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OUR RIVER PLEDGES

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GET RIVER POSITIVE CORE PLEDGES: **OUR RIVER PLEDGES** Ensure storm overflows and sewage treatment works do not harm rivers Improving the health of our regions' rivers is a team game. We believe that water companies Create more opportunities for everyone to enjoy our need to show more leadership. region's rivers We need to listen, be transparent and set out a credible way forward. And that is why we are committing to Get River Positive: our five Support others to improve and care for rivers step plan to the healthiest rivers in the UK. Enhance our rivers and create new habitats so wildlife Get River Positive is underpinned by can thrive five key pledges that pave the way for the restoration and revitalisation of our regions' rivers.



Be open and transparent about our performance and our plans

ww.getriverpositive.co.uk

Get River Positive | Severn Trent Water (stwater.co.uk) is our dedicated website outlining our pledges in more detail and the work we are doing. In addition, our Storm Overflow map providing close to real-time information about our storm overflows across our region is now live. This can be seen here: Storm Overflow Map | In My Area | Severn Trent Water (stwater.co.uk).

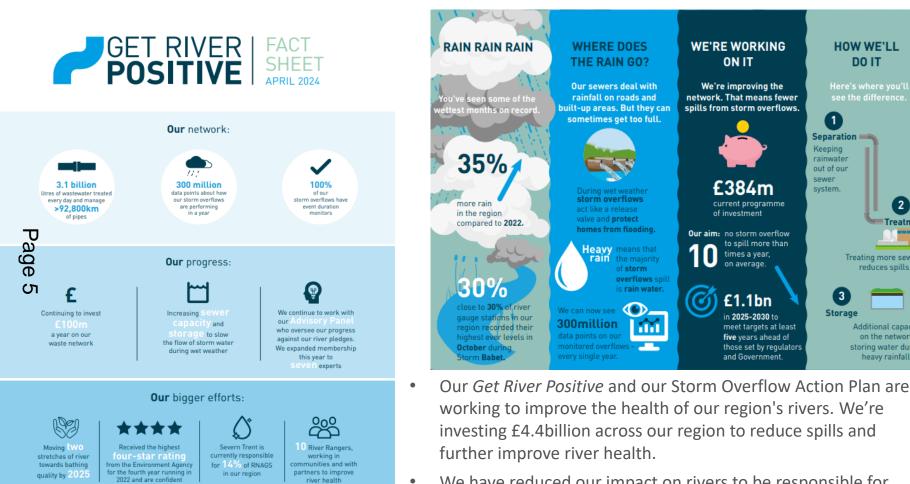
Since January 2022, our team of River Rangers have worked with customers, citizen scientists, community groups and environment organisations to protect and enhance our local rivers.

Get River Positive Report April 2024

GET RIVER







we will be awarded the highest rating for an unprecedented

fifth year in 2023

We have reduced our impact on rivers to be responsible for 14% of RNAGs in our region.

HOW WE'LL

DO IT

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Treating more sewage

reduces spills.

Additional capacity

on the network

storing water during

heavy rainfall.

Treatment

1

rainwater out of our

sewer

system.

Separation 📖 Keeping

3

Storage

ON IT

to spill more than

times a year,

on average.

£1.1bn

in 2025-2030 to

meet targets at least

those set by regulators

five years ahead of

and Government.

STORMING AHEAD: FAST-TRACKING OUR PLANS TO REDUCE SPILLS

- A total investment for 2024/25 of £450m aiming to reduce total storm overflow spills by 20% per year.
- We're set to hit a major milestone in the coming weeks, installing 1,500 overflow improvements ahead of schedule!
- This includes:
 - New storage solutions to capture and store more flows
 - A large-scale community trial of over 8,000 free water butts
 - New 'nature based' solutions including the creation of 70 new reed beds to treat sewage from storm overflows.
 - Enhancements to increase the flow of sewage to treatment works
 - Flap valves to prevent river ingress into the network
 - A Zero Spills hub dedicated to storm overflow improvements



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