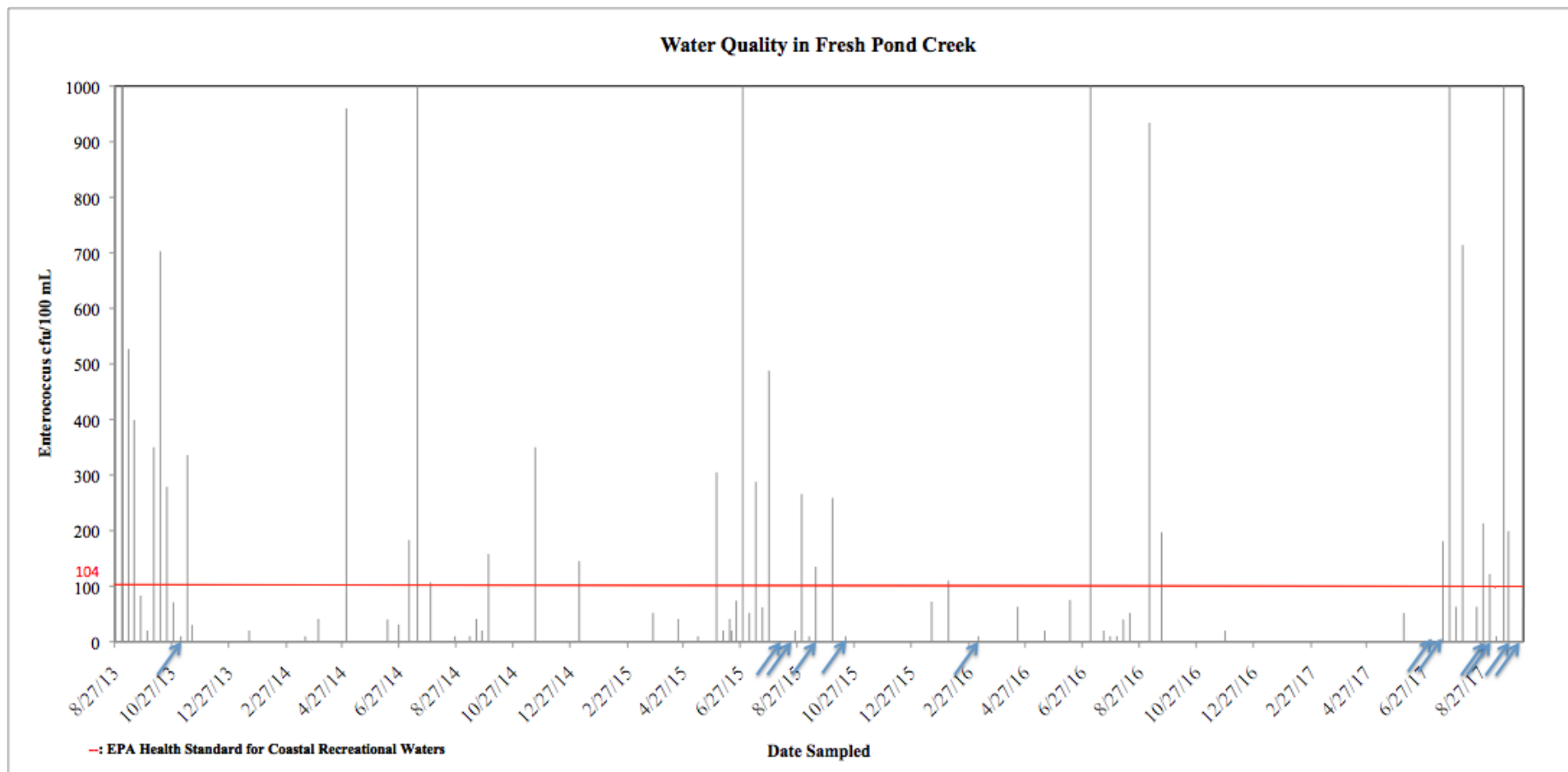


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Surfrider Foundation and the Concerned Citizens of Montauk have been sampling the water at Fresh Pond since August of 2013. Samples are collected and analyzed for *enterococcus*, a coliform bacteria that lives in the gut of warm blooded animals (humans, birds, deer, dogs, etc). When *enterococcus* is detected, it indicates that waters are contaminated with fecal pollution and other pathogens that could make you, your pets, and especially your children, sick. Our results have shown consistently high bacteria levels at Fresh Pond Creek, showing increased levels after rain events and when the creek is closed to the bay. Water quality conditions are primarily concerning because Fresh Pond is a frequently used recreational area for families, and children run a higher risk of getting sick from these waters. We would love to work with the East Hampton Town Trustees for long term solutions to manage the outlet to the bay at this site and to clean up Fresh Pond.

Surfrider’s Blue Water Task Force samples water quality at 50 locations on Eastern Long Island. All data can be accessed online at www.surfrider.org/blue-water-task-force. For any questions, please contact Colleen Henn at chenn@surfrider.org.