

## Yonkers Businesses, Volunteers Join Forces To Clean Saw Mill River

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Volunteers from the 2015 Saw Mill River cleanup. Photo Credit: *Contributed*

**YONKERS, N.Y. –** Leading into Earth Week, Groundwork Hudson Valley will host the Seventh annual Great Saw Mill River Cleanup on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Nearly 200 volunteers will gather at eight sites throughout the Saw Mill River watershed to clear trash from the river and save trees by cutting invasive vines. Join in at any one of several sites, from Yonkers to Elmsford, and bring friends and family for a fun day of rewarding outdoor work.

This year's Great Saw Mill River Cleanup is a community partnership between businesses, government and citizens. Local businesses have stepped up as sponsors, ensuring the continuation of not only this cleanup, but monthly Free-A-Tree vine clearings throughout the winter and new recreation areas underway along the river near the Saw Mill Parkway North Farragut Avenue exit in Hastings.

With Ginsburg Development leading the way, other main sponsors include Rivertowns Square, Saber Real Estate, Lincoln Property, Yonkers Tennis Center and Hastings Self Storage. Many local companies are sending groups to volunteer, and local and state agencies are taking care of hauling away the trash.

“The Great Saw Mill River Clean Up is a great way to get the community together to make a noticeable change in the neighborhoods we love,” said Nathan Hunter, River & Land programs associate at Groundwork Hudson Valley.

This year, sites include Van der Donck Park at the Daylighting in Yonkers, Walsh Road and War Memorial Field in Yonkers, Hearst Street in Yonkers along the South County Trailway, Lawrence Street in Ardsley along the South County Trailway, Farragut Avenue in Hastings along the South County Trailway, and Woodlands Lake in Irvington along the South County Trailway.

Groundwork will provide tools, gloves and supplies. Participants should bring water and wear long sleeves, long pants and close-toed shoes.

To register and get more information on the cleanup sites, [click here](#) , email [nathan@groundworkhv.org](mailto:nathan@groundworkhv.org) , or call 914-375-2151. Registration is not required.

Groundwork Hudson Valley is an environmental nonprofit that works with communities in the region to provide on-the-ground, grassroots initiatives that make spaces more livable and engaging.