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Newark, NJ – The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission ("PVSC") conducted a cleanup on Monday, April 10 of the grounds surrounding the Kearny High School Boathouse, which is situated on the Passaic River.

The Kearny High School crew team uses the boathouse extensively for their races and practices. Each year, dozens of students, teachers, and parents turn out for this cleanup. They are joined by members of the PVSC River Restoration Program on the banks of the river, where they collect various forms of debris. Bags, rakes and work gloves are distributed to volunteers by PVSC. The cleanup has been taking place since 2009.

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 14,000 tons of debris from Newark Bay, the Passaic River and its tributaries. PVSC has also sponsored nearly 1,300 individual cleanups along area shorelines.

"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," 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."