

Planning a Marine Debris Cleanup

A Step-by-Step Guide

This document is meant to provide guidance on how to successfully plan and implement a marine debris cleanup in your community. You can use the spaces to fill in information about your cleanup goals and what makes your community unique when it comes to removing marine debris.

All of the information you fill in will also be useful when applying for funding opportunities. We hope you find it helpful!



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Overall Goal

What is the goal of your cleanup? *(Examples: remove debris, restore habitat, research project, data collection, education, community engagement, etc.)*

Location

Name of Beach or Island:

Latitude:

Longitude:

Nearest Community:

Other considerations of this location *(access, tides, transport, safety, weather)*:

Permitting

Who owns the land where the cleanup will take place?

What permits are needed?

Approximate cost
of permit:

Participants

Who will lead the cleanup?

Who will participate in the cleanup? *(Examples: youth, adults, particular group or organization, etc.)*

of people:

Will the participants be volunteers or paid staff?

Approximate cost for staff:

Transportation

How will you get to the cleanup site? *(Examples: Car/truck, vessel, plane/helicopter, ATV, walk/hike)*

How far from the nearest community is the cleanup site?

How long will it take to get to the site?

How will you transport the debris from the cleanup site to the nearest community? *(Examples: Car/truck, vessel, plane/helicopter, ATV, walk/hike)*

Approximate cost for transportation:

Cleanup Specifics

Type of Cleanup: *(Examples: Community-based cleanup, local day trip, multi-day trip)*

Type of Debris: *(Examples: Microplastics, macro-debris, derelict vessel, fishing gear, container spill, etc.)*

Cleanup Equipment Needs: Gloves Garbage bags Knives Chainsaws Other

How many of each will you need?

Other Supplies: Food Water Bear spray First aid kit Hiking gear Camping gear Other

Approximate cost of
equipment and
supplies:

Disposal Plan

How and where will you dispose of the debris? *(Examples: Local disposal option, ship to regional hub, backhaul, etc.)*

Do you plan to sort the debris? *(Example: separate out recyclables, hazardous materials, etc.)*

Approximate cost of
disposal:

Data Collection

Do you plan to collect data? Yes No

If so, what kind of data? *(Examples: Overall weight, overall volume, overall # of pieces, categorical data)*

Will you collect data during debris collection or after?

Outreach & Education

How will you share information about your cleanup? *(Examples: Art, signage, community talks, social media, photos, videos, school visits/lessons, etc.)*

What materials will you need for outreach and education programs?

Approximate cost of
outreach & education:

Budget

How much will your cleanup project cost? *(Add up costs from each section)*

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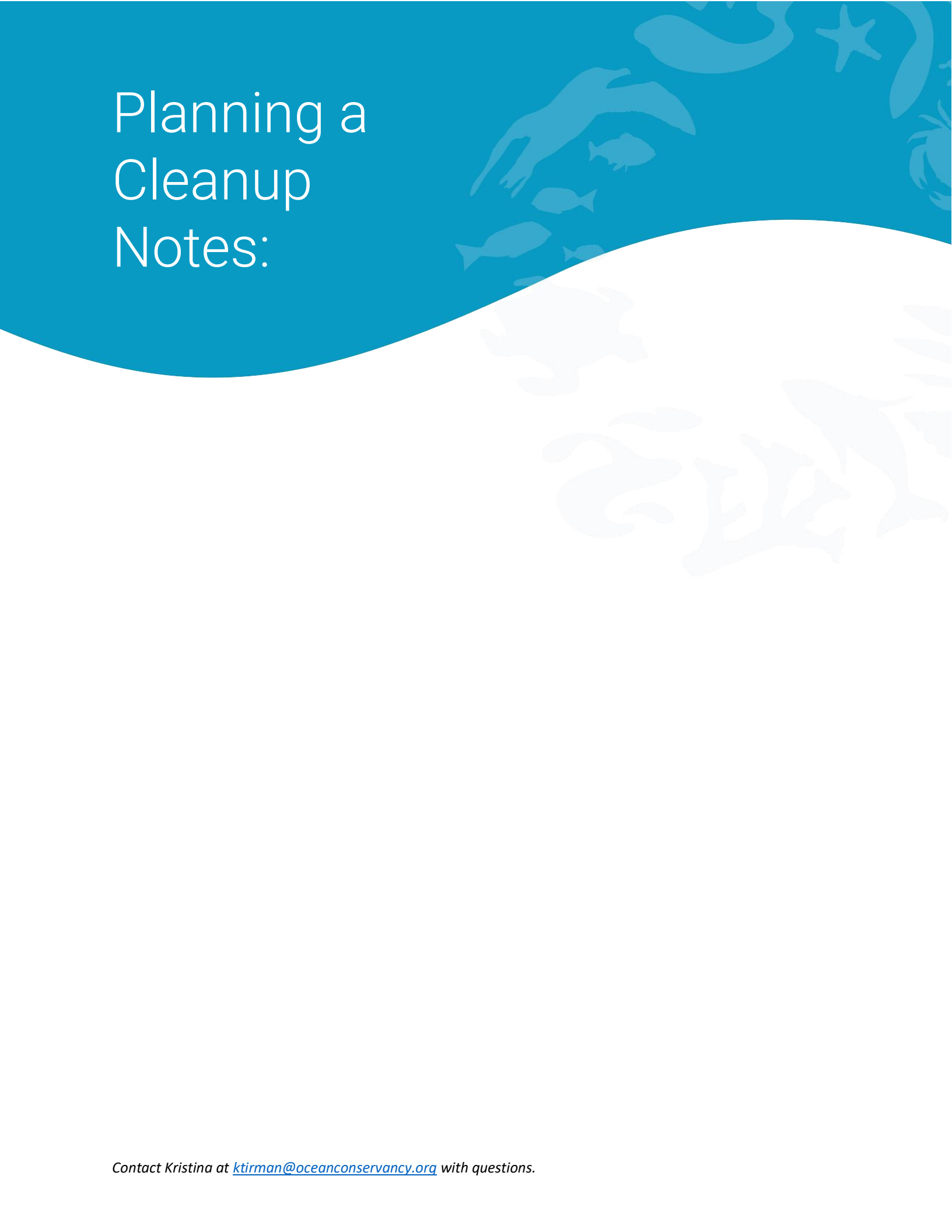
Are there any additional costs?

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Project Total:

\$

Planning a Cleanup Notes:



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