

## **You Can Make a Difference!**

Fire Islanders care deeply about their island. Many of us volunteer hundreds of hours of our time to manage our communities, respond to emergencies, partner with federal, state, county and local officials, preserve our history, clean our beaches, and staff important local community events up and down the length of the island.

Among these passionate island stewards, Lee Rolontz and Ernie Fritz of Lonelyville are very concerned about a growing problem of pollution and degradation of our groundwater and the Great South Bay.

They created an initiative and an informative brochure called “Fire Island Green —You Can Make A Difference” to get the word out about how we all can make safer product choices and implement smarter practices in our kitchens, bathrooms, laundries, and indoor and outdoor showers — actions that are especially important on a fragile barrier beach island. [Click here.](#)

While this single brochure is certainly not a “solution” to all our many future challenges, it is a first step in a campaign to raise awareness of some of the issues we face. It empowers all of us with concrete, simple, and helpful actions that we all can make to our everyday routines, that will go a long way to keep our groundwater, environment, and bay clean ... and make Fire Island Green.

*Periodically, the FIA and Fire Island Green will update these bulletins with revised product information and address future topics, for example, the role of microplastics in our water, and the challenge of “forever” chemicals in our society. Watch for these in the spring of 2024.*

**Homeowners, we hope you’ll share the *Green* brochure with your renters and visitors.**