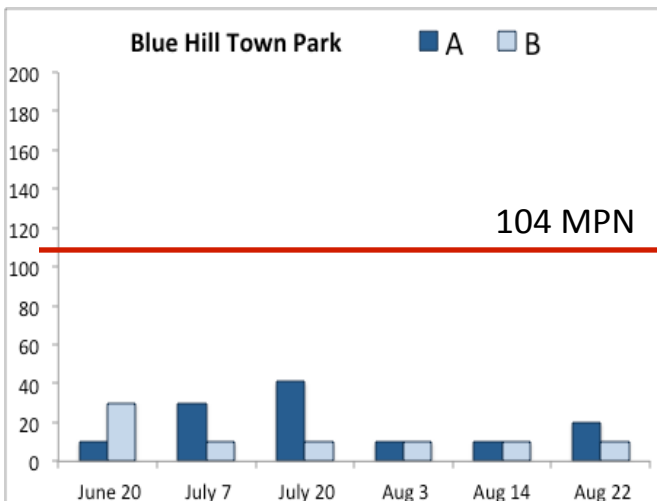
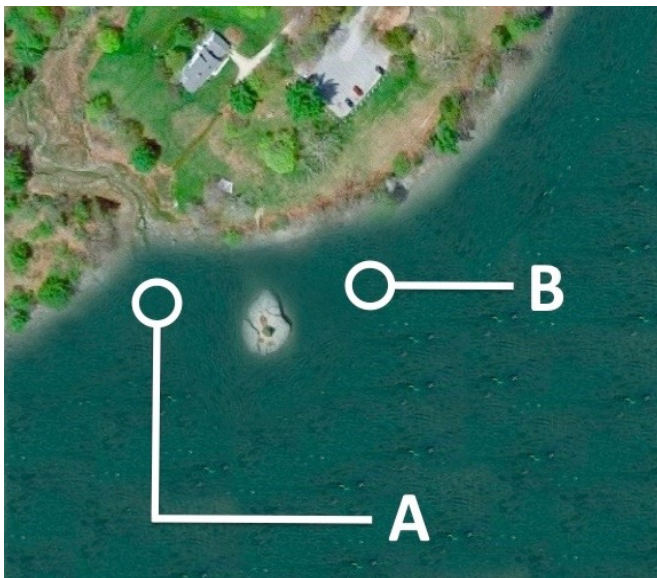


## 2017 Bacteria Levels at Blue Hill Town Park

Enterococci bacteria, though not harmful themselves, indicate the presence of fecal contamination and other potentially harmful bacteria in the water. These are known to cause vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, ear infections, and fever in recreational swimmers. Young children and people with compromised immune systems are especially susceptible. Around the country beaches are monitored to protect the public but The Marine & Environmental Research Institute (MERI) is the only organization that monitors popular beaches in the Blue Hill area, using the same protocols as the Maine Healthy Beaches program assessment parameters from EPA. **According to the EPA, no single sample should exceed 104 Enterococci bacteria and monthly averages should not exceed 35.** The Blue Hill Town Park is sampled every other week.



Blue Hill Town Park — 2017 Enterococci Levels			
Most Recent Sampling Days	Sampling Sites	Enterococci Bacteria Count	Meets EPA Criteria
July 7	A	30	
	B	10	
Jul 20	A	41	
	B	10	
Aug 3	A	10	
	B	10	
Aug 14	A	10	
	B	10	
Aug 22	A	20	
	B	10	
Monthly Average		16.1	

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