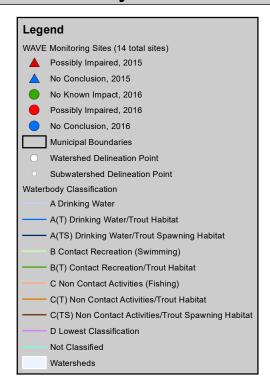
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NYS DEC Water Assessments by Volunteer Evaluators (WAVE)

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



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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