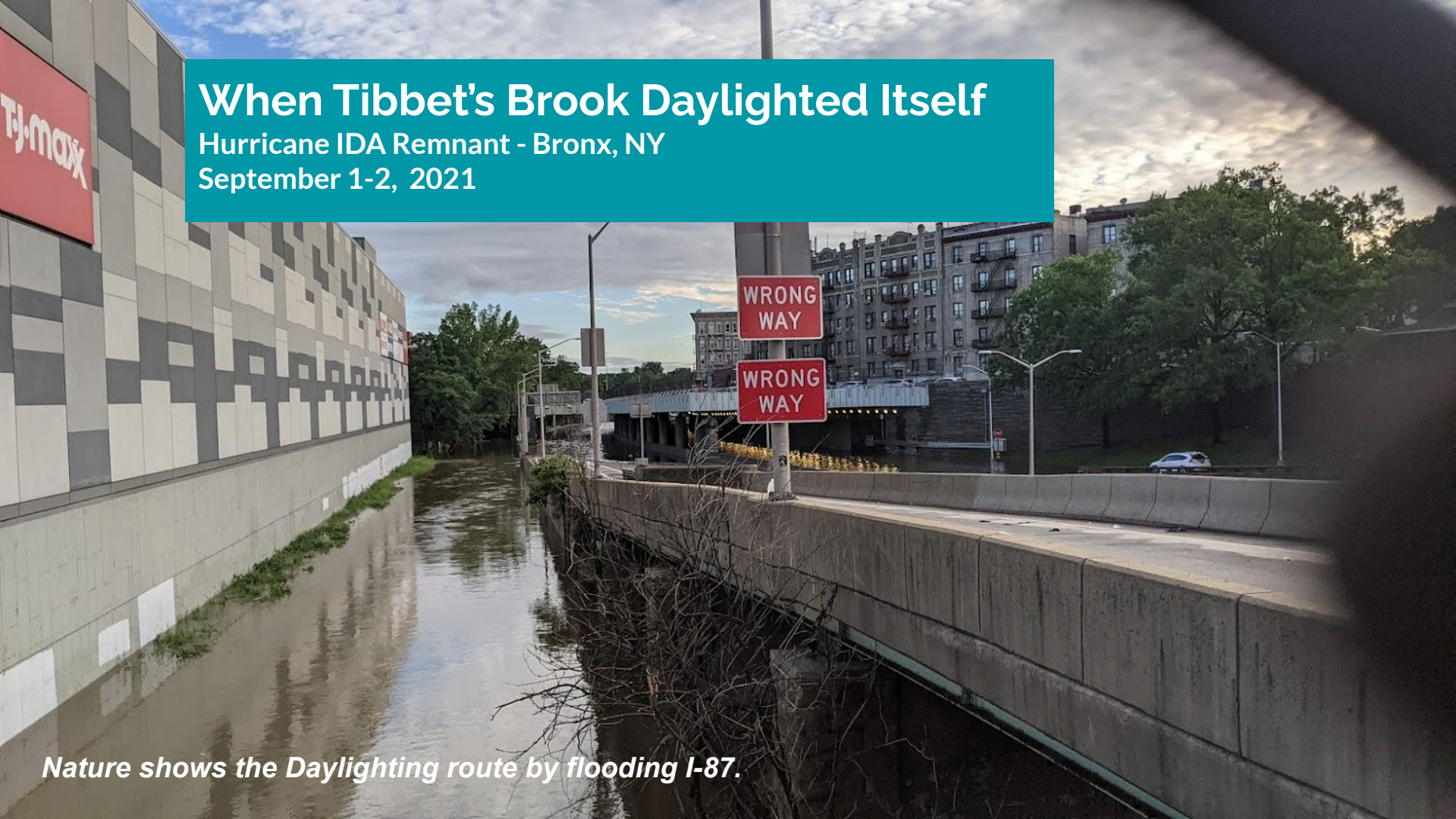


# When Tibbet's Brook Daylighted Itself

Hurricane IDA Remnant - Bronx, NY  
September 1-2, 2021



*Nature shows the Daylighting route by flooding I-87.*



James Ludwig ✓ @JimmyLudwigNYC · 3h



#TibbettsBrook has DAYLIGHTED ITSELF! @VanCortlandtTC @NYCParks  
@VanCortlandtGC @vcplliance



