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| **Town of Rye****Matthew Scruton,Town Administrator**

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| **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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| Thursday, July 6, 2023 |

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| Media Contact: Kayla RochonPhone: 617-993-0003Email: kayla@jgpr.net |

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| **Town of Rye Reports Wallis Sands Beach and Parsons Creek Possess High Levels of Bacteria** |
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| RYE — Town Administrator Matthew Scruton reports two separate bodies of water in the Town of Rye have shown elevated levels of bacteria. |

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| On Thursday, July 6, the Town of Rye was notified by state officials that through routine sampling, Wallis Sands Beach currently possess elevated levels of bacteria. Private testing determined that Parsons Creek possesses elevated levels of bacteria. |

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**Wallis Sands Beach**

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| On Thursday, July 6, the Town of Rye was notified by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services that elevated levels of bacteria were present at the beach between Wallis Sands Beach. |

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| The Town of Rye is cooperating fully with NHDES recommendations and has posted the necessary signage indicating to residents and visitors that the body of water contains elevated levels of bacteria. |

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| Residents and visitors to the area are advised to refrain from swimming and other forms of recreating in areas with elevated levels of bacteria as there is a public health risk in doing so. |

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| Water re-sampling is scheduled for Friday, July 7. |

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| Sampling results will be available to the town on Saturday, July 8. Residents will be updated as more information becomes available. |

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**Parsons Creek**

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| On Thursday, July 6, the Town of Rye was notified that routine monitoring samples taken from the Parson’s Creek Watershed on June 27 showed historically high levels of bacteria at several of the testing sites. |

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| The affected sites include Wallis Road at the bridge and the beach access located closest to Concord Point. |

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| The Town of Rye has posted signage alerting residents and visitors of the high levels of bacteria and that swimming or frequenting these areas poses a health risk. |

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| Re-sampling of these areas is being scheduled and the public will be notified when more information becomes available. |

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| *This is an ongoing situation. Updates will be made as information becomes available.* |

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