

Floodplain Comprehensive Study



- Ongoing sampling
 - Multiple rounds in past years and more this year
 - Where are PCBs in the floodplain
 - Focus on better understanding contaminant distribution
 - Follow-up sampling to be conducted in 2023
 - Areas people use – EPA in coordination with DEC/DOH continue to identify these areas as property use along the river changes
 - Additional sampling to be conducted in 2023
 - Flood mud samples collected to assess impacts from flood events
 - Sample collection anticipated in spring 2023



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- Risk assessments work is ongoing
 - PCB concentrations decrease farther down river and away from the shore
 - Initial screening level assessments underway (both Human Health and Ecological)
 - Preliminary ecological field efforts - summer 2023
 - Past work included earthworm sampling



The Superfund Process



Floodplain Short-Term Actions



- Areas regularly used by people have been prioritized for sampling
- Sampling associated with community projects are also prioritized
- Immediate action taken to address areas >10ppm PCBs
 - Short-Term Actions implemented on 66 properties (48 grass or gravel covers, 93 warning signs)
 - Covers – topsoil grass or gravel covers (fabric under covers)
 - Signage – along long trails and less frequently used areas



Saratoga Boat Launch

Floodplain Short-Term Actions



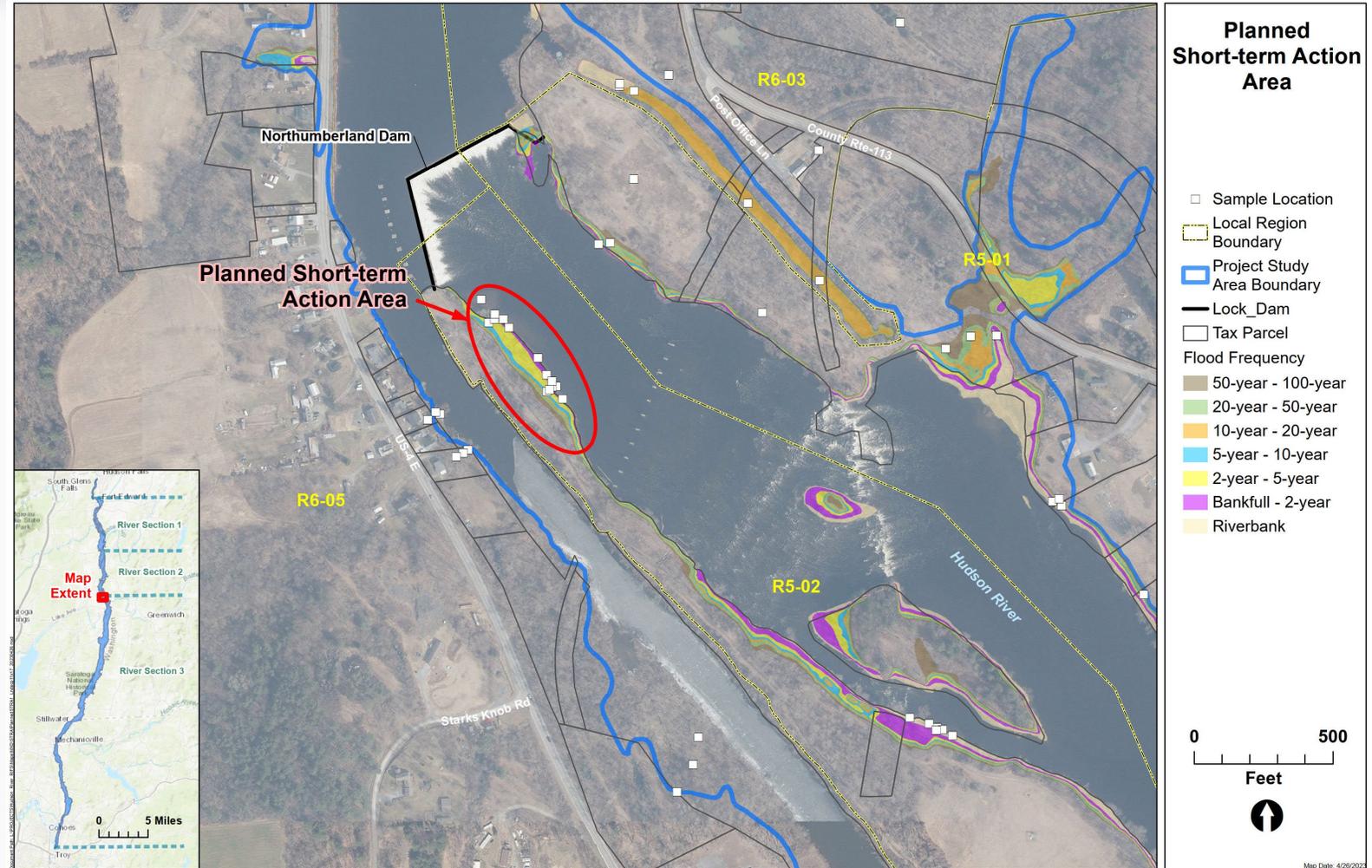
- Installation of two Short-Term Actions in 2020
 - Two new Short-Term Actions
- Installation of four Short-Term Actions in 2022
 - Two new Short-Term Actions
 - Installation of a second Short-Term Action on a property with an existing Short-Term Action
 - Expansion of an existing Short-Term Action
- Maintenance conducted at four Short-Term Actions in 2022
- Annual inspection of Short-Term Actions to be conducted in late spring/early summer of 2023
- Short-Term Actions will be completed as areas are identified



Example of Challenging Short-term Action Planned for 2023



- Area identified by local resident – just below the Northumberland Dam
- Area used for fishing and campfires observed
- Area is underwater most of the year - steep bank
- Sampling conducted over past several years
- Surface (top 6 inches) as high as 30 ppm, few areas of deeper sediment higher
- GE currently developing Short-Term Action design
- Work planned for 2023
- EPA and GE coordinating with Canal Corporation and Hudson Crossing Park



Planned Short-Term Action 2023



View is to the north
towards
Northumberland Dam



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Floodplain – Next Steps



- Continue to identify data gaps
 - additional soil sampling in 2023
 - newly identified use areas including areas exposed when river is low during summer months
- Continue coordination with municipalities and DEC/DOH
- Continue to evaluate PCB concentrations in frequently flooded areas (areas close to the river)
- Continue field reconnaissance to identify new use areas/changes in use
- Continue screening level risk assessments
- Oversee the installation of new Short-Term Actions and continue inspection and maintenance of existing Short-Term Actions

Old Champlain Canal - Overview



- Town/Village have long-term recreational and economic development plans for the Old Champlain Canal
- EPA coordinated sediment sampling program with DEC and DOH
- Sampling of canal was conducted between 2012 and 2021
 - Total of 43 locations and 68 samples from the canal
- Data Summary Report prepared by GE
 - Includes all data collected in canal to date
 - Provided to town/village on August 22, 2022
- EPA and DEC following up internally in support of the town/village plans



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DATA SUMMARY REPORT – 2021 OLD CHAMPLAIN CANAL SEDIMENT SAMPLING – SCHUYLERVILLE AREA

Upper Hudson River Floodplain

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