have never been any arrests for violations of our Smoking Ordinance. Only some warnings and lots of compliance.”

—Town Manager, Bethany Beach
February 3, 2010



In grateful thanks & recognition

Signs for boardwalk and beach entrances

BETHANY BEACH (Summer 2010)



Town of Bethany Beach
Smoking Restrictions Enacted
April 18, 2009

Sign on beach designating smoking area +
cigarette disposal container

BETHANY BEACH (Summer 2013)



Street
entrances
to boardwalk

BETHANY BEACH (Summer 2013)



On the boardwalk

BETHANY BEACH (Summer of 2013)

Accessway
from beach to
boardwalk



Accessway to
beach from
boardwalk



BETHANY BEACH (Sumer 2013)



Designated smoking areas on the beach

FENWICK ISLAND (Summer 2013)



Street entrance to beach



DEWEY BEACH (Summer 2013)



Street entrance to beach



TOWN OF LEWES

No Smoking
in Parks enacted
September 14,2009.

DELAWARE STATE PARKS

Smoke-free areas expanded July 1, 2012

Q: Why did the State Parks ban the use of tobacco products?

A: As a public agency that promotes healthy lifestyles and public recreation the Division supports the studies that clearly link the detrimental health effects of secondhand smoke to people, particularly to children, the elderly and those with existing respiratory problems. Recent studies have found that secondhand smoke exposure levels can be significant outdoors, particularly when smokers are in close proximity to others. In addition to preventing secondhand smoke exposure, outdoor smoke free laws help smokers who are trying to quit. Also, as with all tobacco free policies these measures send a message to children and youth that the use of tobacco is not an acceptable behavior or norm in the community.

There is also an environmental component to the policy. Cigarette butts, discarded chew and dip is unsanitary litter in our parks and cigarettes that are not extinguished are a fire hazard.

http://www.destateparks.com/general_info/index.asp



Tobacco-Free Zone

Public areas in Delaware State Parks are tobacco-free in accordance with Division of Parks and Recreation policy.

We want to provide healthy opportunities for you to enjoy our parks. To reduce exposure to second-hand smoke and litter from tobacco use, we are asking all park visitors to voluntarily refrain from using tobacco in designated tobacco-free zones.

With your help, we're saving a **healthy** place for you!

This sign was made possible through the Delaware Division of Public Health's Tobacco Prevention Community Contract. Funding for the Contract is provided by the Delaware Health Fund and managed by the American Lung Association in Delaware.



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Left and right arrow signs in conjunction with green painted lines delineate a smoking area on a boardwalk in Ocean City, New Jersey.





Seaside Heights, NJ



Designated smoking areas Belmar, NJ

**Designated smoking area
(Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ ?)**

**SMOKING
PERMITTED
WITHIN
50 FEET
OF THIS SIGN**






**WELCOME
TO OUR
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Rehoboth Beach boardwalk – maintained by local citizen

