Hydrilla (*Hydrilla verticillata*) in the Croton River System: 2014 and 2015

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Initial Discovery

October 19, 2013

- NY Botanical Garden Survey
- Confirmed by S. Kishbaugh
  - NYSDEC
- Rooted Plants and Non-rooted fragments observed
- 2014 Point Intercept SAV Survey conducted by Allied Biological, Inc.

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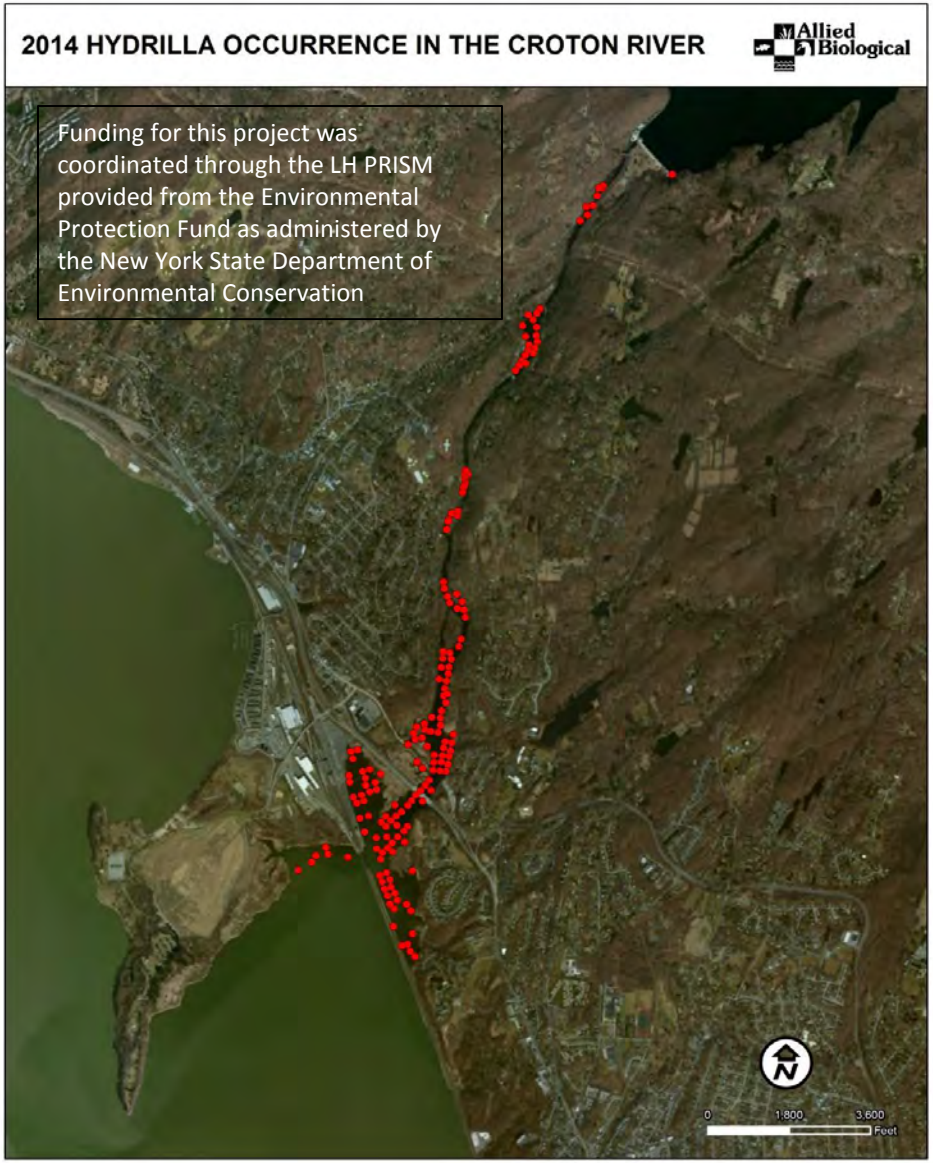
2014 Survey Results

GPS-Referenced Point Intercept Survey:

