Illegal dumping of waste in rivers and waterways
Rivers in Kitakyushu

Ongagawa Rivers family
(1st Grade River)
- under the jurisdiction of national government
  → Outsourcing management to the prefectural government

Murasaki Rivers family
(2nd Grade River)
- under the jurisdiction of prefectural government
  → Outsourcing the management to city government
Experiences of Flood Disaster and River Flooding in Kitakyushu

Serious flood damage in 1953 (Itozu, Kokura-kita)

Sasaogawa River in 1980, Ongagawa Rivers family (Yahatanishi)

In front of City Hall near Murasaki River in 2017

Large-scale flooding in 2009 and 2010 (Tanga, Kokura-kita)
Murasaki River in the mid 1960s and the early 1970s
Vicious Cycle caused by Lack of Awareness of Residents
- Increased flood risks due to illegal dumping into rivers -
Positive Cycle starting from Residents’ Improved Consciousness
- decreased flood risks due to less illegal dumping into rivers -
Changes in Water Quality of Murasaki River

- Evicted squatters from the river-side
Revitalization of Murasaki River
~Kitakyushu’s Experience~

1970s  Present