EPA Schuylkill River Geographic Response Plan – Epler's Access Boat Launch

Schuylkill River SKR-CP-11

Tactics Legend

- DF — Deflection Booming
- DV — Diversion Booming
- EX — Exclusion Booming
- FO — Free Oil Recovery
- PR — Passive Recovery
- SR — Shoreside Recovery
- S — Staging Area
- Boat Ramp
- Kayak Ramp
- Railroad
- Protected-Water Boom
- Protected-Water Boom (Ebb Tide)
- Snare/ Sorbent Boom

Equipment - All Tactics

Boom(ft)	300
Boom Skirt (in)	12
Marine anchors	5
Shore anchors	2
Sorbent Boom(ft)	0
FO Recovery Sys	0
Shore Responders	4
Boat Responders	4
Boats	2

Version

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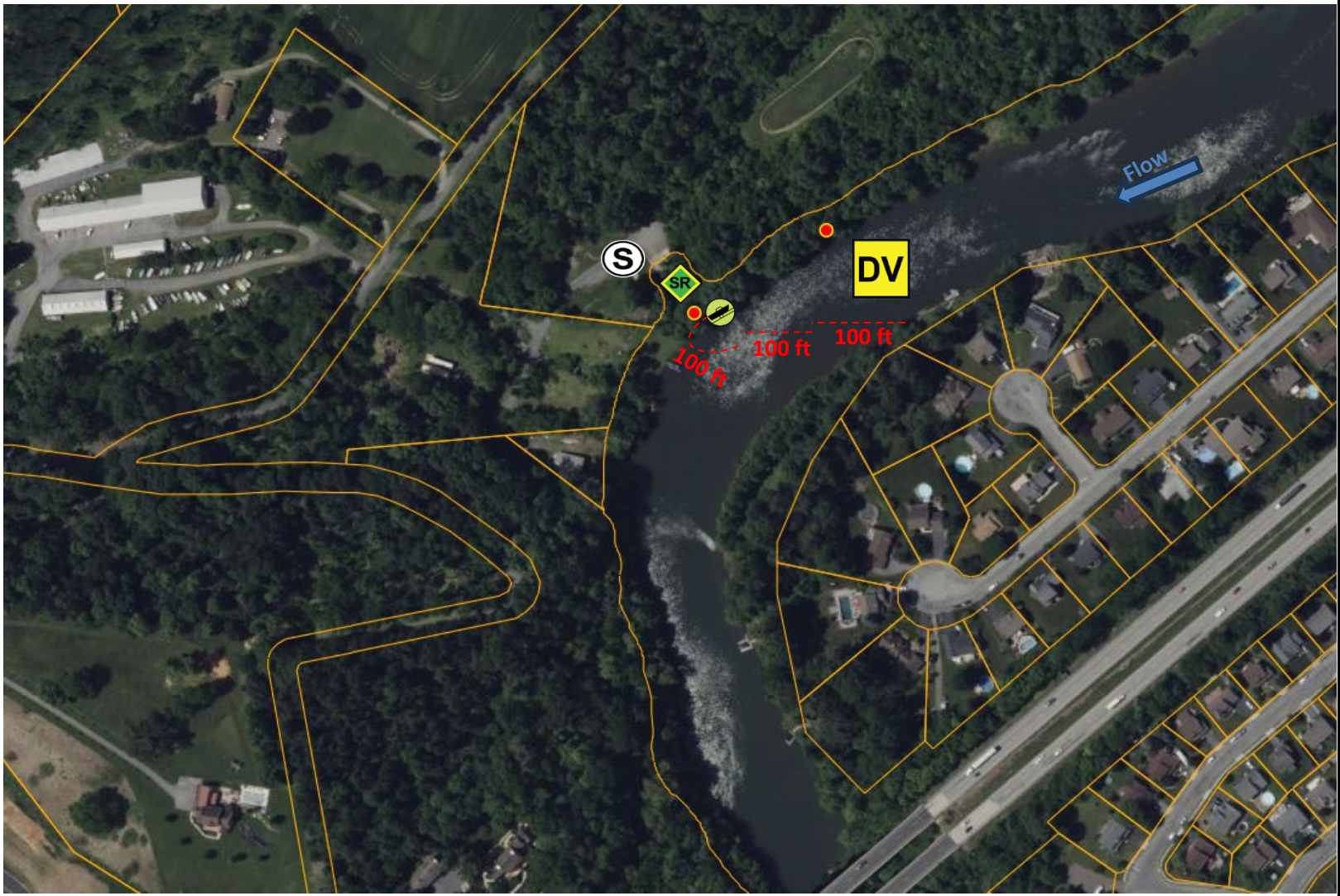

Tactics Deployment, Responder Safety, and GRP Data Information

Always consider on-scene conditions before deploying GRP tactics. Responder safety should always be the priority.

