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The Great Saw Mill River Celebrates 12th Anniversary

In celebration of Earth Day, hundreds of volunteers join up in a socially distanced cleanup of the Saw Mill River.

April 19, 2021 – On Saturday, April 24th, Groundwork Hudson Valley’s Annual Great Saw Mill River Cleanup will celebrate its 12th Anniversary. The Great Saw Mill River Cleanup spans over 10 miles throughout Westchester County, coordinates the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, and captures an incredible 5 tons of trash pollution in a single day.

“The Great Saw Mill River Cleanup is a critical part of the work that we do at Groundwork Hudson Valley to address the long term consequences of climate change. Protecting the river plays a significant role in protecting the community from flooding and stormwater runoff.” said **Brigitte Griswold, Executive Director for Groundwork Hudson Valley**. *“Of course, we will be following all of the social distancing and Covid-19 protocols to keep our volunteers safe. It’s a great way to get outside, get some fresh air, exercise and have fun while doing important work.”*

Residents have the opportunity to volunteer at nine different locations on Saturday, April 24th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM: Farragut Avenue, Hastings; Chauncey Park, Dobbs Ferry; Bridge Street Plaza, Ardsley; Van der Donck Park, Yonkers; Walsh Road/War Memorial Park, Yonkers; Great Hunger Memorial/Woodlands Lake, Irvington; Lawrence Street, Ardsley/Dobbs Ferry; and Grant Street, Pleasantville. On Sunday, April 25th, residents will have the opportunity to volunteer at the Liberty Coca-Cola site in Elmsford. Residents can register to attend [here](#).

The sponsor organizations who make this event possible include Regency Centers, Bonneville Environmental Foundation, Cascade, Change the Course, The Westchester Bank, Mom’s Organic Market, PS&S, Empire City Casino, Westchester Community Foundation, the City of Yonkers, the Downtown Business Improvement District, the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers, the Westchester County Department of Parks and Recreation, the Yonkers Police Department, the Westchester County Board of Legislators, the New York State Department of Transportation, and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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About Groundwork Hudson Valley: Groundwork Hudson Valley creates sustainable environmental change in urban neighborhoods through community-based partnerships that promote equity, youth leadership and economic opportunity. For over twenty years, Groundwork has made neighborhoods more livable and sustainable through an array of on-the-ground environmental projects that directly involve local residents. We restore rivers and build trails, parks, and playgrounds. We engage community members in all of our work – with a particular focus on educating and employing young people. For more information, contact Groundwork Hudson Valley at 914-375-2151 or visit their website at groundworkhv.org.