Peconic River Update

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Agenda

- Quick History of the Peconic River Cleanup
- PR-WC-06 Monitoring
- Extent of Contamination
- Next Steps

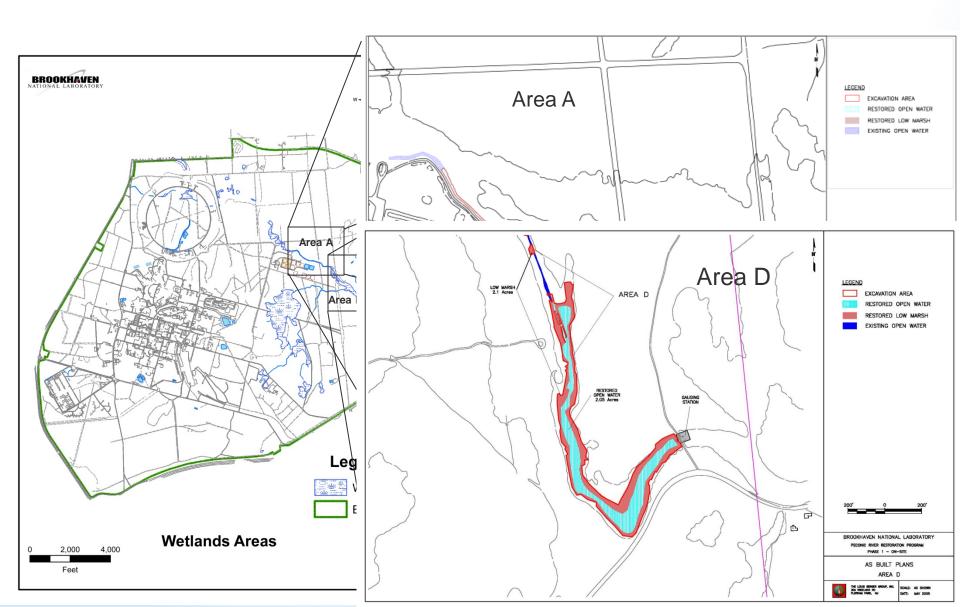


Peconic River Cleanup

- 2004-2005 ~19 acres cleaned up and restored
 - 2004 on site Sewage Treatment Plant outfall to North Street
 - 2005 off site Area D, Area E, Area P Schultz Rd Area, and Manor Rd Area
 - Confirmatory samples taken at rate of 1/700 sq. ft.
 - 2,230 samples taken
- 2010-2011 ~0.4 acre supplemental cleanup
 - Confirmatory samples taken at rate of 1/500 sq. ft.
 - 22 samples taken



