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EPA Takes Action to Protect Wetlands in Western New York; Cites Local Company for Filling in Over Sixteen Acres of Wetlands, Adjacent to the Cassadaga Creek

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(New York, N.Y.) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Justice have filed a legal complaint against Dependable Towing and Recovery, Inc. and David A. Whitehill for illegally filling wetlands on his property in Falconer, New York in violation of the federal Clean Water Act. The complaint seeks the restoration of the damaged wetlands by Mr. Whitehill and Dependable Towing and Recovery and financial penalties. The impacted wetlands are adjacent to Cassadaga Creek, which is a tributary to the Allegheny River.

Wetlands are valuable resources that naturally filter chemical contaminants from water and land and help control floods. Wetlands also support a vast array of bird, plant, aquatic and animal life. Damaging or eliminating wetlands can be devastating to downstream waters.
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CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT
205 N. WATER STREET, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601

Facility Information (FRS)
- FRS ID: 110000576813
- EPA Region: 02
- Latitude: 41.716056
- Longitude: -73.939917
- Industry:
- Indian Country: N
- Go To Facility/System Characteristics

Regulatory Interests
- Clean Air Act: No Information
- Clean Water Act: Major, Permit Expired (NY0026255)
- Resource Conservation and Recovery Act: Inactive -- (NYD000707851)
- Safe Drinking Water Act: No Information

Also Reports
- Air Emissions Inventory (EIS): No Information
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“...we have 53 industrial plants in our neighborhood, in Tonawanda, New York... we have 53 air polluters within a two-mile radius...we went out and took three-minute grab samples to see what folks were exposed to and what it showed was that there were extremely high levels of benzene in the neighborhood...”
Erin Heaney, The Clean Air Coalition of Western NY

Citizen Science is a vital, fast-growing field in which scientific investigations are conducted by volunteers. Individuals and community groups have long collected
Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs)

Most federal actions against businesses or individuals for failure to comply with the environmental laws are resolved through settlement agreements. As part of a settlement, an alleged violator may voluntarily agree to undertake an environmentally beneficial project related to the violation in exchange for mitigation of the penalty to be paid. A Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) furthers EPA's goal of protecting and enhancing the public health and the environment. It does not include the activities a violator must take to return to compliance with the law.

- SEP Policy
- SEP Guidelines
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- Model Consent Agreement and Order including SEPs
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- Contacts

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