*Video of the lake overflowing at the weir.*

<https://twitter.com/JimmyLudwigNYC/status/1433435720979468289?s=20>





*Early morning 9/2. Taken from the weir as the water transverses the dam.*

John Paul Catuso, photographer



*Early morning 9/2. Taken after the first blue bridge looking west, toward the picnic area.*

John Paul Catuso, photographer



Old photo of Tibbetts Brook

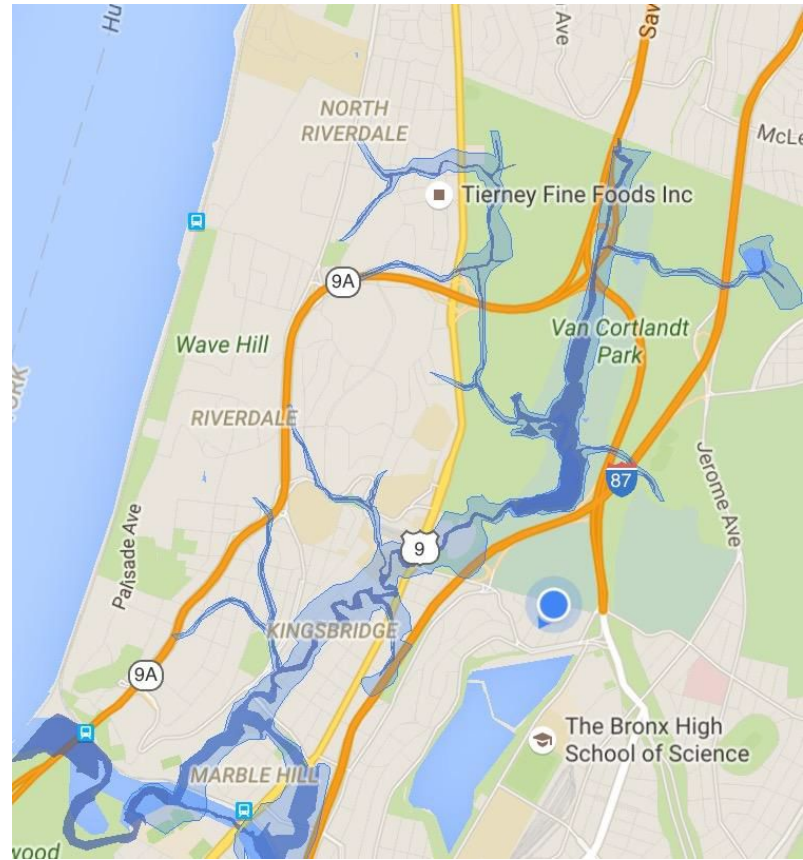
From Lost Brooks and Streams  
of Riverdale by Kingsbridge  
Historical Society



## Historic Route of Tibbetts Brook within the Bronx in 1891

Historic waterway in dark  
blue; associated wetlands and  
swamps in light blue.

Data primarily from 1891 Bien Atlas of  
NYC; compiled by Steve Duncan /  
undercity.org.





## THE CONNECTION TO SEWER

In 1912, Tibbetts Brook was piped into a drain at the south end of VC Lake and directed into the Broadway sewer. This made it possible to construct streets and buildings south of the park. Before 1912, that area was a marsh.\*

Photo from Riverdale Press.

\* VCP Master Plan from NYC Parks



## TIBBETTS BROOK WATERSHED

Yellow shows current watershed  
and red shows additional  
watershed if we daylight.