Extent of cleanup maps



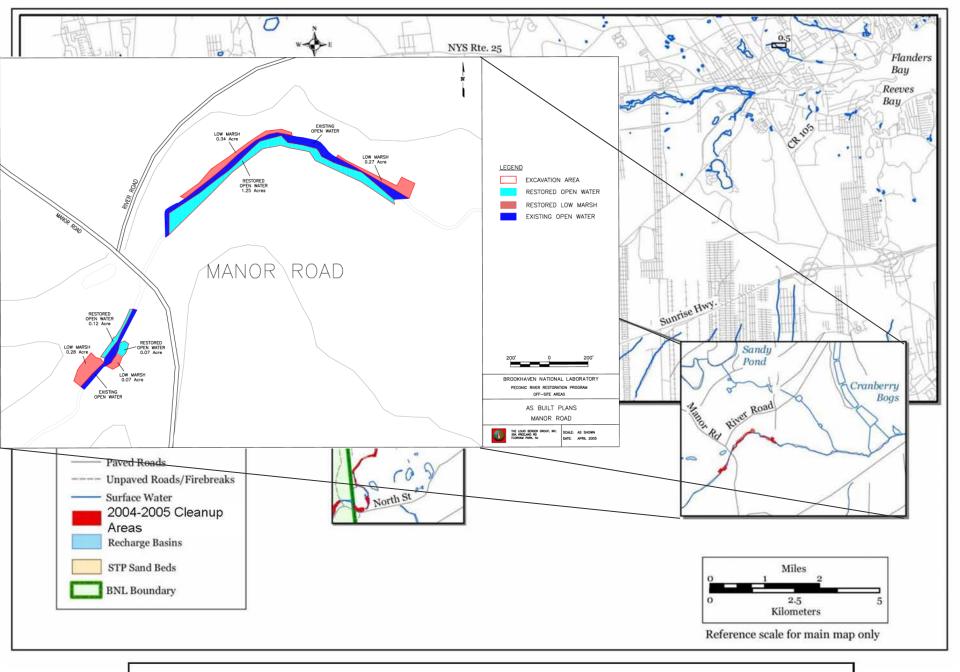


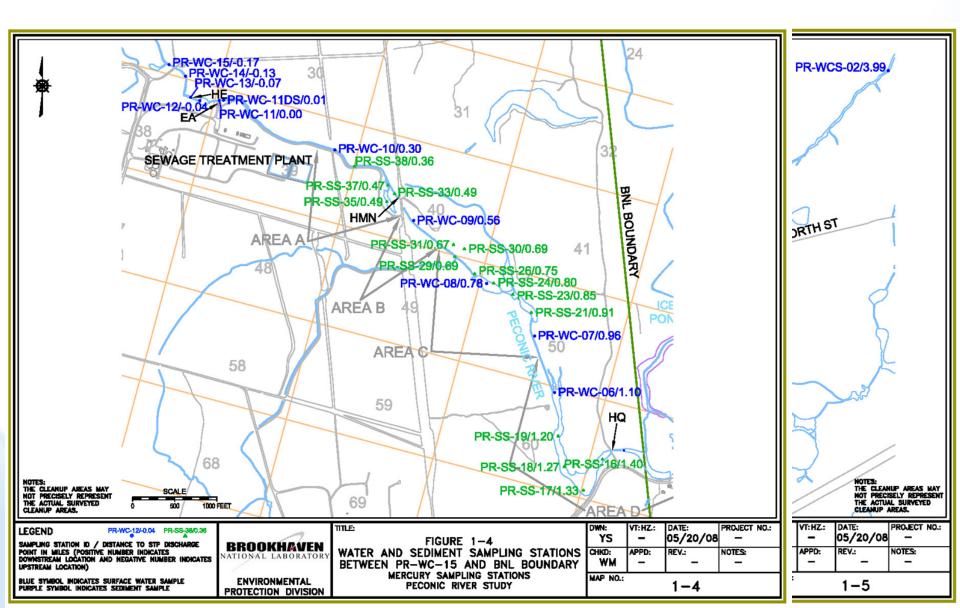
Figure 1-1. The Peconic River. The sections of the river that were remediated are indicated in the two call-out boxes, These two sections are shown in detail in Figures 1-2 and 1-3.

Peconic River Post Cleanup Monitoring

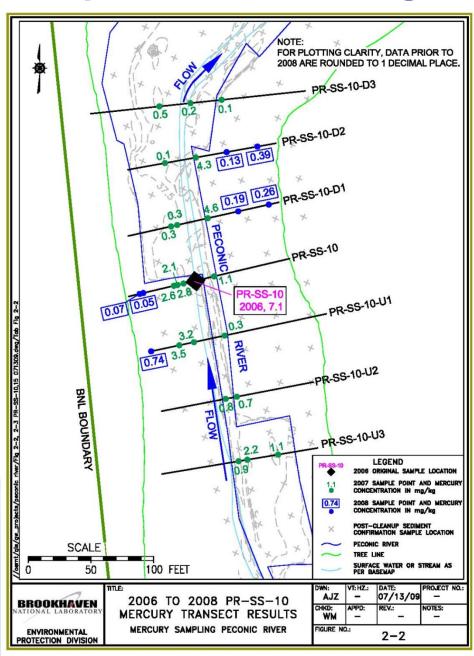
- Following 2004/2005 original cleanup
 - 22 Water Column Samples
 - 30 Sediment Samples
- A few water column samples indicated potential areas with remaining contamination
- Sediment samples confirmed this
 - PR-SS-10, PR-SS-15, PR-SS-18, PR-SS-19, PR-SS-33, PR-SS-38, and PR-WC-06
 - Detailed monitoring transects established at 50 foot intervals
- 2 of 7 areas identified for supplemental cleanup
 - PR-WC-06, PR-SS-15, plus sediment dam area

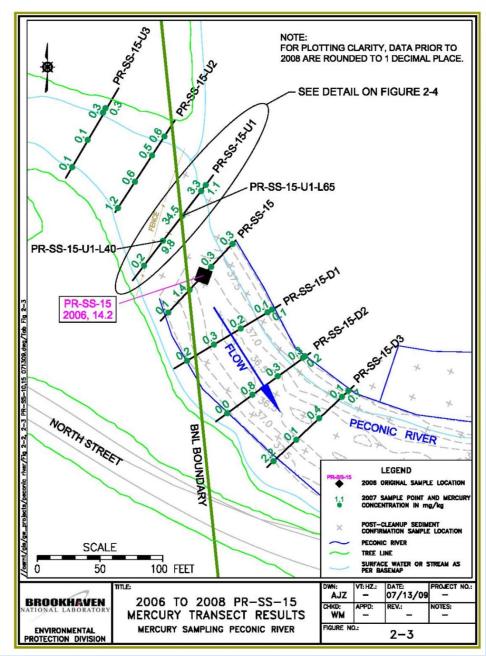


Post Cleanup Monitoring



Expanded monitoring- Post Cleanup (examples)





Peconic River Supplemental Cleanup Monitoring

 Supplemental cleanup of three areas in 2011, followed by more confirmatory samples (~0.4 Acres, 22 samples collected, 500 square foot sampling density)

