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WHO: Concerned Citizens of Montauk
 WHAT: Water Quality Testing Program Results for Week of June 15, 2015
 WHEN: Ongoing – Weekly Summer Testing
 WHERE: Montauk, East Hampton & Amagansett
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Entering into its third year, the Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) in partnership with the Surfrider Foundation’s nationwide Blue Water Task Force water quality testing program, has been sampling Montauk and Amagansett water bodies for the bacteria enterococcus. Weekly, highly trained volunteers collect and test water samples from Ditch Plains, Lake Montauk and Fort Pond in Montauk and Fresh Pond in Amagansett then post the test results online on Surfrider’s Blue Water Task Force portal.

During 2014, volunteers from 30 Blue Water Task Force labs processed more than 4,000 marine and fresh water samples collected from nearly 300 distinct sampling sites located across the country. **The CCOM / Eastern Long Island Chapter joint Blue Water Task Force program processed 329 water tests in 2014 placing in the top three most prolific BWTF labs in 2014 - impressive results considering 2014 was only CCOM’s second year in the program. The Montauk-based lab also placed in the top 5 for recording a high bacteria rate of 22%, in other words 22% of all the samples collected failed to meet the health standard of <104 enterococci bacteria per 100 milliliters for a single sample.**

To review the complete 2014 report for all participating BWTF labs, please visit:
<http://www.surfrider.org/coastal-blog/entry/2014-bwtf-annual-report>

Please see below for water quality testing results for week of June 15, 2015:

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Ditch Plains: Ditch Witch	0	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Causeway South	0	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek	651	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek	31	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach	0	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	833	High Bacteria
Surfside Place Ocean Beach	0	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: Industrial	30	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp	108	High Bacteria
AMAGASETT		
Fresh Pond: Beach (6/15)	373	High Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek (6/15)	41	Medium Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Pussy’s Pond	14,136	High Bacteria

To learn more about these test results, please visit CCOM’s website and click on “Water Testing Results” in the *News & Noteworthy* column: <http://www.preservemontauk.org/>