

Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers: Flow Garden at Schlobohm











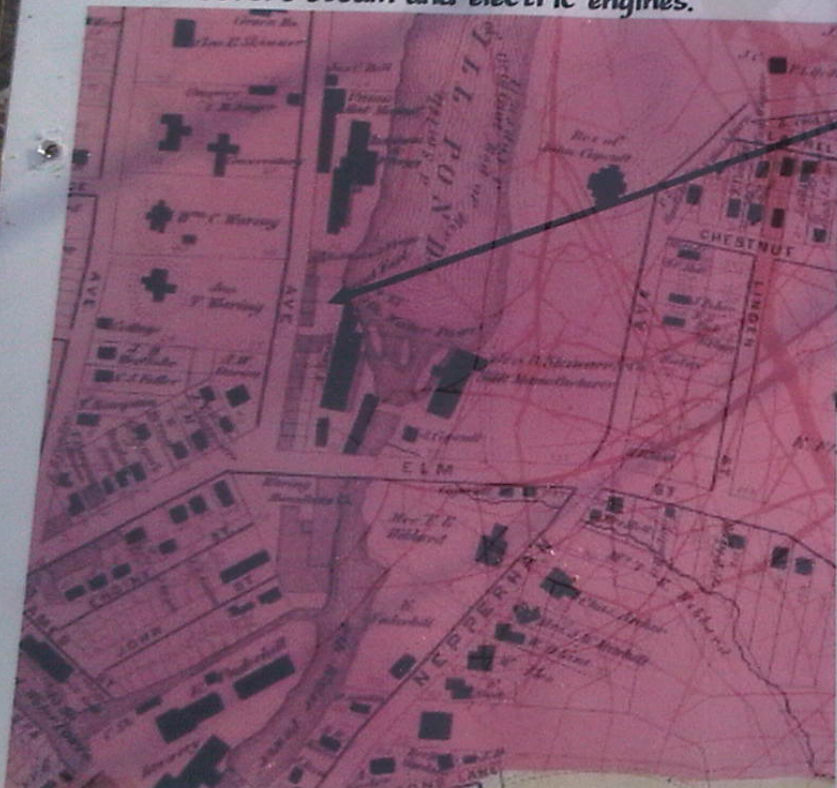






The Saw Mill River

It's hard to imagine now, but without the Saw Mill River, the City of Yonkers might never have existed. Called the "Nepperhan" by Native Americans - meaning "rapid little stream" - the Saw Mill River was used to power mills up and down the river before steam and electric engines.



From an 1868 Map of Yonkers

Where Schlobohm Houses Exist Today

Here you can see the concrete remnants of an old dam. Water passed through channels beside the dam and turned waterwheels creating power for the factory across the river. The building is the former George Skinner and Company Silk Manufacturer (founded 1853) which used the power of water to weave silk cloth. The walls are high because a large pond, created by the dam, once existed to your left. The company went out of business in 1884.

The Saw Mill River Coalition, a program of Groundwork Hudson Valley, is working with partners and communities along the river to restore it to a healthy pre-industrial state. We need your help to keep the river clean. Contact us if you want to volunteer: www.groundworkhvh.org or (914) 375-2151



Schlobohm Labyrinth





The Crew

