

PROJECT STATUS UPDATE: 2018 CROTON HYDRILLA CONTROL PROJECT

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Project Description: Hydrilla (monoecious) discovered 10/19/13 in Croton River. Surveys were conducted in 2014, 2015 and 2016 to delineate the hydrilla infestation in the Croton River as well as several high-risk sites within a 10 miles radius including the Hudson River and its tributaries. To-date, no hydrilla has been found in proximity outside the Croton River and the New Croton Reservoir. A five-year management plan was created to control Hydrilla in the Croton River. After a successful first year treatment in 2017, the treatment for 2018 again involves the injection of the aquatic herbicide Sonar Genesis, also known as fluridone, into the river just below the New Croton Dam and at Black Rock Park with a target concentration of 2.0-4.0 parts per billion (ppb) for 60-120 days.

Tasks Completed (2018 Treatment)

- Treatment shut down 9/11-9/12 as discharge exceeded 500cfs in Croton River. Treatment resumed on 9/12.
- Drinking water (DW) & Finished water (FW) samples were collected on 9/10, 9/12, 9/14, 9/17, 9/19, 9/21
 - RESULTS: 9/04, 9/06, 9/07, 9/10, 9/12, 9/17: Fluridone levels all below 1ppb and listed as “Normal”
 - RESULTS: 9/14 Fluridone in Well #3 reached 1.1ppb listed as “Additional Monitoring Necessary”
 - RESULTS: 9/19, 9/21: Still at Lab - All reports posted here: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/110624.html>
- Article 15 permit modification granted (Treatment end date now Nov. 15, 2018 to make up for rain days this season)
- SAV snorkel survey in Black Rock Park 9/10 revealed sparse plants growing from tubers and fragments, good injury to all
- SAV snorkel survey in Croton Bay 9/14 revealed no rooted hydrilla in Croton Bay
- Injection Unit tanks filled by SOLitude Licensed Applicator 9/11, 9/14, 9/19, 9/21
- Solar Panels cleaned at New Croton Dam Injection Unit 9/14, Batteries replaced 9/21
- Croton Hydrilla Biweekly Call 9/19 (NYSDEC ISCS, SePRO, SOLitude)
- Injection tubing replaced w/ stainless steel @ New Croton Dam from junction box to water line 9/11 – SOLitude Licensed Applicator
- No hydrilla discovered during lower Hudson River SAV surveys (SOLitude Lake Management)

Upcoming Tasks 09/24/2018-10/05/2018		
Task #	Description	Lead
1	Continue fluridone treatment (2-4 ppb for 90-120 days) of entire Croton River	ISCS/SOLitude/SePRO
2	Monitor & Log injection unit levels at least 3 times per week	ISCS – White
3	Collect drinking/finished water samples 3 times per week	SOLitude/Village of Croton
4	Post water quality sampling results to webpage	ISCS-Eyres/McGlynn
5	Croton River SAV Surveys (SOLitude Lake Management) 1 st week of Oct.	SOLitude Lake Management
6	3 rd Croton Well Field Sampling 9/25	Village of Croton/Chasen

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