

# **RARITAN RIVER DATA PORTAL:**

## **EPA Rutgers Raritan River Project**

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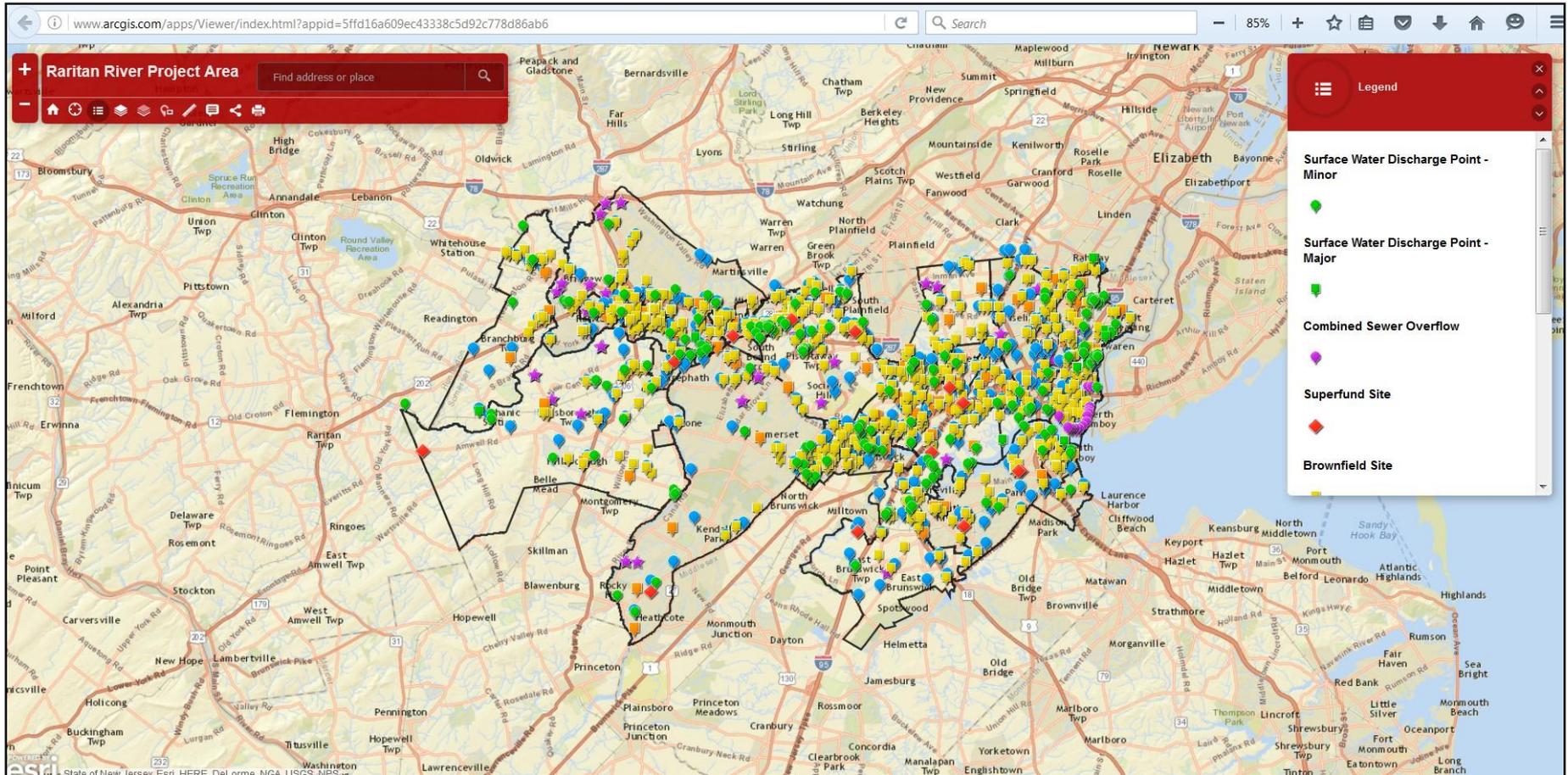
# Water Quality Data

- **Data related to known Superfund, Brownfield and contaminated sites, and point source and non-point source pollution have been collected within the Raritan River Watershed.**
- **However, data are fragmented, inconsistent, and difficult for the general public to access and place into the context of specific community concerns and actions.**
- **Known sources of contamination impact groundwater and surface waters, threaten Raritan watershed biodiversity, and limit public access to this important natural resource.**

# Data Collection and Integration

- **Compiled and integrated existing data and information**
  - **Reviewed Federal, regional, and State websites and databases**
  - **Downloaded most recent, available data**
  - **Compiled database of surface water data and library of journal articles**
  - **Mapped locations with supporting data for display online**
- **Identified data gaps**

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## Future Needs

- **Implement a comprehensive monitoring program on the lower Raritan River and Bay to collect water and sediment samples to help fill data gaps**
- **Develop a plan to update and maintain the portal's water quality data**
- **Better integration of existing water quality data for the Raritan River Watershed into a format that can be readily understood by the general public**

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# Questions?



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