



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) partners with the Surfrider Foundation Eastern Long Island Chapter and Peconic Baykeeper to monitor East End water bodies for the bacteria enterococcus. CCOM tests locations in Montauk, Amagansett, and East Hampton, processes the water samples in the CCOM office lab and shares the results with the public through press releases and the Surfrider Foundation’s Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) online portal. Entero levels at 104 and above are considered a risk to human health. High levels are often due to heavy rains, extreme high tides, and/or warm water temperatures. Levels <10 are considered below the detection limit of the test. *Intensive monitoring and/or remediation projects are planned or in place at the locations marked with an asterisk (\*)*.

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
<b>MONTAUK</b>		
<b>Lake Montauk: Harbor*</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*	31	Low Bacteria
<b>Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Med Bacteria</b>
<b>Lake Montauk: East Creek*</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	10	Low Bacteria
<b>Lake Montauk: West Creek</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Med Bacteria</b>
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert	Unable to test	/
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	<10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*	Unable to test	/
Fort Pond: Industrial*	20	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp*	10	Low Bacteria
Tuthill Pond	31	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd.	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd.	10	Low Bacteria
<b>LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert	Unable to test	/
<b>AMAGANSETT</b>		
Napeague Harbor: East	Unable to test	/
Napeague Harbor: West	<10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	20	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	20	Low Bacteria
<b>EAST HAMPTON</b>		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	20	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*	10	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Landing Lane	10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive	<10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Settler’s Landing	<10	Low Bacteria
<b>Northwest Creek: Ramp</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>Med Bacteria</b>
<b>Northwest Creek: Culvert</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Med Bacteria</b>

Enterococcus (MPN/100mL) - Based on water quality standards set by New York State Department of Health  
**Low Bacteria (0 - 35); Medium Bacteria (36 - 104); High Bacteria (> 104)**



## HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM), in partnership with the Gobler Lab at Stony Brook Southampton, monitors Fort Pond and Big Reed Pond for toxic blue-green algal blooms (cyanobacteria). CCOM delivers samples to the Lab, which shares bloom occurrences online through the NYS DEC HAB Notification page. Blue-green levels at **20ug/L** and above are at high risk of a bloom and trigger toxicity testing

DATE	LOCATION	BLOOM STATUS	BLUE-GREEN LEVEL	INDICATION OF
7/29/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	23.25 ug/L	High Risk
<b>7/29/2024</b>	<b>Fort Pond: Ramp</b>	<b>Bloom Present</b>	<b>25.42 25 ug/L</b>	<b>High Risk</b>
8/5/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	20.74 ug/L	High Risk
<b>8/5/2024</b>	<b>Fort Pond: Ramp</b>	<b>Bloom Present</b>	<b>34.98 25 ug/L</b>	<b>High Risk</b>
<b>8/12/2024</b>	<b>Fort Pond: Industrial</b>	<b>Bloom Present</b>	<b>29.66 ug/L</b>	<b>High Risk</b>
<b>8/12/2024</b>	<b>Fort Pond: Ramp</b>	<b>Bloom Present</b>	<b>43.63 ug/L*</b>	<b>High Risk</b>
8/19/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	22.22 ug/L	High Risk
8/19/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	21.7 ug/L	High Risk
8/26/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	TBD	16.6 ug/L	Medium Risk
<b>8/26/2024</b>	<b>Fort Pond: Ramp</b>	<b>Bloom Present</b>	<b>30.9 ug/L</b>	<b>High Risk</b>
9/3/2024	Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Present	17.85	Medium Risk
9/3/2024	Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Present	15.96	Medium Risk

\*Exact results could be delayed for up to 14 days.

To learn more about CCOM's water quality programs, please visit the website at <https://www.preservemontauk.org/media/water-testing-results/>