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Students Big and Small Stencil Storm Drains to Keep Hudson Clean

In a collaborative effort Tuesday April 22, the City of Newburgh, Mount Saint Mary College students from the Math, Science, and Technology department and first graders from Bishop Dunn teamed up to paint “Please Don’t Pollute” signs on the Newburgh Waterfront storm drains.

Students from both institutions are learning about the environment; and they felt it was wonderful idea to share the knowledge they had learned with each other. The Mount Saint Mary students are pre-service teachers, with a curriculum that encourages students to participate in alternative classroom experiences.

Grandfathered in during the 1990 Clean Water Act, storm drains all over the country often bypass a filtration system and dump directly into our waterways. Some storm drains drain

directly into the Hudson River. These students wanted everyone to know that dumping something down the storm drains means dumping it directly into the



river. It is the hope of both the City of Newburgh and Mount Saint Mary College that each semester a new series of drains can be stenciled by a different local school so that all

drains affected by storm water run-off will be painted and the whole of the community can take part in its care.

For more information on Storm Drain Stenciling and how you can help the Hudson visit:
<http://www.epa.gov/adopt/patch/html/guidelines.html>

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