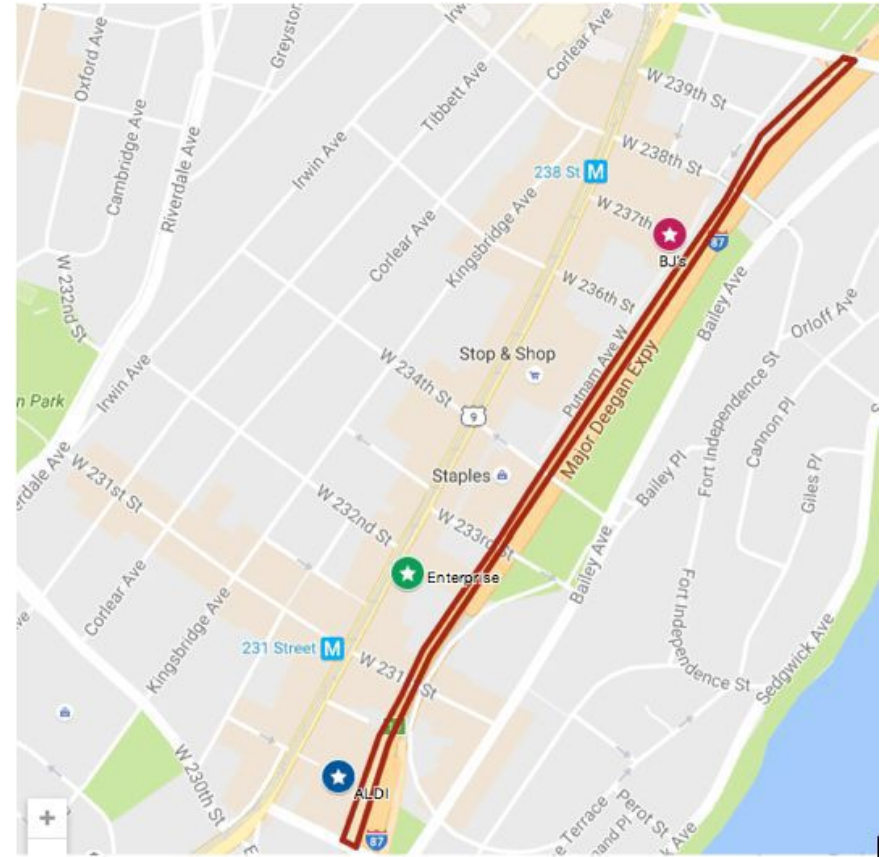
Note that half of yellow portion is in  
Yonkers.





## Part 2: Daylighting from VCP South to W. 230th St.

On the west side of the Major Deegan (outlined in red), from VCP South to West 230th Street, there is a strip of land currently owned by CSX. This land varies in width between 25-75 feet and is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile long. It is currently vacant and not publicly accessible.

