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PVSC Conducts Cleanup At Kearny Boathouse



Newark, NJ – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) conducted a cleanup on Wednesday, April 12 of the grounds surrounding the Kearny High School Boathouse, which is situated on the Passaic River. The Kearny and Nutley High School crew teams use the boathouse extensively for their races and practices. Both schools will take part in the cleanup.

Each year, more than 100 students, teachers, and parents turn out for this cleanup. On both sides of the Passaic, members of the PVSC River Restoration Program and volunteers walk the banks of the river, collecting various forms of debris. Bags, rakes and work gloves are distributed to volunteers by PVSC. The cleanup has been taking place since 2009.

“As part of our ongoing efforts to preserve and protect more than 100 miles of local waterways, PVSC regularly removes debris from the Newark Bay, the Passaic River and its tributaries,” said PVSC Executive Director Greg Tramontozzi. “Besides alleviating blockages and the aesthetic, ecological and public health and safety impacts, such cleanups also dramatically improve recreational uses of these waterways. With the high school crew season underway, PVSC knows that this portion of the Passaic River will be in full use, and we are proud to help make the course fit for use.”

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Since its creation in 1998, PVSC’s award-winning River Restoration Program has been charged with preserving and protecting over 100 miles of area waterways. PVSC has removed over 12,000 tons of debris from the

Newark Bay, the Passaic River and its tributaries. PVSC has also sponsored nearly 1,200 individual cleanups along area shorelines. In the last two years, PVSC has removed 1,000 tons of debris from these waterways.



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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 nearly 1.5 million people in parts of five counties.