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NEWS from the CWC

CWC awards 22 Education Grants

MARGARETVILE, May 30, 2013 – Twenty-two education grants totaling nearly \$125,000 were recently approved by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors.

Twenty awards will go to schools and non-profit organizations serving students and their teachers in the Catskills and in New York City. Two more grants were approved under the Special Program Fund for projects to extend Watershed lessons to general and adult audiences.

The intent of both programs is to heighten awareness and understanding of the New York City water system and its vast Watershed West of the Hudson River.

CWC grants are provided in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

The Round 16 grants approved at the May 7 CWC board meeting will send students to the Ashokan Center and to Frost Valley YMCA Environmental Education Center for direct experience at the source of the water supply for nine million people. Other grants will support Arm of the Sea Theater and Catskill Tales & Tunes water-related performances, as well as equipment for raising Trout in the Classroom.

Three schools will purchase classroom models to allow them to “see” the impacts of non-point source pollution on surface waters and the way groundwater works.

Sullivan County Cooperative Extension will receive two awards -- a regular education grant to teach stream concepts to county teachers, and a Special Program grant to explain stream management issues to creekside Watershed residents with primary homes in New York City.

Other projects include a second water mural planned for a New York City street by an organization called Groundswell that teaches and employs city youth to produce thematic public art; and a Special Program grant to Olive Free Library to provide water-related theater, music and poetry programs.

Another grant will support an exciting new venture by the NYC-based HarborLab to maintain a fleet of kayaks and canoes on the Neversink Reservoir for use by city students and their Watershed peers in conjunction with lessons about water quality and environmental protection.

Other recipients of CWC Education Grants this year include, from the Watershed: Walton and Franklin Central Schools, Phoenicia Elementary School, and Woodstock Day School.

New York City-based recipients are Friends of PS 166, Rocking the Boat; PS 11, PS 144Q, Eltingville Lutheran School, Columbia Secondary School, Brooklyn School of Inquiry, IN-Tech Academy, Earth School, PTA of the Neighborhood School and Family Life Academy Charter 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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