

Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission to Clean Sandy Debris Along Hudson Shoreline

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The Statue of Liberty will be reopening to the public starting Thursday, July 4 after a protracted repair operation caused by Hurricane Sandy damage, and to help make the event a success, the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission has been undertaking a Hudson River shore cleanup since shortly after the storm.

"It's fitting that PVSC – through our River Restoration Program – has been able to remove this ugly debris and transform these beautiful vistas just in time for our nation's 237th birthday," PVSC Executive Director Michael DeFrancisci said in a statement.

The cleanup has netted pieces of docks and piers, large timbers, and other hazardous debris that could prevent commercial and recreational use of the waterway.

"PVSC is mindful of the pollution and quality of life issues associated with the storm debris, as well as the navigational and safety hazards they pose. The removal of this debris is a significant undertaking. We're glad that PVSC was able to lend assistance to our neighboring towns and businesses," PVSC Commissioner Kenneth J. Lucianin.

The cleanup is expected to continue throughout the summer.