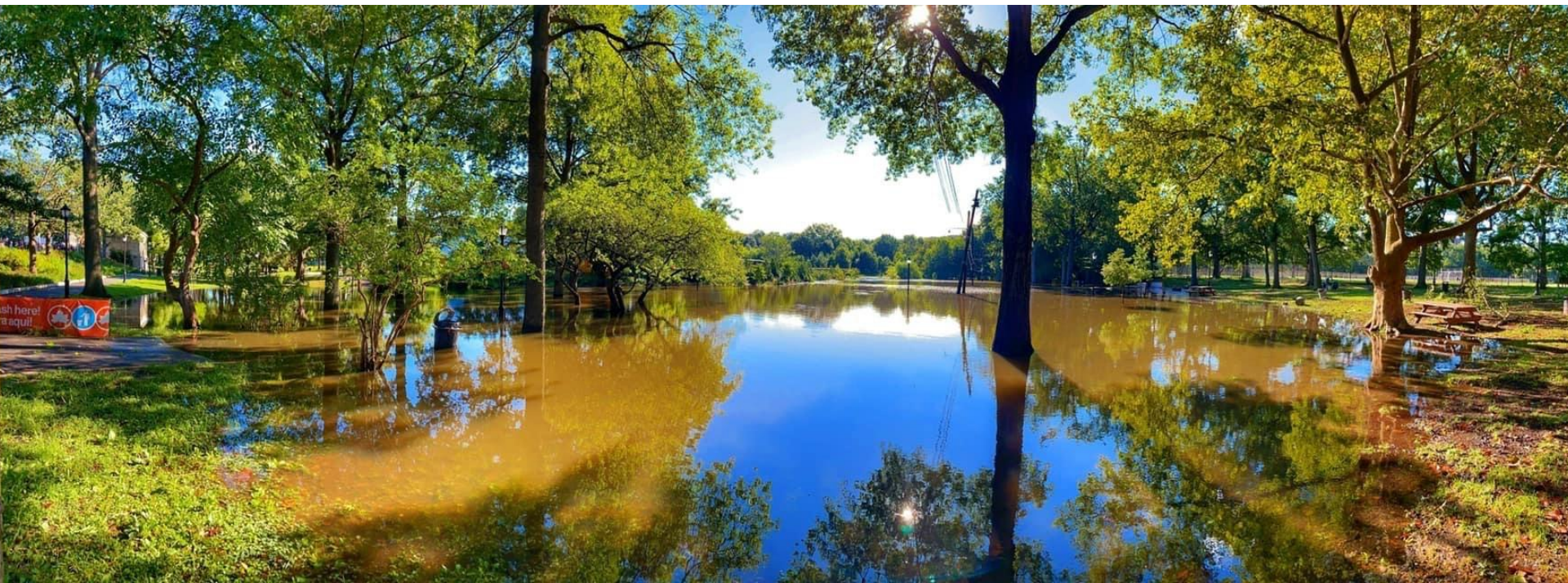




*Early morning 9/2. Flooding along the new Putnam Greenway.*

Teresa Grant Stoeth, photographer





*Early morning 9/2. Flooded BBQ area.*

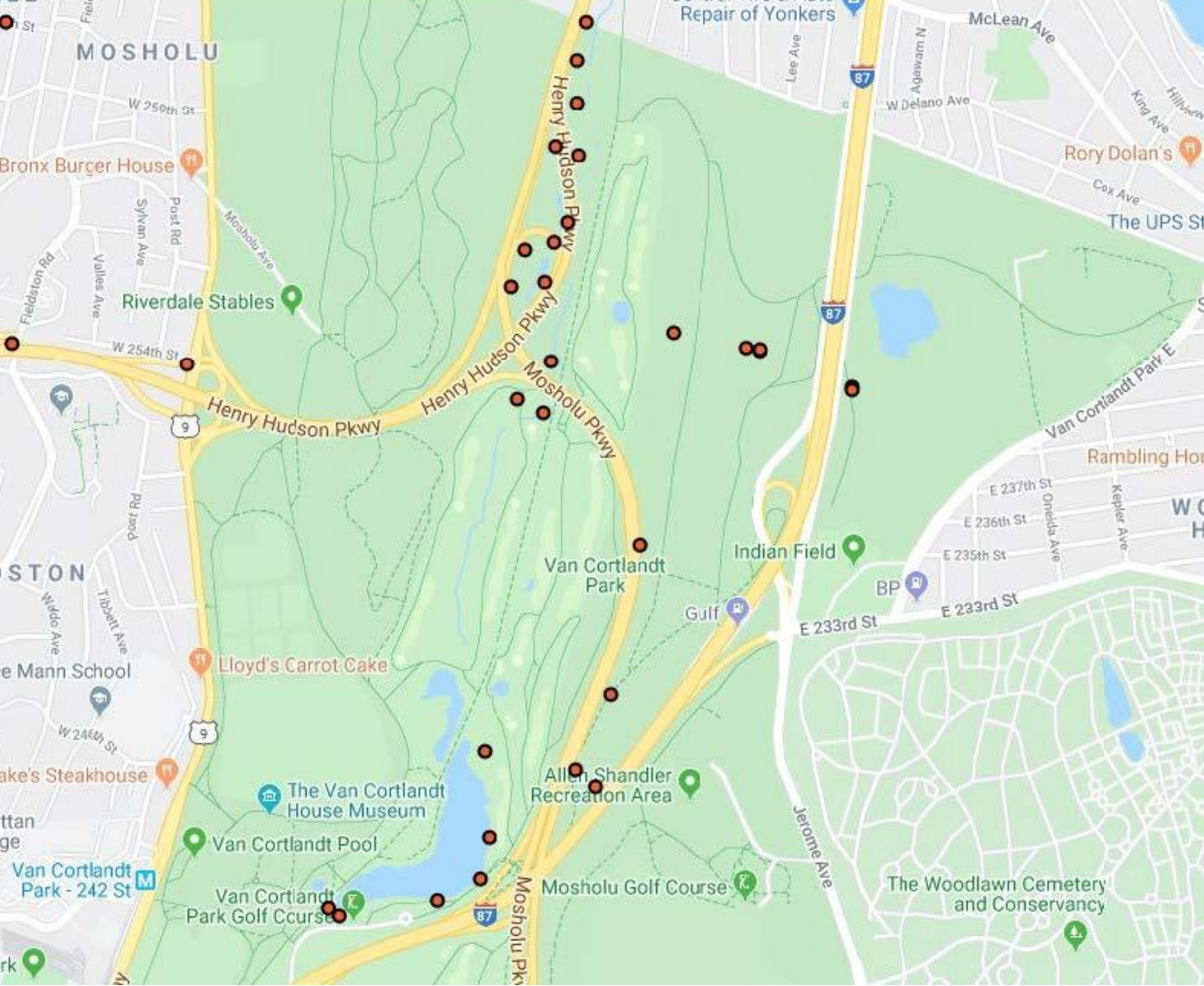
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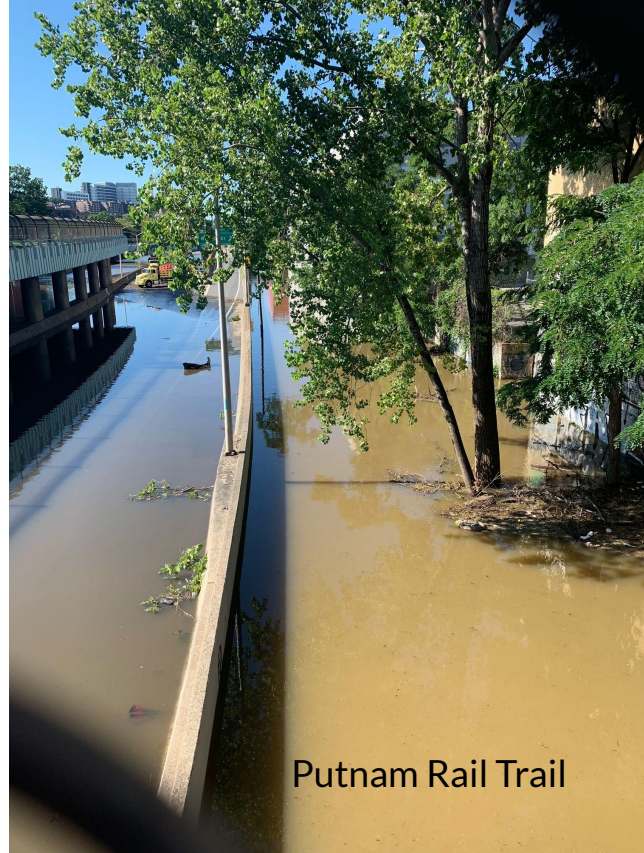
Old Putnam Trail at the third blue bridge. Trees down and flooded.



