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WHO: Concerned Citizens of Montauk
 WHAT: Water Quality Testing Program Results for Week of June 22, 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 22, 2015:

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Ditch Plains: Ditch Witch	0	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Causeway South	10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek	801	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Jay’s Beach	0	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek	20	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach	0	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach	95	Medium Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	5172	High Bacteria
Surfside Place Creek	216	High Bacteria
Surfside Place Ocean Beach	0	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: Industrial	20	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp	63	Medium Bacteria
LI Sound: Block Island Sound @ Soundview Dr.	20	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay @ Navy Rd.	0	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay @ Tuthill Rd.	10	Low Bacteria
AMAGASETT		
Fresh Pond: Beach	0	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek	74	Medium Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Pussy’s Pond	191	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/>