

Debris removed from Passaic River in Wayne

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WAYNE - Debris was recently cleared away from the front of a property located along the Passaic River, according to the Passaic County Sewerage Commission (PVSC), who conducted the clean-up.

This came after a complaint was made by Little Falls residents who alerted the PVSC about the debris which included trees and an abandoned boat. The location of the debris was actually in two areas in Wayne Township, near Park Lane not far from the Riverview Drive neighborhood.

The PVSC doesn't normally handle Wayne Township clean-ups but because this one was situated so close to the border of Little Falls, they handled the matter themselves, according to PVSC spokeswoman Hollie Gilroy.

Following the complaint, the PVSC evaluated both locations at which time they discovered "navigational hazards" along the shoreline including a large downed tree on the land adjacent to the property where the 18 foot fiberglass boat and floating dock were found, just a bit upstream.

A backhoe and dump truck were used to remove both. The tree was later sent through a wood chipper. The dock and boat were crushed and will be disposed of, said Gilroy.

"Every little bit helps in the ongoing efforts to keep the rivers clean," said Mayor Chris Vergano.

Any floating debris in the water can pose problems to recreational boaters, harbor masters, and river keepers if not removed.

"PVSC is pleased to help Wayne and our local residents rid themselves of eyesores and hazards. We are mindful of the pollution and flooding issues associated with this large debris, as well as the navigational and safety hazards they pose," said PVSC Executive Director Michael DiFrancisci.

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