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PVSC Conducts Cleanup At Great Falls; Assists Volunteers In Building Birdhouses

Newark, NJ – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (“PVSC”) recently conducted a cleanup of the Great Falls in Paterson in conjunction with the National Park Service. The cleanup included removing fallen trees, litter and other debris that have accumulated along the shores and in the rocks above the Great Falls.



By keeping the waters above the Great Falls clear of potential blockages, PVSC is helping to ensure that the water continues to beautifully cascade over the falls and mitigate threats of flooding.

Volunteers, including more than 200 students from the Paterson school system, also took part in the large-scale cleanup effort. The students branched off into smaller groups and worked at cleanup zones across the park.

Also attending on behalf of PVSC were members of its Educational Outreach Program who assisted the student volunteers in constructing and hanging birdhouses near the

Great Falls. Some of the birdhouses were put up at PVSC’s plant in Newark and elsewhere on the Passaic River, near various access points and near PVSC’s Skimmer Vessel dock in North Arlington. Some of the students took the birdhouses with them to hang in their back yards, near other waterways, or in their school yards. Attracting birds can improve the ambiance of any outdoor environment. Birds also provide an all-natural means for weed control and pest control.

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. Their signature efforts include at least two cleanups per year at the Great Falls.

“The Great Falls are a significant national treasure,” said PVSC Chairman Thomas Tucci, Jr. “They played a vital role in the American Industrial Revolution and also boast a natural beauty. As one of the largest

wastewater treatment facilities in the country, it’s our mission to act as good environmental stewards at all times. Routinely cleaning up the Great Falls is a critical part of that process.”



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