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NEWS from the CWC

Flood-damaged non-profits, museums may be eligible for CWC grant

MARGARETVILLE, NY, February 28, 2013 – Non-profit organizations and museums who saw Tropical Storm Irene damage their buildings may receive some assistance in a fresh grant program developed by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) to help the region in its ongoing recovery from the 2011 storm.

Not-for-profit (501-c-3) organizations and State-chartered museums that own buildings in the New York City Catskill or Delaware Watersheds are targeted for the program, which was approved by the CWC Board of Directors in January.

“During 2012, the CWC provided more than \$3 million in grant aid to businesses that suffered flood damage,” said CWC Executive Director Alan Rosa. “Our Board of Directors decided to allocate some of the unexpended funds in that program to non-profit organizations and history centers, knowing they, too, have been badly damaged and in many cases are still struggling to pay for repairs.”

Applicants who can document expenditures for the repair or replacement of structures may be reimbursed up to \$10,000. Ineligible expenses include labor costs or inventory losses, or losses already reimbursed by insurance, government aid or other grants. Structures or the portions of structures used for residential and/or religious purposes are also ineligible for reimbursement.

CWC will accept applications until April 30, 2013. Forms may be obtained by contacting the economic development office at the CWC, 845-586-1400.

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.