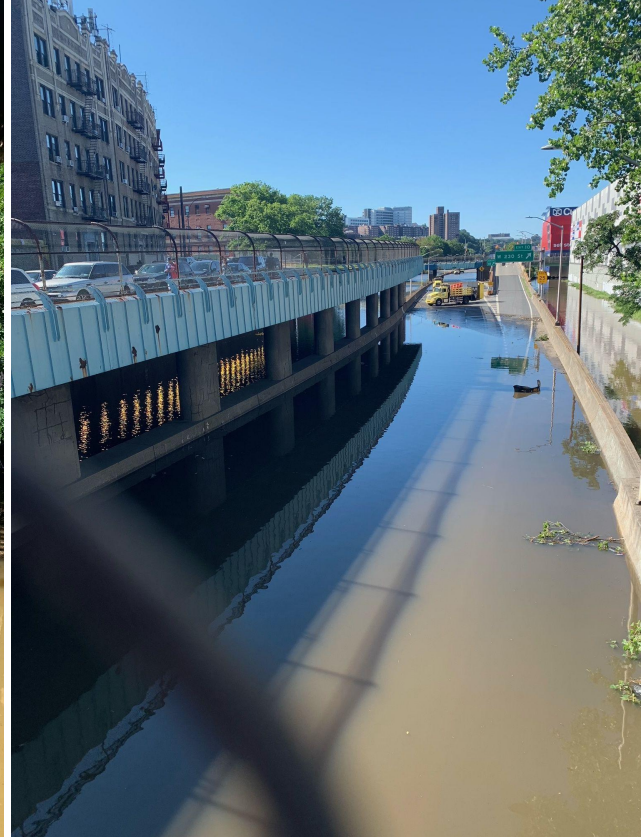


THESE ARE ALL THE OUTFALLS IN  
VAN CORTLANDT PARK

Each of these outfalls are  
an additional discharge of  
rainfall and snow melt in  
Van Cortlandt Park, its  
wetlands and Lake.



