

Saw Mill River and Hudson River Stakeholder Report

IN EVERY OUTTHRUST HEADLAND, IN EVERY CURVING BEACH, IN EVERY GRAIN OF SAND THERE IS THE STORY OF EARTH -RACHEL CARSON

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SEWER CONSOLIDATION

"The County Board of Legislators is reviewing a plan to consolidate Westchester's 13 separate sewer districts into a single entity. If adopted, the unification would be the first of its kind in the state, officials said." This is the leading statement in an article published by the New York Times. Without context, this statement feels as though it could have been read in the papers this morning. In reality, this article was originally published on April 17, 1988. Sewer consolidation on the Saw Mill River would mean a unification of 13 separate sewer districts into 1 single entity and ultimately lead to equitable payments of sewer-tax rates throughout the municipalities (according to this article). The benefits of this kind of plan could mean updates to antiquated sewer plants and lines - which ultimately benefit our shared environment and rivers. This idea is currently being revisited by the county and stakeholders and we will be following along, just as residents did in 1988.

[\(New York Times Article Linked\)](#)



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Polychlorinated biphenyls (also referred to as "PCBs"), are strongly connected to the history of the Hudson River. The human-made organic chemical became popular for its industrial and commercial applications.

The General Electric industrial operations at Ft. Edwards and Hudson Falls in NY are considered the source of this biproduct chemical on the Hudson River. The PCBs were discharged into the river for 30 years starting in 1947. After the chemical ban and laws protecting water entered into effect, cleanup efforts ensued - including the act of dredging the river of contaminated sediments. Even after 46 years,

PCB testing and investigations continue on the Hudson. To read the latest, check out this article in

[**The Current.**](#)

(DATA):

Most Probable Number (MPN) of Colony Forming Enterococcus Bacteria per 100ml sample. EPA recommends public notification and possible temporary beach closure for single Enterococcus samples above **60 cells/100ml**. Samples testing above this threshold appear in **red** on the Riverkeeper website, while those below it appear in **green**. To avoid exposure to chronic contamination, the geometric mean, a weighted 30-day average, should not exceed 30 cells/100ml. To avoid exposure to occasional high levels of contamination, no more than 10% of samples should exceed 110 cells/100ml.

Watershed	River Mile	Site ID	Site Name	Sample Date	Sampling Time	MPN*
Hudson	-	SMR-HR-20	(YONKERS) JFK Marina Boat Launch	6/1/23	9:35 A	20
Hudson	-	SMR-HR-18.5	(YONKERS) Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club	6/1/23	11:57 A	106
Saw Mill	0.19	SMR-0.19	(Yonkers) SMR, Daylighted Section	6/1/23	11:30 A	134
Saw Mill	1.11	SMR-1.11	(YONKERS) Walsh Road	6/1/23	11:30 A	221
Saw Mill	2.44	SMR-2.44	(YONKERS) Torre Place	6/1/23	11:54 A	199
Saw Mill	4.22	SMR-4.22	(YONKERS) Hearst Street	6/1/23	6:29 A	148
Saw Mill	4.87	SMR-4.87	(HASTINGS) S. County Trail Boat Access at Farragut Avenue	6/1/23	6:38 A	160
Saw Mill	7.9	SMR-7.9	(ARDSLEY) V.E. Macy Park Ballfields	6/1/23	10:16 A	41
Saw Mill	10.31	SMR-RB-0.13	(GREENBURG) Rum Brook Tributary	6/1/23	9:38 A	295
Saw Mill	10.41	SMR-10.41	(GREENBURG) Rum Brook Park Ballfields	6/1/23	9:15 A	97
Saw Mill	11.72	SMR-MB-0.15	(ELMSFORD) Mine Brook Tributary	6/1/23	9:05 A	41
Saw Mill	11.82	SMR-11.82	(ELMSFORD) Above Mine Brook	6/1/23	9:15 A	<10
Saw Mill	14.88	SMR-14.88	(MOUNT PLEASANT) Saw Mill River Road	6/1/23	9:39 A	259
Saw Mill	17.57	SMR-NB-0.07	(MOUNT PLEASANT) Nannyhagen Brook Tributary	6/1/23	9:38 A	266
Saw Mill	18.84	SMR-18.84	(PLEASANTVILLE) Pleasant Avenue	6/1/23	9:30 A	86
Saw Mill	20.66	SMR-TB-0.34	(NEW CASTLE) Tertia Brook Tributary	6/1/23	9:18 A	295
Saw Mill	21.18	SMR-21.18	(NEW CASTLE) Duck Pond Spillway	6/1/23	9:23 A	<10



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