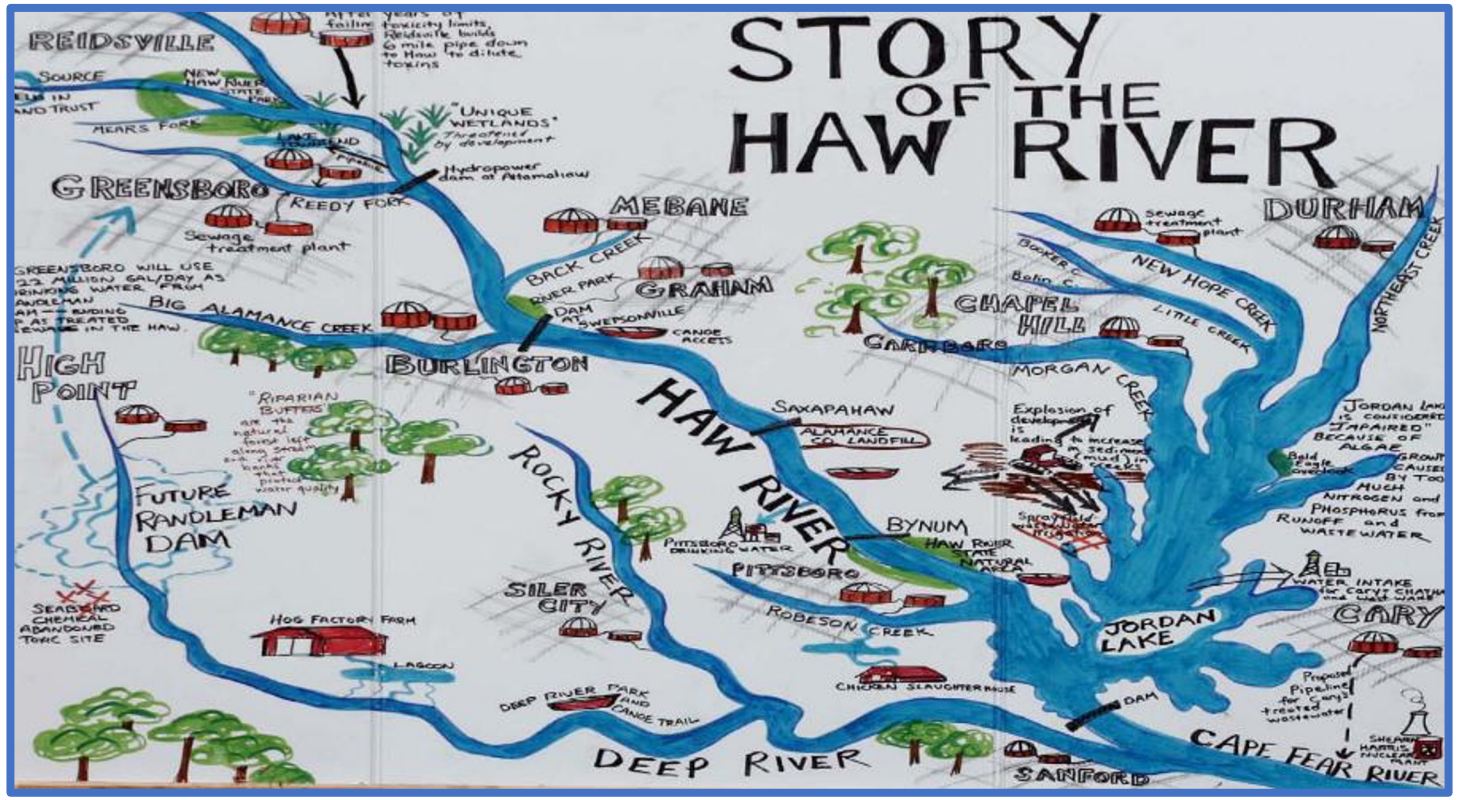
Combating PFAS Panel
NC State University

November 15, 2021

Brief Background: PFAS in the Haw



Pittsboro, NC is the only municipality that draws drinking water from the Haw River

Contamination discovered in 1985, by the Haw River Assembly

Local leaders began discussing in 2015

Official public notice sent Fall 2019

Meet the Founders

Katie Bryant

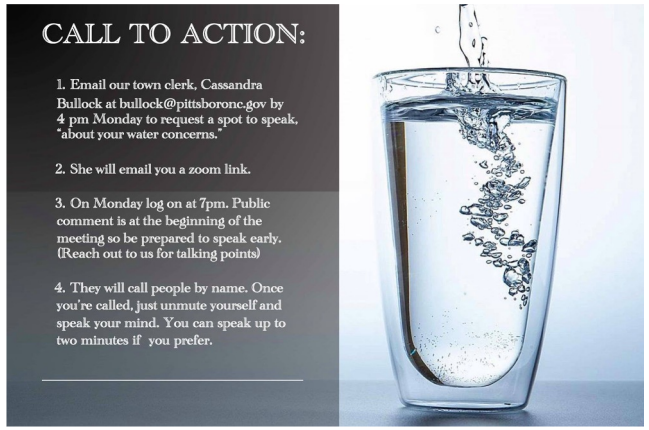
- 10-year resident of PBO
- Background in biomedical research, pharmaceutical and personal care quality assurance

