

Stormwater Coalition of Albany County
MCM2 Public Participation Program

NYS DEC Water Assessments
by Volunteer Evaluators (WAVE)

Local WAVE Monitoring Sites (2015/16/17)
with Waterbody Inventory/Priority Waterbody
and 303 (d) Lists

Legend

WAVE Monitoring Sites (14 total sites)
WAVE_Result_Assessment_Year

- No Conclusion, 2015
- No Conclusion, 2016
- No Conclusion, 2017
- No Known Impact, 2016
- Possibly Impaired, 2015
- Possibly Impaired, 2016
- Possibly Impaired, 2017
- Watershed Delineation Point
- Subwatershed Delineation Point

Water Inventory/Priority Waterbody List

- Impaired Segment (303d)
- Minor Impacts
- Threatened
- Need Verification
- UnAssessed
- Threat (Possible)
- No Known Impact
- Watersheds
- Municipal Boundaries

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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