

Stormwater Coalition of Albany County
MCM2 Public Participation Program

NYS DEC Water Assessments
by Volunteer Evaluators (WAVE)

Local WAVE Monitoring Sites (2015/16)
with Waterbody Classifications

Legend

WAVE Monitoring Sites (14 total sites)

- Possibly Impaired, 2015
- No Conclusion, 2015
- No Known Impact, 2016
- Possibly Impaired, 2016
- No Conclusion, 2016

Municipal Boundaries

- Watershed Delineation Point
- Subwatershed Delineation Point

Waterbody Classification

- A Drinking Water
- A(T) Drinking Water/Trout Habitat
- A(TS) Drinking Water/Trout Spawning Habitat
- B Contact Recreation (Swimming)
- B(T) Contact Recreation/Trout Habitat
- C Non Contact Activities (Fishing)
- C(T) Non Contact Activities/Trout Habitat
- C(TS) Non Contact Activities/Trout Spawning Habitat
- D Lowest Classification
- Not Classified
- Watersheds

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
WAVE Assessment Definitions

Sample Contents	Water Quality Assessment	Assessment Description
More than 6 "MOST wanted" organisms	No Known Impact	Highest quality category assigned to stream segments in the NYS Waterbody Inventory. This Assessment is high quality and may be used for state and federal reporting purposes.
More than 4 "LEAST wanted" organisms	Possibly Impaired	This assessment serves as a red flag for sites that may deserve further investigation at the professional level. This assessment alone is not conclusive. In fact 52% of the streams in NYS DEC database with 4 or more LEAST wanted organisms are actually healthy.
Other	No Conclusion	If a sample did not meet the above criteria, then no conclusion can be made.



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