- Similar to methods employed at Cayuga Inlet
  - 50 m grid
  - 2 rake tosses per site
- 354 Sites in Nine Locations
- **Hydrilla was collected/observed at 42.3% of the sites surveyed**



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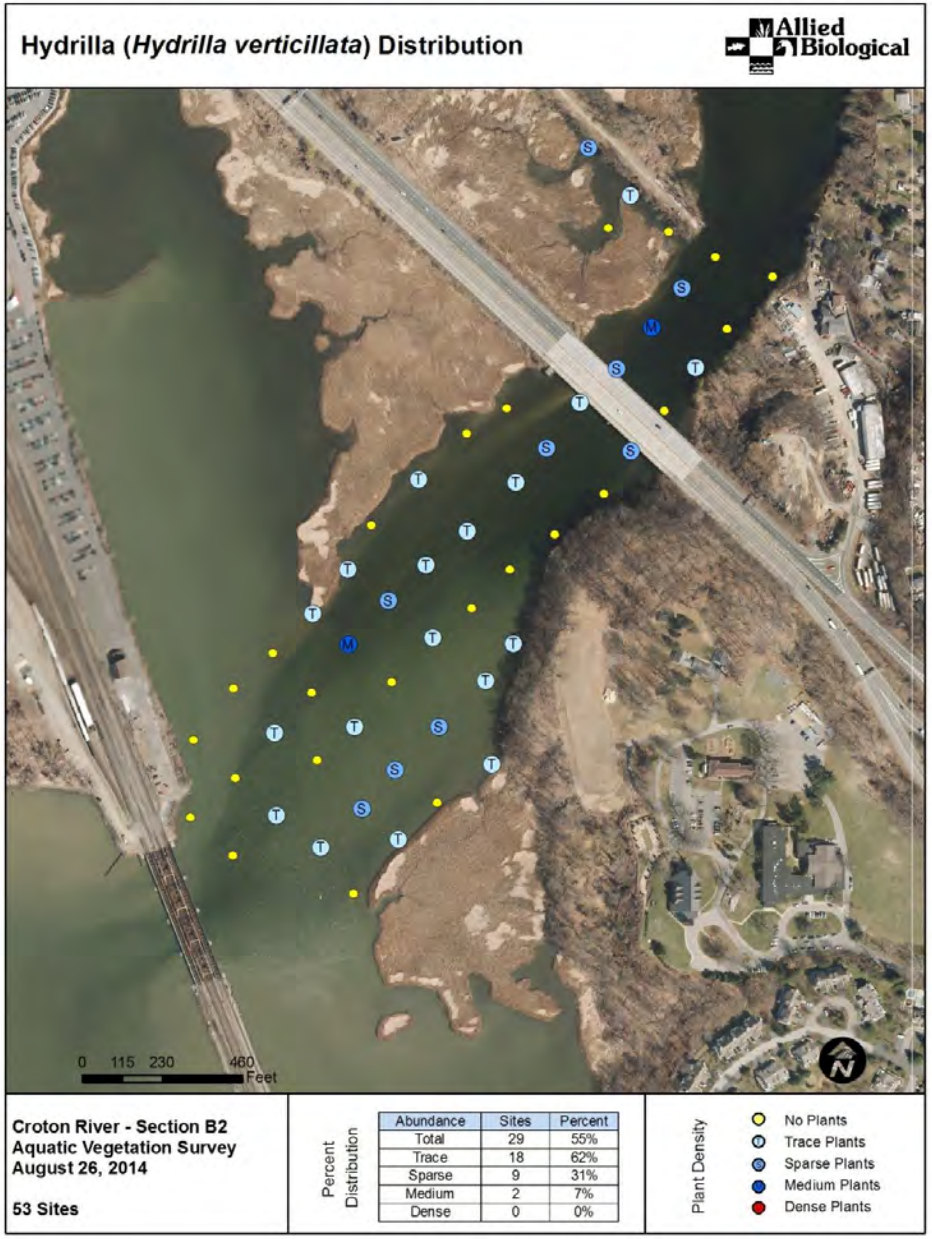
2014 Survey Results

