

Saw Mill River and Hudson River Stakeholder Report

THE EARTH IS WHAT WE ALL HAVE IN COMMON - WENDELL BERRY

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SUMMER APPROACHING

The summer season is quickly approaching and I have already witnessed so many people enjoying the local waterways here in Yonkers. I have seen family and friends meeting under shady trees in Van Der Donck park after school counting the fish they could see. I've seen high schoolers building forts from various driftwood at the beach in Habirshaw Park. As the weather becomes warmer/nicer, more and more community members begin enjoying the spaces along rivers. These interactions with local waterways alone supports the importance of informing community members about what happens to these waterways during rain storms and how their water quality declines rapidly under these conditions. Using the [Sewage Pollution Right to Know alert system](#) from DEC can help keep our community safe during these events. If you have yet to sign up, I encourage you to do so. If you are signed up, encourage your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to do so. These systems help protect the health of those we care about.

**SUMMER KICKOFF
RIVERFRONT FESTIVAL**
FREE! Saturday, June 29, noon - 5pm
Habirshaw Park, Yonkers, yprc.org
(rain date Sunday, June 30)

**KAYAK | FISH | FOOD
MAKE ART | MORE!**

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(The Distinguished River): A section of our newsletter dedicated to the great ever changing rivers

Most days not impacted by wet weather events, the Hudson River has water quality consistent with a river that can be safely used recreationally.

On June 29 - partner groups will welcome community members to enjoy the Hudson River with free kayaking, seine fishing, arts & crafts, and more as a way to celebrate and welcome the summer.

[Check out the link for more information.](#)

(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	6/13/24	9:01 A	<10
Hudson	-	SMR-HR-18.5	(YONKERS) Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club	6/13/24	12:05 P	10
Saw Mill	0.19	SMR-0.19	(Yonkers) SMR, Daylighted Section	6/13/24	11:47 A	359
Saw Mill	1.11	SMR-1.11	(YONKERS) Walsh Road	6/13/24	9:15 A	459
Saw Mill	2.44	SMR-2.44	(YONKERS) Torre Place	6/13/24	9:00 A	355
Saw Mill	4.22	SMR-4.22	(YONKERS) Hearst Street	6/13/24	10:36 A	96
Saw Mill	4.87	SMR-4.87	(HASTINGS) S. County Trail Boat Access at Farragut Avenue	6/13/24	10:29 A	241
Saw Mill	7.9	SMR-7.9	(ARDSLEY) V.E. Macy Park Ballfields	6/13/24	10:31 A	201
Saw Mill	10.31	SMR-RB-0.13	(GREENBURG) Rum Brook Tributary	6/13/24	9:15 A	583
Saw Mill	10.41	SMR-10.41	(GREENBURG) Rum Brook Park Ballfields	6/13/24	9:25 A	323
Saw Mill	11.19	SMR-11.19	(ELMSFORD) Cross Westchester Expressway	6/13/24	8:40 A	269
Saw Mill	11.72	SMR-MB-0.15	(ELMSFORD) Mine Brook Tributary	6/13/24	9:00 A	197
Saw Mill	11.82	SMR-11.82	(ELMSFORD) Above Mine Brook	6/13/24	9:05 A	546
Saw Mill	14.88	SMR-14.88	(MOUNT PLEASANT) Saw Mill River Road	6/13/24	9:58 A	441
Saw Mill	17.57	SMR-NB-0.07	(MOUNT PLEASANT) Nannyhagen Brook Tributary	6/13/24	8:46 A	695
Saw Mill	18.84	SMR-18.84	(PLEASANTVILLE) Pleasant Avenue	6/13/24	8:33 A	657
Saw Mill	20.66	SMR-TB-0.34	(NEW CASTLE) Tertia Brook Tributary	6/13/24	8:14 A	355
Saw Mill	21.18	SMR-21.18	(NEW CASTLE) Duck Pond Spillway	6/13/24	8:22 A	62



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We also take a moment to thank YOU!



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