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NEWS FROM THE PEQUANNOCK RIVER COALITION

Flood Work Permit

November 29, 2011– Yesterday we received a copy of the attached permit, authorizing flood control work in Riverdale, Pequannock, Pompton Lakes and Wayne. While we appreciate the state's desire to appear as if they are accomplishing something, we continue to believe that removal of sediment and fallen trees will have a minor impact (if any) on local flooding. For example, we question the increase of flooding caused by a few tree branches when compared with the huge Pompton Feeder Dams just downstream. However, we are somewhat reassured by the fact that silt removal is limited to just 3 locations, as described. And removal of the Feeder dams continues to move forward.

We do have concerns with access to these sites, including the necessary movement of heavy equipment. This could have negative impacts on state-threatened wood turtles and other aquatic life. We will be monitoring this work to make sure that the permit conditions are followed, and disturbance is minimized. Stay tuned!

Thanks,
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Link to daily flood work permit document:

http://www.pequannockriver.org/docs/flood_work_permit.pdf