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PVSC PARTNERS WITH PASSAIC RIVER BOAT CLUB ON PASSAIC RIVER CLEANUP AT NUTLEY BOAT RAMP

NUTLEY, NJ – Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission's (PVSC) Executive Director Wayne J. Forrest announced today that the PVSC partnered with volunteers from the Passaic River Boat Club on a cleanup of the Passaic River and the area in and around the Nutley Boat Ramp. The event served as part of Nutley's official celebration of Earth Day.

"As Nutley celebrates Earth Day, it is fitting that PVSC partner with the Passaic River Boat Club and Nutley residents and officials to fulfill our mission of keeping the Passaic River clean and suitable for recreational use," stated Forrest. "I commend the Passaic River Boat Club for continuing to give back to our environment. We look forward to continuing to provide assistance toward keeping the Passaic River clean and the Nutley Boat Ramp available for recreation and sports activities, such as boating," said Forrest.

According to Forrest, the River Restoration Program of the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission provided assistance to the volunteer effort led by the Passaic River Boat Club as they worked toward cleaning up a portion of the Passaic River. This effort is part of a multi-year effort by the Boat Club to revitalize the Passaic River the Nutley Boat Ramp to make it suitable for the launching of recreational boats. PVSC personnel assisted in the removal of debris.

"PVSC understands the importance of partnering with the citizens of Nutley and organizations like the Passaic River Boat Club who remain committed to ensuring the Passaic River remains a valuable natural resource to the community. As partners, we can work together in maintaining a cleaner Passaic River and a healthier environment," said Forrest. "PVSC relies on the dedicated volunteers, like those here today, to assist us with keeping our waterways clean, and I applaud them on their continued efforts," said Forrest.

In order to protect and preserve local streams and rivers from water pollution, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission operates one of the country's oldest and largest treatment plants for the wastewaters of northern New Jersey. With many expansions and recent upgrading to secondary treatment, the facility has been striving, since its creation in 1902 and its initial operation in 1924, to improve local water quality in accordance with federal and state water quality standards. Since the creation of the PVSC's River Restoration Program in 1998, which is charged with preserving and protecting over 100 miles of area waterways, the PVSC has removed over 8,000 tons of debris from the Newark Bay, the Passaic River and its tributaries, and sponsored over 650 individual clean-ups along shorelines and in communities, along with educating over 180,000 students on how they can help protect the Passaic River and our environment.

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