Selected 2014 Distribution/Abundance Maps:

- Location B2
- Location B4
- In 2015, volunteer SAV mapping was conducted in part of the River



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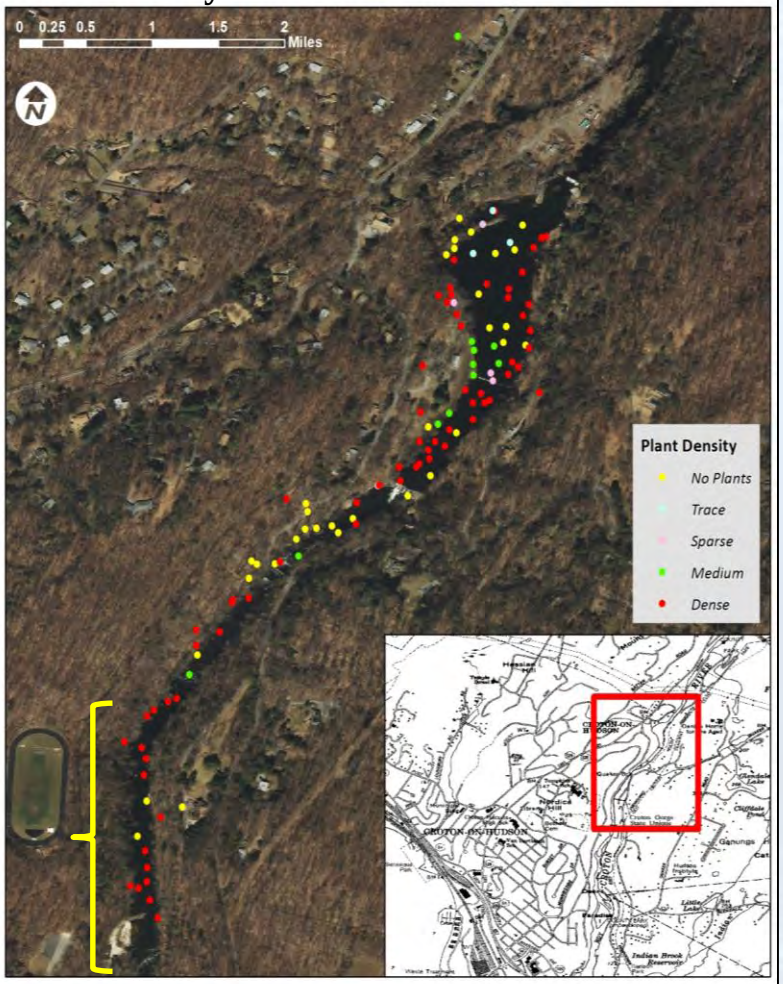
2015 Hydrilla Abundance/Distribution



