

PVSC cleans debris from Dundee Dam in Elmwood Park

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The Passaic Valley Sewage Commission (PVSC) undertook a cleanup this winter of Dundee Island in Elmwood Park as part of the River Restoration program, which seeks to ensure that hazardous materials and debris are removed from the Passaic River and its tributaries.



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The PVSC recently cleaned up Dundee Island in Elmwood Park.

"The Dundee Dam has become a focus of PVSC, bordering Passaic and Bergen counties. The dam catches a significant amount of debris from littering and natural occurrences," said PVSC Commissioner Kenneth J. Lucianin in a press release.

Debris buildup from tree limbs and garbage disrupt the flow of the river and can contribute to flooding for residents who live in neighboring municipalities.

PVSC spent one and a half weeks cleaning Dundee Island in Elmwood Park, adjacent to the former Hillman Golf Site, and filling a 30-yard container with Hurricane Irene debris.

During the cleanup, PVSC discovered multiple 150-gallon chemical containers on the island, which were removed by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP.)

The PVSC has received approximately \$5.6 million in FEMA reimbursements for Superstorm Sandy-related expenses, and is slated to receive additional funds.

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