Putnam Rail Trail



Muddy even the morning after ... at West 231st Street





Flooding from Van Cortlandt  
Park Lake along the CSX Route  
at 238th Street bridge.  
Looking south

Deborah Travis, photographer





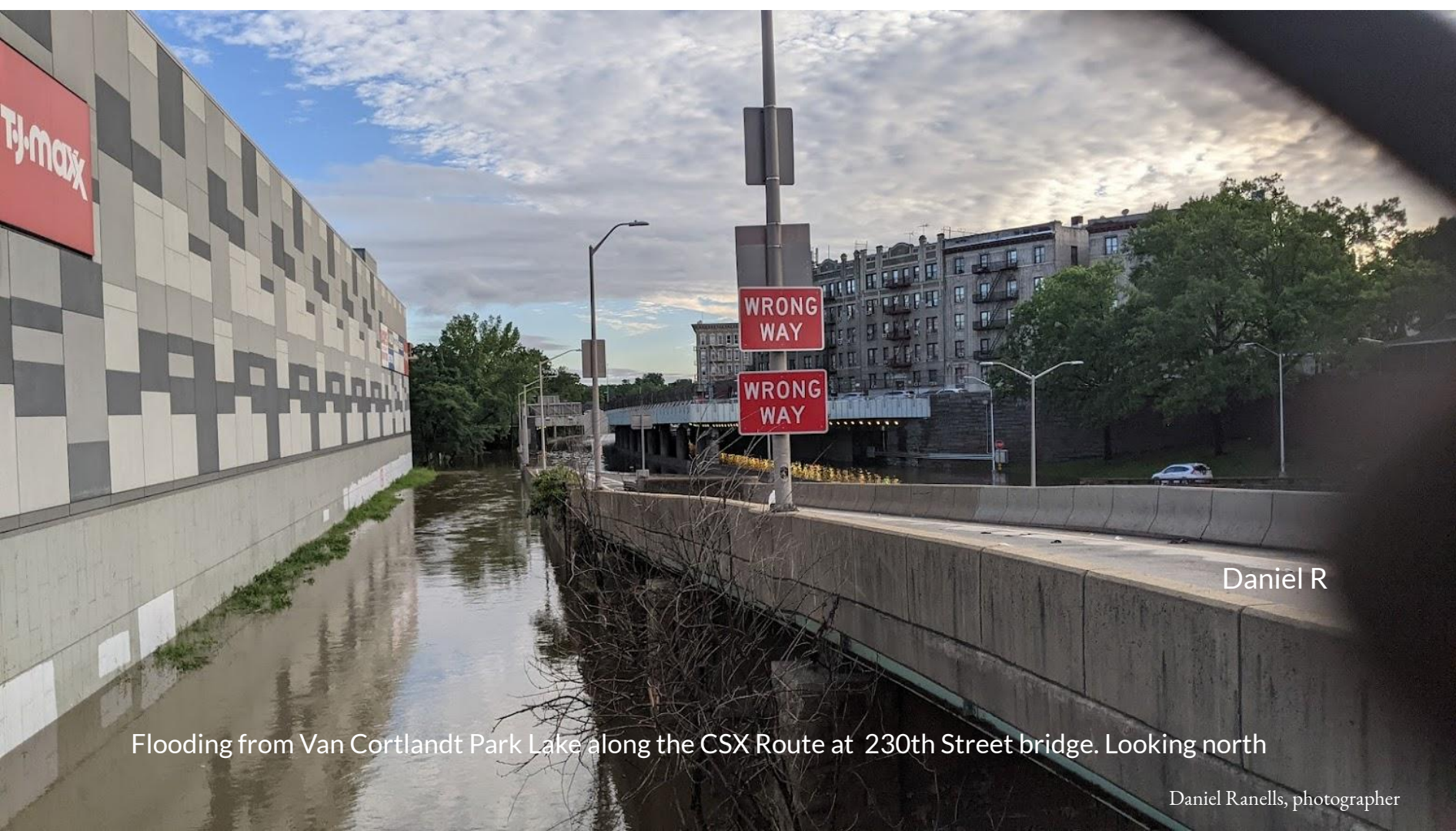
Major Deegan flooding the next day, coming south from 238, including the Put South trail





Major Deegan the next day From VCPS past BJ and onto 235th





Daniel R

Flooding from Van Cortlandt Park Lake along the CSX Route at 230th Street bridge. Looking north

Daniel Ranells, photographer

## Citizen Videos

<https://citizen.com/-MiaggfLIFioj4WZIN12>

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Flooding from Van Cortlandt Park Lake through the CSX Route at 238th Street bridge, the next day.

**Photos were supplied by local photographers or found on social media.**