**Please dispose of your
cigarette butts in receptacle.**

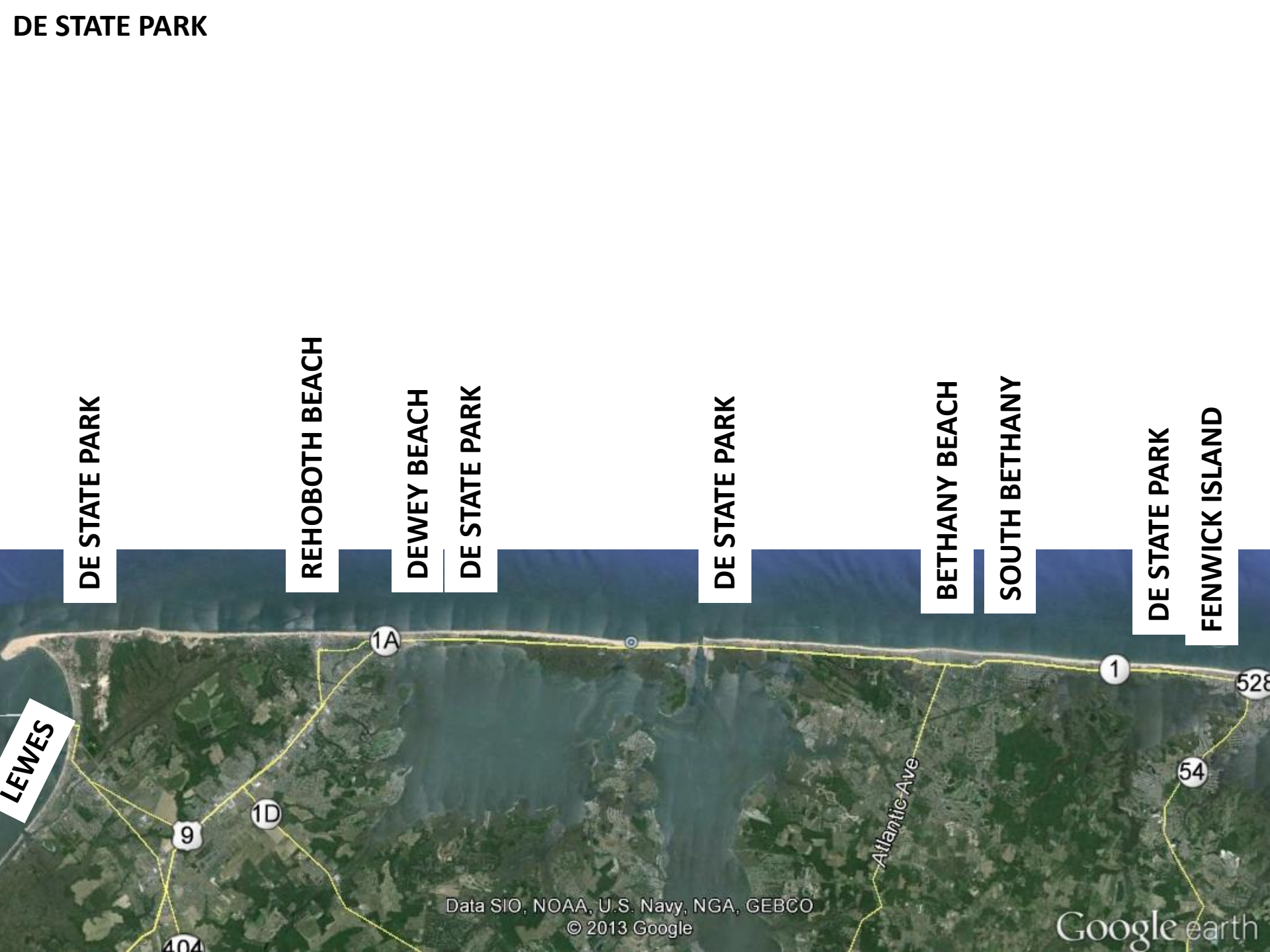
The Earth Is Not Your Ashtray



Keep Our Earth Clean!

