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‘SANDY’ DEBRIS REMOVED FROM HARRISON RIVERBANK: *PVSC Partners with PATH to Remove Passaic River Hazards*



NOTE TO EDITORS: PHOTOGRAPH ATTACHED

(HARRISON)— The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) announced its River Restoration unit recently completed the removal of debris from the Cape May Street Riverbank in Harrison. The cleanup was done in conjunction with the Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation (PATH), a subsidiary organization of the Port Authority. The debris consisted of tires, floatables, building materials, and fallen trees that were deposited on the Passaic River as a result of Superstorm Sandy.

According to the PVSC’s Executive Director Michael DeFrancisci, “PVSC and PATH collected approximately 70 cubic yards of debris, which included over 40 tractor trailer truck rims and tires, empty 55 gallon drums, creosote dock and bulkhead timbers, plastic bottles, wood, and assorted building materials. The debris was put into dump trucks and transported to PVSC where it was loaded into dumpsters for appropriate disposal. The truck tires will be recycled through PVSC’s partnership with Bridgestone Tire’s Distributors network.”

The PVSC has embarked on an intensive, strategic post-storm cleanup campaign to free the Passaic River of blockages, help with flood control and maintain the quality of the River and its tributaries. Cleanups will continue throughout the spring.

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“PVSC is glad to once again assist in providing a cleaner and safer Passaic River for the citizens of not only Harrison, but our entire region. PVSC understands the importance of working with partners such as PATH to ensure the long-term viability of our waterways,” said PVSC Commissioner Kenneth J. Lucianin.

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In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission operates one of the country's oldest and largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey, serving over 1.4 million people in five counties.