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## **Virginia Aquarium E-cycling Event Collects Tons** *Collected electronic waste is diverted from landfills*

(Virginia Beach, VA) The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center's semi-annual e-cycling event was an overwhelming success, breaking one of its own records, and coming close to a second!

During this three hour event, Aquarium staff and volunteers serviced over 650 individual vehicles, a record for the number of attendees. The team also collected more than 50,000 pounds of material, with that number likely to increase once all of the household hazardous waste products have been processed. Preliminary numbers indicate that this is our second highest collection total through the history of the event.

E-cycling is a free community conservation event hosted by the Virginia Aquarium twice annually with support from the City of Virginia Beach Public Works department, Goodwill Industries, and TFC Recycling. The next event is scheduled for January 27, 2018.

*The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, and the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums whose mission is conservation through education. The Aquarium is located at 717 General Booth Boulevard, just south of Rudee Inlet in Virginia Beach. For more information on exhibits, movies, boat rides and special events, call (757) 385-FISH (3474), (TDD 385-4305) or visit [www.VirginiaAquarium.com](http://www.VirginiaAquarium.com).*

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