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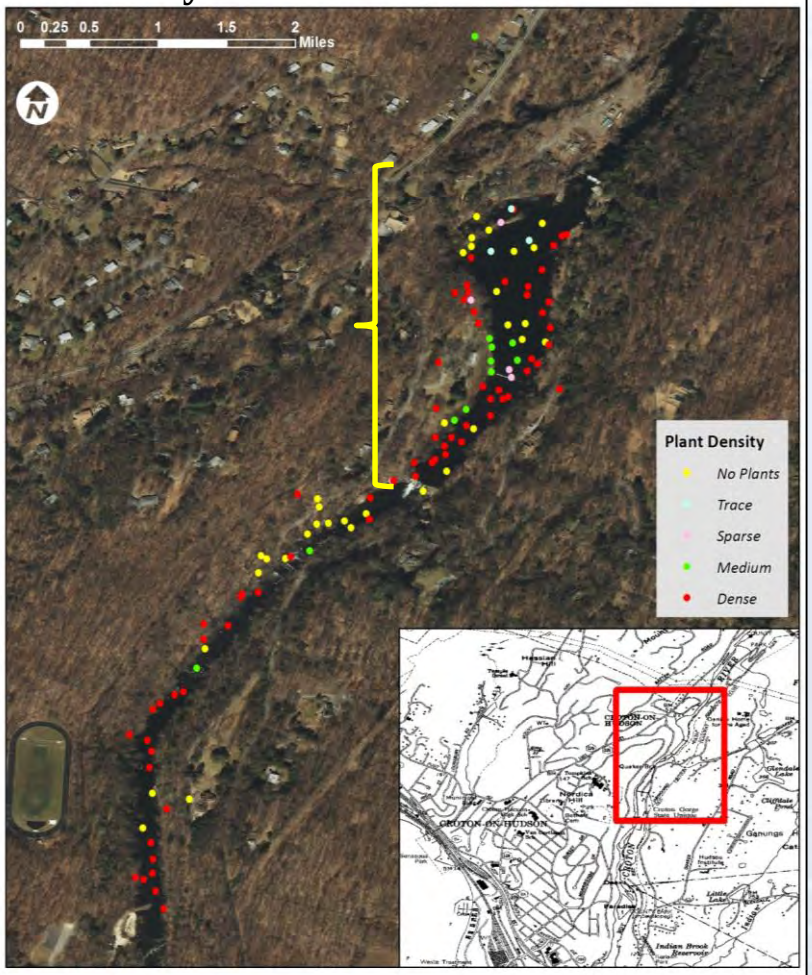

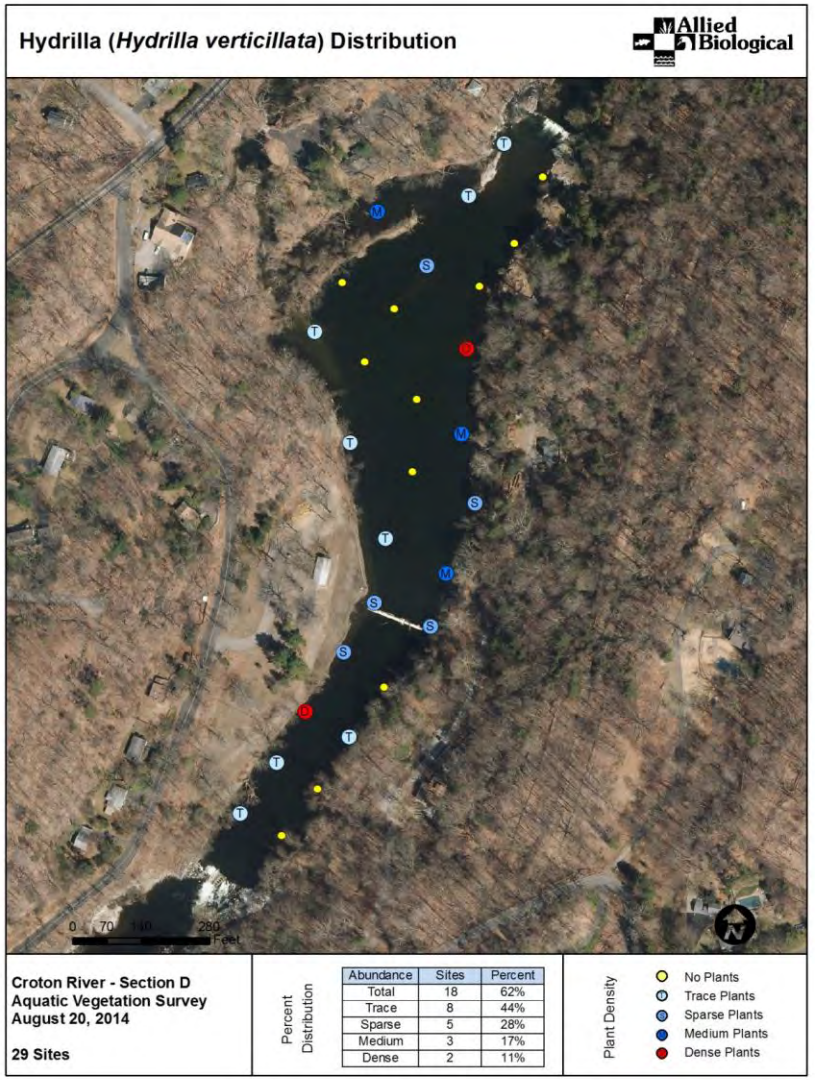

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Black Rock Park 2014/2015

Pictures: M. Heilman

October 30, 2014

October 14, 2015

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Looking upstream at Black Rock Park – 10/30/2014