Location
forgotten

DE STATE PARK



DE STATE PARK

REHOBOTH BEACH

DEWEY BEACH
DE STATE PARK

DE STATE PARK

BETHANY BEACH
SOUTH BETHANY

DE STATE PARK
FENWICK ISLAND

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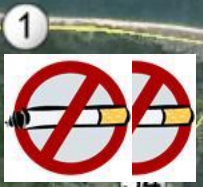
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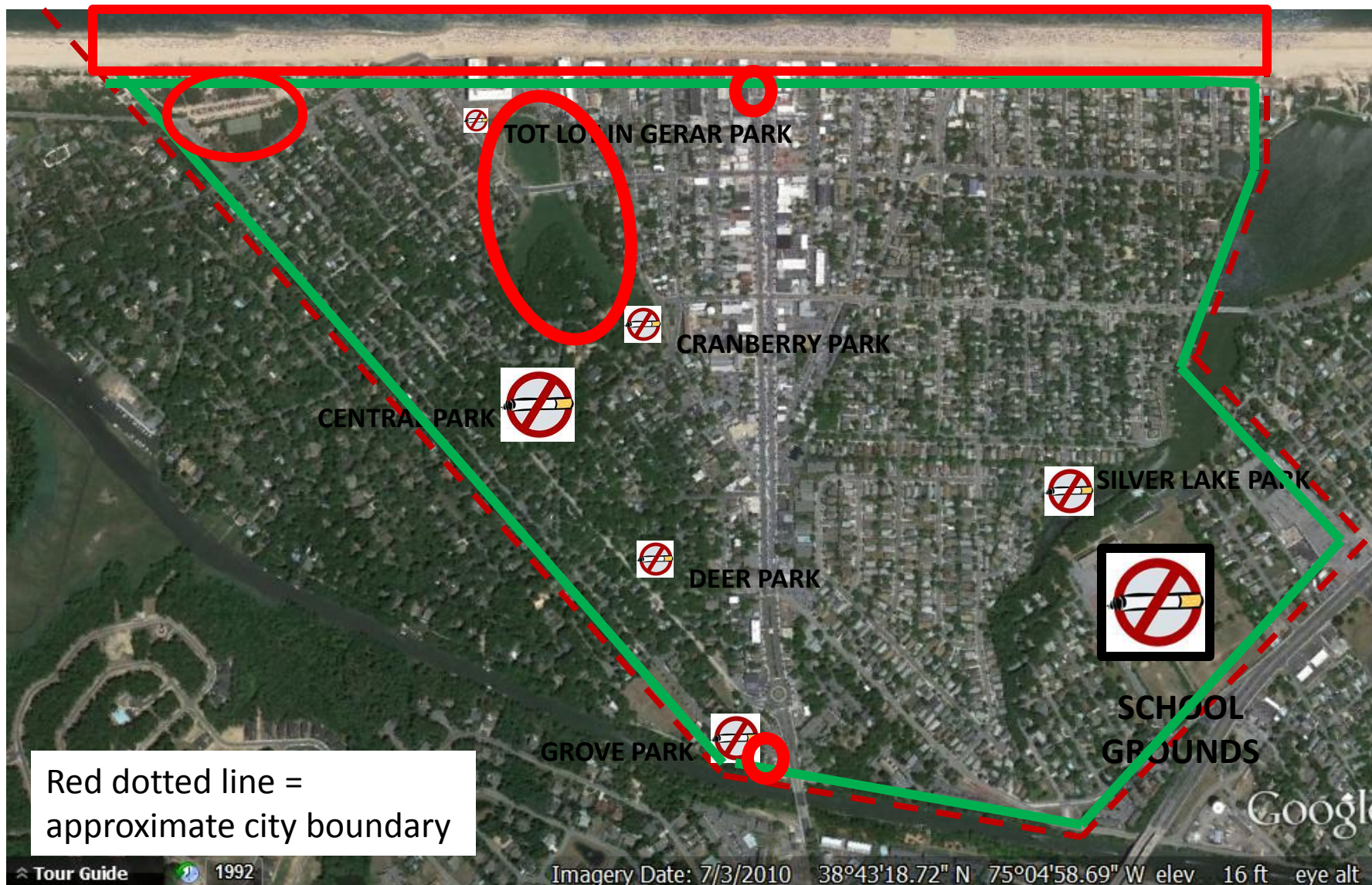


Percentages of smokers:

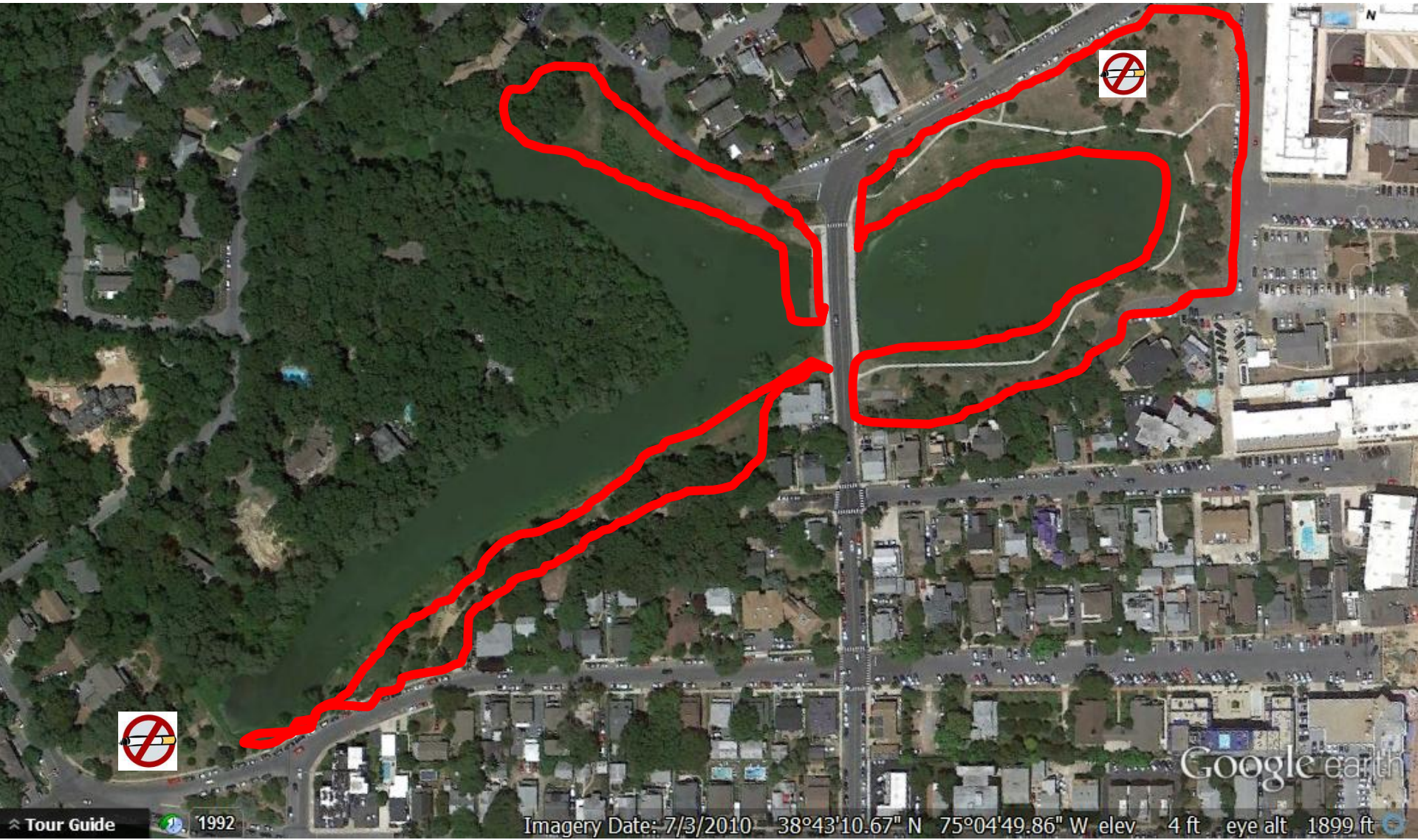
Delaware	21.8%
Pennsylvania	22.4%
Maryland	19.1%
Virginia	20.9%
New Jersey	16.8%
Washington D.C.	20.8%

