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### **Stormwater/Wastewater Discharge in Owasco River**

On June 16th and 17th, 2022, the Cayuga County Health Department was notified by NYAlert, New York State's emergency notification system, that due to excessive rain, 3 combined sewer overflow facilities at the City of Auburn activated on June 16, 2022 resulting in the discharge of stormwater and partially treated wastewater into the Owasco River. Per the City of Auburn, these combined sewer overflows are permitted to discharge by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The report indicates that the first discharge occurred at 12 Wadsworth Street at 5:26 pm and lasted for approximately 38 minutes releasing 149,174 gallons. The second discharge occurred at 1 Miller Street at 5:31 pm and lasted for approximately 28 minutes releasing 37,125 gallons. The third discharge occurred at 20 Genesee Street at 5:31 pm and lasted for approximately 29 minutes releasing 37,125 gallons.

Due to these discharges, partially treated wastewater has entered the Owasco River. Wastewater may contain disease causing pathogens and the Owasco River in the area of the discharge should be avoided. For more information, please visit New York State's NYAlert system at <https://alert.ny.gov>.