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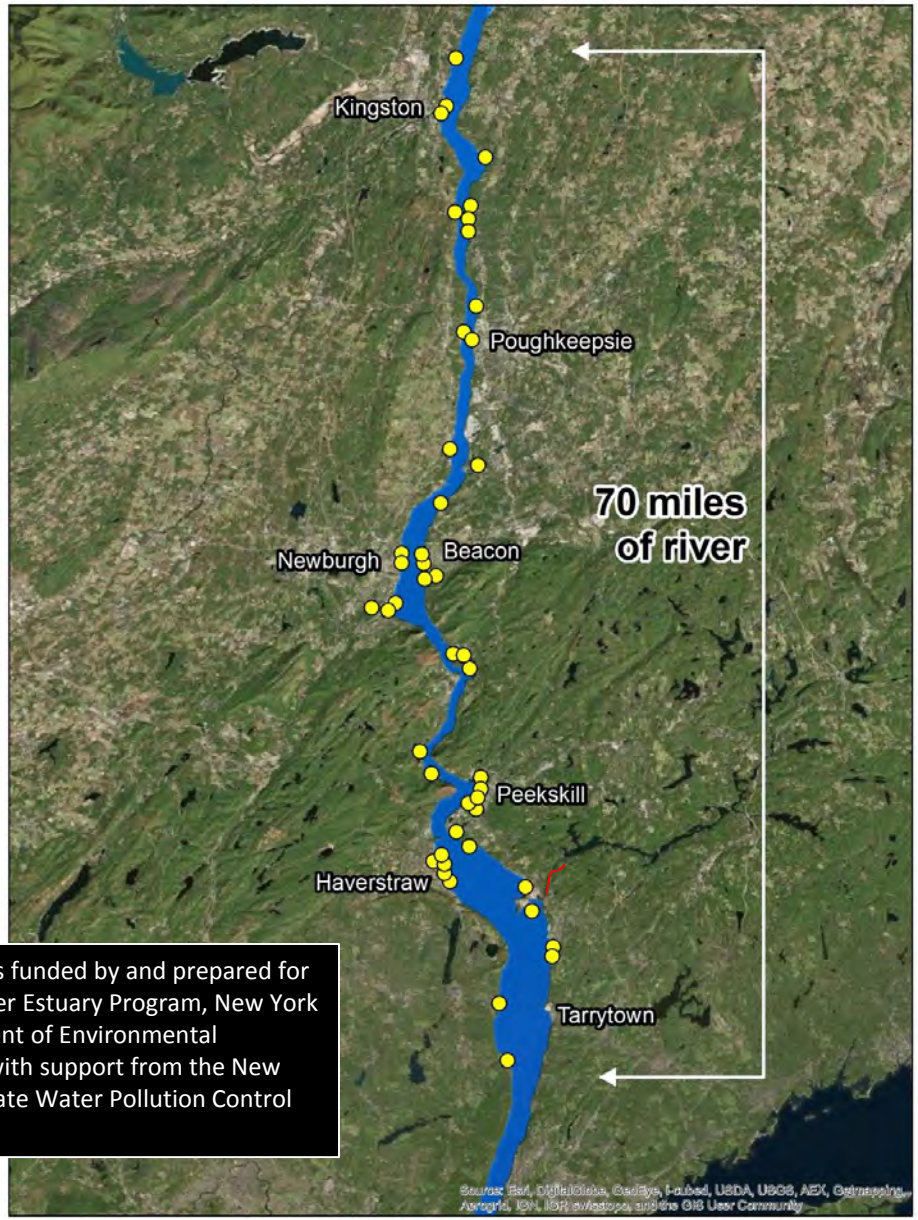
2015 Hudson River Survey