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.

Location Information

Latitude:	40.39636866664296
Longitude:	-75.97382304007836
State	Pennsylvania

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Tactic #	**Purpose**	**Response Equipment**	**Deployment Resources**	**Deployment Notes**
DV-01 DV	Redirect spilled oil from one location or direction of travel to a specific site for recovery.	300 ft protected water boom 5 marine anchor system 2 shoreline anchor system **N/A** **Testing Date**	4 shore responders 2 response boats 2 boat operators 2 boat crew (min) **N** **Tested**	**Anchor Type:** Danforth 14, Shoreline anchor points, or metal rebar. **Strategy:** Deploy boom as depicted to divert incoming oil to the collection site. Deploy shoreside anchor first. Single anchor system (rebar or U-posts) along shoreline with standard deployment into riverbed. Utilize 12" skirt boom. Anchor every 100' section on either end. Anchor shore side recovery skirt boom every 100'. Adjust configuration as necessary to reduce entrainment.
SR-01 SR	Remove spilled oil that has been diverted to a designated recovery site accessible from shore.	1 skimming system 1 storage tank or bladder 1 hoses, pumps, fittings **N/A** **Testing Date**	2 shore responders **N/A** **Tested**	**Strategy:** Set up shoreside recovery tactic at general location depicted on map. Parking lot northwest 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

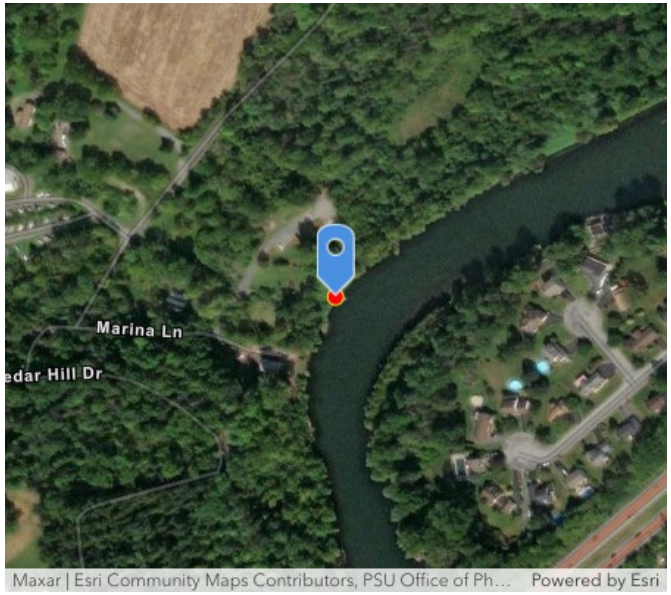
NRC Hotline: 800-424-8802

Address to Boat Launch:
123 Mariana Lane, Reading, PA 19605

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	Part of the Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area.
Human Use	Boat Ramp, Conservation Area, Infrastructure, Groundwater Source, Recreation.
Land Management	Schuylkill River Greenways
Riverine	Silty mud/gravel riverbed with gently sloping banks consisting of loose vegetation.



GPS coordinate location for control point boat launch. Access point near Mariana Lane.

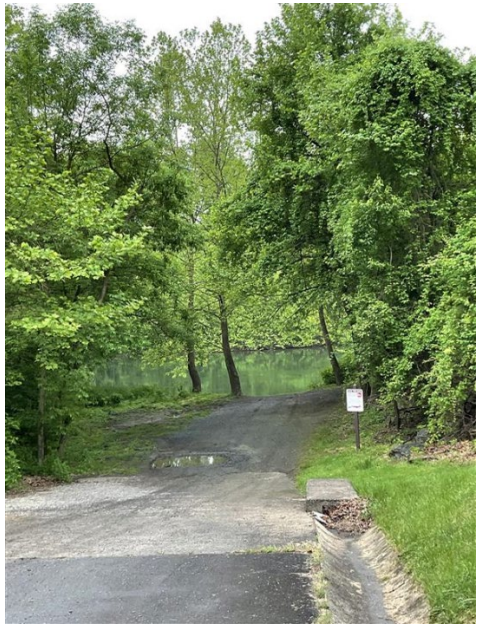


Photo of access road and boat launch at this location. Utilize parking lot northwest of boat launch for trailer/tank storage.

Navigational Hazards

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.

Special Considerations

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.