

Mayors, DEP Explore Blockages Along Rahway River

Officials pointed out river maintenance issues that could lead to flooding conditions in parts of Union and Essex counties. June 11, 2012



Mayors from the Mayors Council on Rahway River Watershed Flood Control join NJ DEP representatives on a tour of blockages along the Rahway River. One blockage was spotted in Millburn.

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A blockage of the Rahway River near Crane Parkway in Cranford could pose a flood hazard.

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After mayors and engineers of the Mayors Council On Rahway River Watershed Flood Control met at a meeting in Millburn, they toured locations along the Rahway River with New Jersey State DEP officials, pointing out blockages and need for better river maintenance. DEP officials later visited Cranford to inspect major blockages along the river in particular along Crane Parkway.

NJ DEP Director Cindy Randazzo was provided by the Mayors Council requests to improve the emergency permit process including lengthening time period; development of a general permit for county and local engineers to better maintain waterway in their community; and a longer range study to focus on restrictions such as the silt build up by various bridges from Route 78 to Rahway. Union Mayor Joseph Florio expressed appreciation for the state DEP attending and urged action on a number of items.