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NEWS from the CWC

CWC ends flood debris grant program

MARGARETVILLE, NY, April 10, 2012 –The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) has announced an April 16 deadline for submission of grant applications for clearing flood debris from stream channels and floodplains.

More than 80 applications have been submitted for funding under the Stream Corridor Protection Debris Removal Program launched by the CWC in December.

“There was no deadline imposed when the program was launched, but the demand for assistance from municipalities and property owners has stretched staff and monetary resources nearly to the limit,” said CWC Executive Director Alan Rosa in explaining what prompted the imposition of an end date for the program.

Applications will not be accepted after 4 p.m. on Monday, April 16.

The CWC Board of Directors allocated \$2.5 million to help Towns, Villages and property owners remove woody and/or man-made debris (floatables) deposited in or alongside streams by Tropical Storms Irene and Lee late last summer. As of March 30, 81 applications had been received, 17 had been deemed ineligible for funding, and 19 were under review. Sixteen have been approved and are awaiting estimates.

Eight debris removal projects have been completed in Greene and Ulster Counties.

The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation based in Margaretville. It is committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, a region encompassing parts of five counties – Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

To learn more about other CWC programs to assist residents and businesses in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, visit www.cwconline.org.