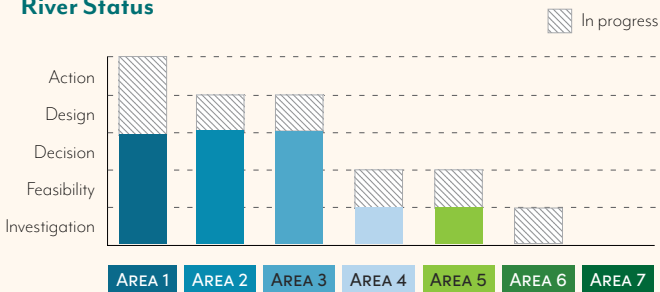
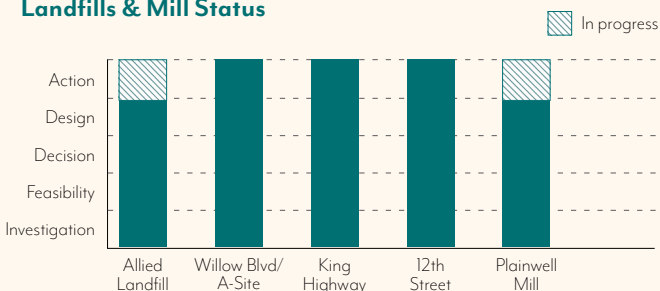


# Cleanup Project Tracker

## River Status



## Landfills & Mill Status



# Key Site Statistics

660,000  
cubic yards  
of contaminated material  
removed from the site

82 acres  
capped and contaminated  
material locked away

80  
Community events  
since 2017 including  
agency-held meetings,  
site tours, fairs and expos

11 miles  
of the Kalamazoo River  
and its banks cleanup  
up and restored

50  
Community Advisory  
Group Meetings since 2019

Over  
50  
site fact sheets with  
updates on cleanup  
activities since 2002



# Cleaning up the Kalamazoo



## What to know about activities in the Kalamazoo River

The fish in the river downstream of Morrow Dam to Allegan Dam, including Lake Allegan, have high levels of chemicals and shouldn't be eaten. Fish caught downstream of Lake Allegan also have high levels of chemicals and should be limited. Please continue to follow area fish advisories and learn more at [michigan.gov/eatsafefish](http://michigan.gov/eatsafefish)



**It is safe to touch the water unless your local health department says not to for other reasons.**

**The biggest health risk is from eating fish that have too many chemicals.**

**All of these activities are OK!**

- Paddling
- Boating
- Swimming
- Wading
- Catch and release fishing

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For more information about the  
Kalamazoo site cleanup, visit

[www.epa.gov/superfund/allied-paper-kalamazoo](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/allied-paper-kalamazoo)

Also visit The Kalamazoo River Superfund CAG

[www.kalamazooringercag.org](http://www.kalamazooringercag.org)

or contact:

U.S. EPA Region 5  
Community Involvement and Outreach Section (RE-19)  
77 W. Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604  
800-621-8431





# Site Map

## Why is EPA cleaning up the Kalamazoo River?

In 1977, a public health advisory was issued recommending residents to not eat fish caught from the Kalamazoo River due to PCBs found in the fish. In 1990, the Kalamazoo River, as part of the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site, was placed on the National Priorities List, a roster of the nation's hazardous waste sites needing cleanup.

### TROWBRIDGE

EPA started work in 2024 to remove hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of PCB-contaminated sediment and soil along the Kalamazoo River upstream of the Trowbridge Dam in Trowbridge Township. The project is very complex and may take two to three years to complete. EPA has placed signage upstream to restrict recreation in the area during the work. This project will help prevent future contamination and erosion, improve water quality, and reduce contamination in fish.



### AREA 1

Sediment cleanup was completed within Verburg Park Pond and adjacent portions of the Kalamazoo River in 2022 and restoration of Verburg Park was completed in October 2023. The park and trail are open for public use. Additional cleanup was conducted downstream of the Patterson Street Bridge in 2023 and 2024 with the removal of over 73,000 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated sediment.



### ALLIED LANDFILL

#### OPERABLE UNIT 1

The Allied Paper Landfill and Bryant Mill Pond comprise of a nearly 90-acre area in the city of Kalamazoo along Portage Creek, about 3 miles upstream of where it joins the Kalamazoo River. EPA continues to oversee the cleanup and anticipates work to take three more years. The city of Kalamazoo expects to take over ownership of the property after work is complete.



### WILLOW BOULEVARD AND A-SITE LANDFILL

#### OPERABLE UNIT 2

A 6-acre portion of the site known as Willow Boulevard and A-Site Landfill has been deleted from the Superfund National Priorities List, or NPL, the list of the most contaminated sites in the nation. EPA has determined that no further work necessary in these areas other than periodic inspection and maintenance of the restored banks and vegetation, continuing of groundwater use restrictions, and five-year reviews.