CDC stats 11/2012

Using guidelines from the DE State Parks, the following areas in red might go smoke-free



Red dotted line =
approximate city boundary





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Google earth

Approx depth of beaches comparison



Cape Henlopen State Park – Gordon’s Pond

Henlopen Acres

Rehoboth Beach – Deauville Beach

Rehoboth Beach – Olive Avenue

Rehoboth Beach – Rehoboth Avenue

Rehoboth Beach – Philadelphia Avenue

Rehoboth Beach – Queen Street

Dewey Beach –

Dewey Beach –

State Park –

State Park –

State Park – Indian River Inlet

Bethany Beach –

Bethany Beach –

South Bethany

Fenwick Island

Ocean City Maryland

Ocean City NJ

Belmar, NJ

Wildwood, NJK

Atlantic City, NJ

State Park ban rationale

<http://news.delaware.gov/2012/06/25/delaware-state-parks/>

Delaware State Parks to Expand Tobacco Free Areas

Posted On: Monday, June 25th, 2012

Categories: DNREC Office of Governor Markell

NEWARK – Tobacco free areas in certain sections of Delaware’s state parks will be expanded beginning July 1, 2012. Areas newly affected will include designated swim beaches and trails, boardwalks and bath houses, fishing piers, general picnic areas and youth camps, and other areas.

Delaware Governor Jack Markell announced the expansion at the National Board Meeting of the American Lung Association, which was held in Delaware for the first time. “By making more areas of the state smoke-free, we are creating a healthier environment and a higher quality of life,” said Governor Markell. “While people are enjoying the natural beauty of our state parks, we want them engaging in activities that contribute to their well-being. Tobacco-free parks are part of a larger plan for more tobacco-free state properties, as we work to improve the health of state employees and all Delawareans.”

(Emphasis added.)

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(State Park ban rationale, continued from previous page.)

“The research is irrefutable when it comes to the dangers of exposure to second hand smoke, especially for children,” said **DNREC Secretary Collin O’Mara**. “According to the U.S. Surgeon General, we have clear evidence that only completely smoke-free environments can eliminate secondhand smoke exposure and its related health risks. Delaware State Parks strongly supports the health and well-being of all parks visitors.”

“Along with mitigating health concerns, our goal is also to reduce tobacco litter,” said **Division of Parks and Recreation Director Charles Salkin**. “There are numerous environmental and sanitation issues related to tobacco use, including the prevalence of cigarette butts on our beaches and other public parks areas, that can be reduced significantly with this new policy.”

(Emphasis added.)



Where
to go
from
here?

