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# NEWS from the CWC

## Spring is stream cleanup time!

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y., April 6, 2012– The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will once again support groups and individuals who clean litter and other debris from streambanks in their neighborhoods.

Youth and school groups, church organizations, civic and business associations, neighborhood groups and teams of friends are encouraged to scour stream and riversides for trash and to dispose of it properly. The need is particularly acute in the wake of last year’s flooding, but volunteers are warned to take extra care when dealing with large or tangled items. Do not handle potentially hazardous debris, just make public works officials aware of the location of such material.

The CWC will provide trash bags, gloves and tokens of appreciation for those who choose to serve their communities in this way. Call Kim Ackerley at 845-586-1400 to arrange to get these items.

Volunteers might wish to do a cleanup in observance of Earth Day April 22, or to coordinate their efforts with other groups, such as the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program which has planned a May 4 cleanup in the Oliverea Valley and another cleanup on June 23. For information, call Gretchen Rae at gr283@cornell.edu; 845-688-3047.

American Rivers is also calling for groups to participate in the National River Cleanup effort this spring. To register your cleanup activity, participate in a photo contest, and to get more information: [nrc@americanrivers.org](mailto:nrc@americanrivers.org); 202-347-7550, or visit [www.americanrivers.org](http://www.americanrivers.org) and click on the “Take Action” tab.

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