Continued to sample the three areas annually 2011 to 2015

Only Area WC-06 has elevated mercury, maximum of 7.4 mg/kg

in June 2014

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SEDIMENT TRAP

2010/2011 CLEANUP AREAS

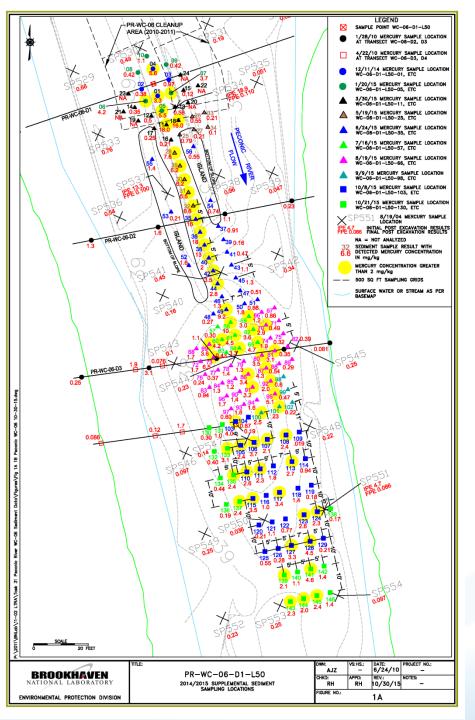
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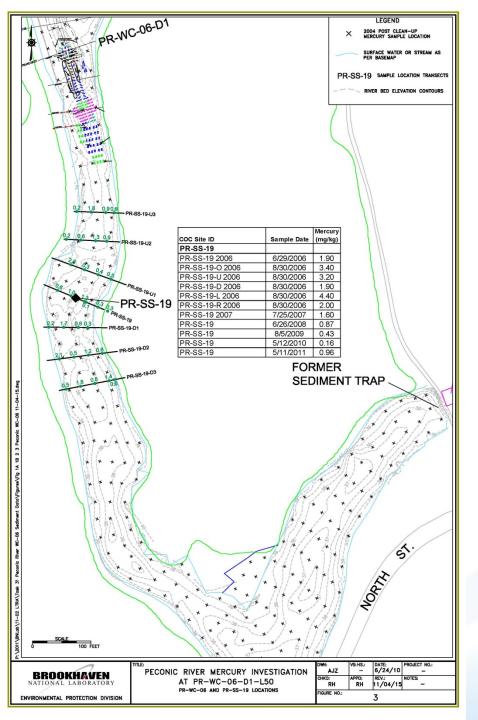
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- In November 2014 the regulators agreed with a plan to collect four samples (five feet upstream, five feet downstream, five feet to the left, and five feet to the right of the original sample) to delineate the area
 - Maximum detection was 5.6 mg/kg, and average of 2.6 mg/kg
- This process continued through October 2015 with 140 samples collected
 - Maximum mercury detection of 23 mg/kg, average of 2.7 mg/kg

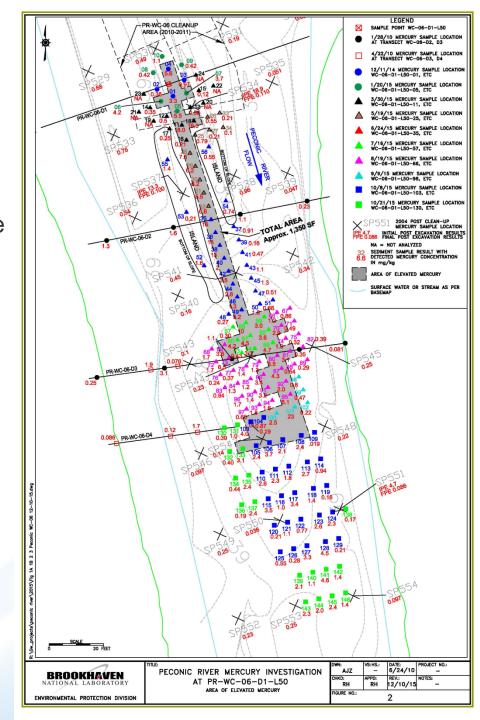




- Continued downstream sampling is not recommended by BNL based on monitoring as evidenced by the historical data from Area PR-SS-19
- Area PR-SS-19 data from 2006 to 2010 identified mercury above 2.0 mg/kg in six of 41 samples obtained, maximum of 4.4 mg/kg
 - Agreement reached in 2011 that no further action at PR-SS-19 is needed



- The higher mercury concentrations (avg. of 5.7 mg/kg) is an area of approximately 1,350 square feet
- Potential cleanup approach
 - Depth of excavation would be to the sediment/sand interface (approximately 6 to 18 inches)
 - Collect confirmation samples every 100 square feet to ensure concentrations are less than 2.0 mg/kg
 - Allow vegetation to recover naturally



PR-WC-06 Area Pictures



Peconic River – Next Steps

- Develop proposal
 - Obtain approval from regulators
- Develop detailed plan
 - Develop permitting documents
 - Title D disposal justification
- Conduct cleanup preferably under dry conditions



Questions?



