The Litter Index is a map-based survey, detailing the litter conditions of the City’s streets, parks and recreation sites, public schools, storm water infrastructure and vacant lots.

Keep Norfolk Beautiful volunteers commit to a multi-day project to gauge the amount of litter in 12 specific locations in Wards 1-5.

Volunteers grade on a scale from 1 to 4, with “1” indicating minimal litter and “4” indicating high litter. Numbers are averaged for each location and ward, and for the City as a whole.

The Litter Index was created by the Keep America Beautiful, Inc. “Litter Measurement Technical Committee.” After initial review and field-testing, Keep America Beautiful local and state affiliates utilize this standard index yearly, as a barometer to assess changing conditions in the communities they serve.

*Due to the COVID-19, the Litter Index was not conducted in 2020.*