Jessica Merricks, PhD

- 2-year resident of PBO
- Background in environmental studies, ecology, science education and outreach

What we do

- Outreach and Education
  - Campaigns, petitions
  - Public speaking events
  - Social media
  - Engagement w/the press
- Support to local leaders
  - PBO Water Quality Task Force
  - Town Manager
  - Board of Commissioners



CLEAN HAW RIVER

Friday Droplets

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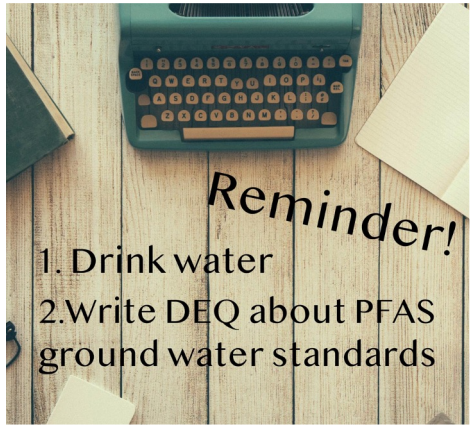
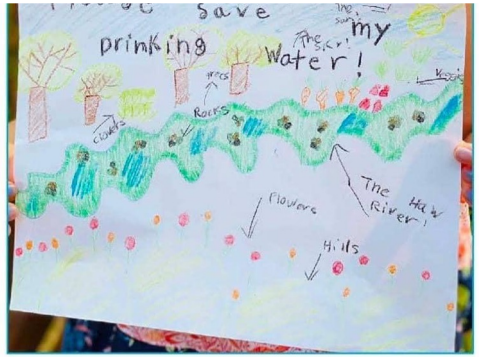
Section 1 of 5

Pittsboro Community Health Survey

The purpose of this survey is to collect information about health concerns in our commur
know, elevated levels of chemicals such as PFAS and 1,4 Dioxane have been detected in c
source, the Haw River. While there is some research suggesting significant health impacts
chemicals, more research needs to be done in order to draw such conclusions for our cor
from this survey will help advance this research. We appreciate your participation! This su
between 5 and 8 minutes to complete.

Please share as much or as little information as you are comfortable. NO identifying infor
survey will be shared with others without your explicit consent. We will only share data on
reported health issues and anonymous comments from participants. The health informat
share will NEVER be associated with you individually, and will NOT be shared publicly.





1,000 CHILDREN FOR CHANGE

JOIN US IN OUR LETTER CAMPAIGN!

The NC Environmental Management Commission has the power to change the rules about the chemicals that are polluting our drinking water! We want them to hear from our children on this important issue!

Clean Haw River invites every child (and 3 or more of their friends!) to write a letter or draw a picture to send to the EMC by August 1, 2021! We are going to flood them with our children's letters.

Important Points to include:

Stop polluting our water!

Protect the Haw River!

We need clean drinking water!

TO SUBMIT YOUR LETTER

Email the letter or drawing (scan or photo) with the subject line "1,000 Children for Change" to:

cleanhawriver@gmail.com

Clean Haw River
Published by Katie Bryant · April 24 ·

If you have a moment, please sign onto this petition (located in the comments). Our small town needs clean water and thankfully people like Mark Ruffalo are giving us a voice.
I had the pleasure of meeting him last year on our bynum bridge and he was beyond encouraging. He told me to, "just keep fighting the good fight!"

Clean Haw River
Published by Katie Bryant · November 11 at 7:59 PM ·

Clean Haw River was interviewed today by WRAL regarding our most recent slug of 1,4-dioxane discharged from Greensboro into the Haw River. I want to thank everyone for your support and joining us in this effort to fight for clean water.

WRAL.COM
Pittsboro leaders, residents concerned about water pollution in the Haw River :: WRAL.com

Clean Haw River
Published by Katie Bryant · April 6 ·

Tomorrow, Katie Bryant from Clean Haw River will be making public comments at the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine Guidance on PFAS Testing and Health Outcome Eastern U.S. Town Hall on Wednesday, April 7th, the session will begin around 4:30 pm to 7 pm ET.

Meeting information, including an introductory video, is available at https://www.nationalacademies.org/.../guidance-on-pfas..... See more

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Environmental science class pairs with Haw River Project

Elon environmental science class plans to teach local residents about pollution in the Haw River

By Cailey Cetani | 4/9/21 4:52pm

Clean Haw River was live.
Published by Katie Bryant · March 22 ·

Looking ahead, we hope to

- better organize community involvement
  - increase access and support for marginalized communities
- increase our focus on state and federal PFAS legislation and policy
- connect to more NC communities and advocacy groups fighting for clean water

What we need

- **Policy Educators**
  - Synthesize PFAS policy discussions for general audiences (e.g. Board meetings, public town halls, etc.)

- **PFAS Meeting Liaisons**
  - Attend local, state, and national meetings (virtual)
  - Synthesize latest insights and updates

- **Social Media Manager**
  - Create and share updates, reminders, educational content, etc.

Thank you!

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