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## **Online Map Locates Pumpout Facilities for Recreational Boaters**

*More Sites Expected as NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. Announces \$2 Million in New Funding, Applications Now Being Accepted from Public - and Privately-Owned Marinas*

The Environmental Facilities Corporation (EFC) is now offering an online map showing the location of more than 280 pumpout facilities on Lake Ontario, the Long Island Sound, the Erie Canal, the Hudson River and other waterbodies used by recreational boaters. EFC also announced that a new round of funding for the Clean Vessel Assistance Program (CVAP) is making more than \$2 million available for new pumpouts or the repair of existing facilities.

“Thanks to EFC’s Clean Vessel Assistance Program, approximately 1.5 million gallons of septic waste is collected each year for onshore disposal and treatment, resulting in cleaner water in lakes and rivers,” said EFC President and CEO Matthew J. Driscoll. “EFC is proud to announce the development of this online map and looks forward to continuing its work with community-owned and private marinas throughout New York State to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of New York’s navigable waterways.”

The online map, located at [www.efc.ny.gov/CVAPmap](http://www.efc.ny.gov/CVAPmap), will assist boaters in locating pumpout facilities where they can properly remove and dispose of septic waste from their boats. The map also provides detailed information on marinas with pumpout equipment, including their hours of operation and fees for using pumpout equipment.

A new round of funding, totaling \$2,071,250 was recently allocated to New York State by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

EFC provides CVAP grants up to 75% (or \$60,000) of eligible project costs for the installation of pumpout boats by marinas, municipalities, and not-for-profit organizations. Grants up to \$35,000 are available for installing or upgrading stationary pumpout units or upgrading pumpout boats.

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“The beneficial results of the Clean Vessel program can be seen on waterways all across New York State,” said EFC President Driscoll. “CVAP-funded pumpout stations are now available on every waterway in New York, along with pumpout boats and portable disposal units, serving more than 75,000 recreational vessels each boating season.”

CVAP grants are also available for the operation and maintenance of pumpout facilities, as well as educational projects that address the benefits, use, and availability of pumpout stations. To apply for funding or for more information, visit [www.efc.ny.gov/CVAP](http://www.efc.ny.gov/CVAP) or call (518) 402-7461.