## EPA Schuylkill River Geographic Response Plan - Collection Point Near Union Canal Trail Schuylkill River SKR-CP-06 Tactics Legend **Deflection Booming Diversion Booming Exclusion Booming** Free Oil Recovery **Passive Recovery Shoreside Recovery Staging Area** Boat Ramp Kayak Ramp Railroad Protected-Water Boom Protected-Water Boom (Ebb Tide) **Snare/ Sorbent Boom Equipment - All Tactics** Boom(ft) 400 Boom Skirt (in) 6 Marine anchors Shore anchors Sorbent Boom(ft) **FO Recovery Sys** Tactics Deployment, Responder Safety, and GRP Data Information **Shore Responders Location Information** Always consider on-scene conditions before deploying GRP tactics. Responder safety should Latitude: **Boat Responders** 40.34887764805801 always be the priority. 2 Longitude: **Boats** -75.95456361611349 Vessel Requirements: Utilize vessel capable of operating in river depth conditions less than 5

feet. Suitable boat launch and direct backup access area for boat trailer as indicated above.

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Tactic #	Purpose	Response Equipment		Deplo	yment Resources	Deployment Notes	
DV-01	Redirect spilled oil from one location or direction of travel to a specific site for recovery.	6	ft protected water boom marine anchor system shoreline anchor system Testing Date	2 2	shore responders response boats boat operators boat crew (min)	Anchor Type: Danforth 14, Shoreline anchor points.  Strategy: Deploy boom as depicted to divert incoming oil to the collection site. Deploy shoreside anchor first. Single anchor system (rebar or Uposts) along shoreline with standard deployment into riverbed. Utilize 6" skirt boom due to shallow water depth. Anchor every 100' section on either end. Anchor shore side recovery skirt boom every 100'. Adjust configuration as necessary to reduce entrainment.	
SR-01	Remove spilled oil that has been diverted to a designated recovery site accessible from shore.	1	skimming system storage tank or bladder hoses, pumps, fittings Testing Date		shore responders  Tested	Strategy: Set up shoreside recovery tactic at general location depicted on map. Parking lot east of boat launch may be suitable for storage tank and equipment storage. Consideration for boat trailer/vehicle parking and tanker truck traffic is required.	

## **Control Point Information**

NRC Hotline: 800-424-8802 Address to Boat Launch:

Stonecliff Recreation Area, 1200 Monroe Street, Reading, PA 19601

**Gate Access Information:** 

Schuylkill River Greenways (484-945-0200 or info@schuylkillriver.org)

**Protection Description:** The strategy for this location is to anchor a boom along shoreline (tree) to capture oil in slack areas. Staging area for all protection strategies available as boat ramp large enough to deploy assets.

Resources Protected					
Fish	Catfish, Perch, Sunfish, Carp, and Bass.				
Birds	Duck, Goose, Woodpecker, Hummingbird, Swallow, Jay, Robin, and various other species.				
Threat/End. Species	Monarch butterfly, Tricolored bat, Little brown bat, Bald Eagle, Indiana bat, Northern long-eared bat, and Bog Turtle. No critical habitats found.				
Cultural/Historical Resources	Located in Stonecliffe Recreation Area. Part of the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area.				
Human Use	Boat Ramp, Conservation Area, Infrastructure, Groundwater Source.				
Land Management	Schuylkill River Greenways				
Riverine	Silty mud/gravel riverbed with a gently sloped bank consisting of loose vegetation.				



Potential staging area with lots of space for collection, staging, and treatment located in a large flat popularly used park area located along Montgomery Street.



GPS coordinate location for control point boat launch. Access point near Stonecliff Recreation Area.



Concrete area along Montgomery Street, to the left of potential staging area, that could handle the launch of small craft only.

**Navigational Hazards** 

**Special Considerations** 

Lake and river conditions such as flow rate and flood stage vary depending on the time of year and heavy rain or snowfall. If ice is present GRP tactics and strategies must be reevaluated. Vessel operators should have local knowledge and experience operating in riverine environments.

Survey site prior to deployment and modify deployment tactics and techniques as appropriate based on observed river conditions. Upriver dam events (Blue Marsh Creek or Kernsville) may impact river conditions (overall flow and/or current velocity). Discussions with other organizations regarding scheduled dam events may be warranted in a deployment response.