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NEWS from the CWC

CWC awards 21 Education Grants

MARGARETVILE, June 6, 2012 – Twenty-one education grants totaling nearly \$115,000 were recently approved by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors.

The awards will go to schools and non-profit organizations serving school-age students and their teachers in the Catskills and in New York City. This is the 15th year that grants have been distributed for projects and programs to heighten awareness and understanding of the New York City water system and its vast Watershed West of the Hudson River.

A total of 398 Watershed Education grants have been awarded to date in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

The Round 15 grants approved at the May 1 CWC board meeting will fund projects like classroom trout raising, acid rain study and urban water conservation. Unique projects include a water mural planned for a New York City street by an organization called Groundswell, a pilot program to test a new Sustainable Catskills curriculum by the Catskill Center for Conservation & Development, and creation of an educational Watershed video game by RPI students for testing by Onteora and NYC teens.

Several schools will send students for environmental education visits to Frost Valley YMCA and the Ashokan Center; others will host performances of “City That Drinks the Mountain Sky” by Arm-of-the-Sea Theater, and “Twist and Trout,” a musical program by Ira McIntosh.

Other recipients of CWC Education Grants this year include, from the Watershed: Hunter, Delhi and Walton Central Schools, Phoenicia Elementary School, and Woodstock Day School, along with Ulster BOCES, and Farm Catskills.

New York City-based recipients are Friends of PS 166, South Street Seaport Museum, Horticultural Society of New York, Rocking the Boat; Bronx Children’s Museum, PS 57, PS 84, PS 144Q, Eltingville Lutheran School, and Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School

Trout Unlimited will also receive a grant to assist dozens of schools participating in its Trout in the Classroom Program.

The CWC is a non-profit, local development corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information, go to www.cwconline.org, or call toll-free 877-928-7433.

Teachers, parents and school administrators will find information on Watershed and environmental education resources and programs at www.watershededucators.org.

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