

Since its founding in 1902,
the Passaic Valley
Sewerage Commission
has been working to clean
up the Passaic River
and Newark Bay.
Now we've launched our
most aggressive effort
ever, aimed at making
this great waterway again
the centerpiece
of commerce, recreation
and leisure
in the Passaic Valley.

PVSC's Passaic River/Newark Bay Restoration Program has been responsible for removing over 11,000 tons of debris from the Passaic River and its tributaries. **That's over 22,000,000 pounds of trash!!!**



PVSC Does the Heavy Lifting via "In-House" Cleanups

PVSC's River Restoration personnel carry out the kinds of jobs that necessitate the use of heavy equipment to remove such things as fallen trees, shopping carts, car parts, etc. These projects are undertaken upon request by municipal officials or concerned citizens and can be conducted on any waterway in the PVSC service area.



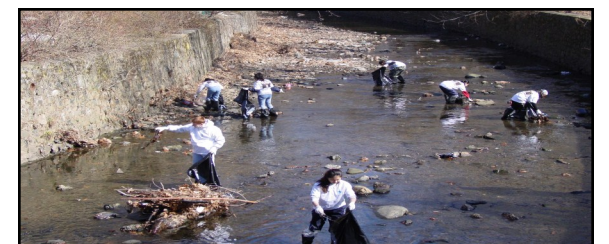
PVSC Eliminates Floating Debris

In 1999, PVSC added floatables removal to the program using grant monies to purchase a 50-foot surface skimmer vessel. Christened the S.V. Newark Bay, this vessel embarks on daily patrols on the Newark Bay and Passaic River, removing floating debris and litter.



PVSC Sponsors Volunteer Efforts

PVSC provides assistance with site selection, any and all cleanup supplies, tools, dumpsters and disposal fees to any volunteer group willing to carry out a water-related cleanup in our district. Since 1998 PVSC has sponsored over 970 individual cleanups along shorelines and in communities.





PVSC's Cleanup Van



PVSC's Equipment (2009)

GET INVOLVED!

For assistance in organizing a shoreline cleanup

Phone: (973) 466-2714

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PVSC has been presented with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Operations and Maintenance Excellence Award* in the Large Secondary Treatment Category for the entire United States.



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