



SPRING NEWSLETTER

Spring is finally here! Keep reading to learn more about what's been happening in the Saw Mill River Watershed over the long, cold winter months.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 5/15: Trees-for-Tribs plantings in Chauncey Park (Dobbs Ferry) and Farragut Parkway (Hastings-on-Hudson). Register [here](#) to join at Chauncey Park. Sign up [here](#) to join at Farragut Parkway.

12th Annual Great Saw Mill River Cleanup

The Great Saw Mill River Cleanup was a great success! With over 200 volunteers between nine sites from Yonkers all the way up to Mount Pleasant, we collected almost **400 bags of trash!** Tires, an entire car chassis, a bathtub, several toilets, a bowling ball, and even a chicken coop were among the larger items removed from the Saw Mill River. Local community members, groups, and leaders came out to enjoy a beautiful spring day and to make an impact in beautifying the Saw Mill River.

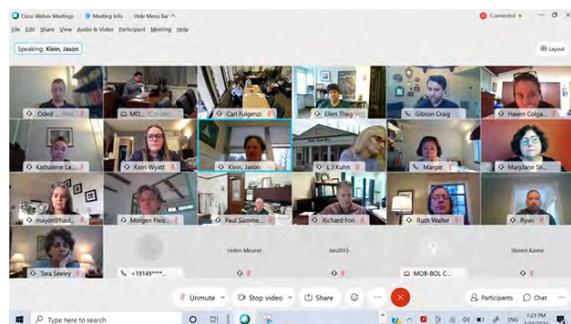


Updates from the SWAB

The Saw Mill River Advisory Board met in mid-March to give updates on local projects and upcoming stewardship events. We saw expansion into the upper watershed with both community members and public officials from Pleasantville and Mount Pleasant in attendance to discuss the NYS DOT Saw Mill River Parkway bridge-raising project in their municipalities.

The Trees-for-Tribs project is expanding not only in Chauncey Park but in Hastings-on-Hudson as well, with the Hastings Vine Squad joining the river restoration effort.

We are pleased to report that the City of Yonkers is the latest municipality to sign the Letter of Renewed Commitment to the Memorandum of Agreement. Click [here](#) to



see the commitments made by our municipal partners.

Stewardship Map

The dedicated volunteers of the Saw Mill River Coalition have been working hard for years to restore the Saw Mill River. Now, we will have a map displaying each stewardship site! For each site, photos, descriptions and a contact person will be included, so people can see all the amazing work and get in touch if they want to help to!

If you don't see your stewardship site on the map, don't fret. As we continue to expand our stewardship sites along the river, the map will continue to be updated. To see your site on the map, you can send your site location to Kerri Wyatt at kerri@groundworkhv.org.



Click [here](#) to see the map!

Model Stewardship Toolkit

Thinking of starting your own stewardship site, but don't know where to begin? Then take a look at the Model Stewardship Toolkit - a comprehensive guide in starting and maintaining restoration sites along the river!

Click [here](#) to check it out!



Urban Flood Risk, Green Infrastructure & Environmental Justice



Yonkers: 10 Year Flood Simulation, McLean Ave

Addressing Stormwater Solutions in the City of Yonkers

Groundwork Hudson Valley has been working with Pablo Herreros-Cantis of the New School's Urban Systems Lab to address the issue of flooding in Yonkers. The *Environmental Justice of Urban Flood Risk and Green Infrastructure Solutions* project takes a look at cities and stormwater in the context of climate change. Because the City of Yonkers has combined sewers, this modeling is particularly important for future planning, since untreated stormwater during flooding can ultimately infiltrate the urban rivers. Green infrastructure solutions are sustainable and cost-effective ways to address this flooding and also bring relief



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from extreme heat. With low-income communities often experiencing these climate change effects with greater impact than more affluent communities, prioritizing green solutions plays a key role in addressing environmental justice for these communities that have been left behind when traditional infrastructure was put in place.

To find out more about the Environmental Justice of Urban Flood Risk and Green Infrastructure Solutions project, visit the [website](#).

To find out more about extreme heat in Yonkers, visit the Climate Safe Neighborhoods StoryMap [website](#).