46 Survey Locations

- 0.7 acres to 639 acres
- Open water, tributaries, backwater bays, marinas
- Locations Selected by NYSDEC
- 70 mile stretch of the Hudson River

No Hydrilla Documented at Any Locations ☺



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2016 Croton River Monitoring

Pre and Post Survey Events

- July and September
- Five Locations
- ~450 GPS-referenced sites
- 2 Rake Tosses/site
- Tuber Sampling in Fall

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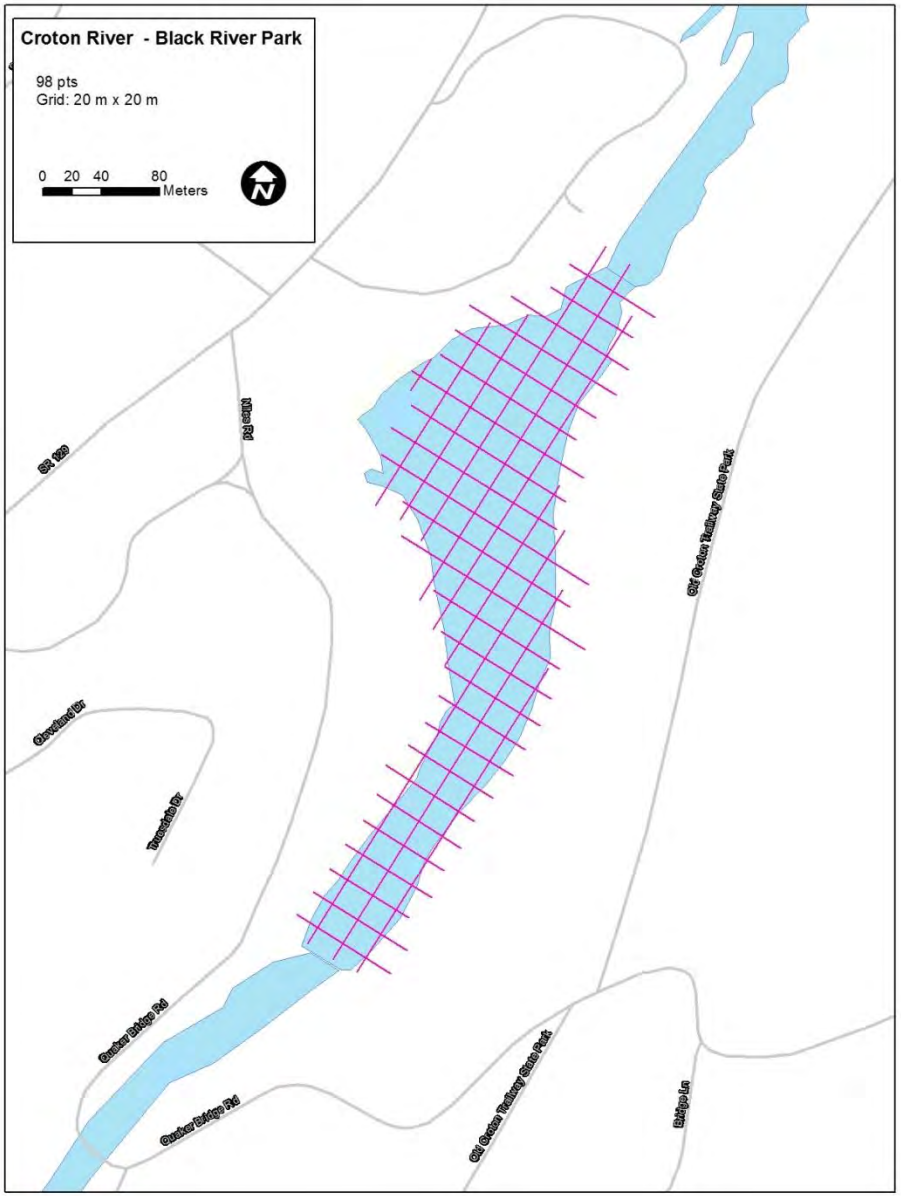

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