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NEWS from the CWC

CWC assists Windham car wash

MARGARETVILE, August 8, 2013 –A car wash being constructed in Windham will receive funding from the Catskill Watershed Corp. to pay half the cost of stormwater controls.

The CWC Board of Directors on August 6 approved \$112,500 in funding to David Schlowsky who is building the car wash at 5126 State Route 23. The funds will come from the CWC's Future Stormwater Program which helps pay for stormwater treatment systems required by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in its West-of-Hudson Watershed.

The car wash is located within 100 feet of the Batavia Kill stream in the Schoharie Reservoir basin.

The developer may apply directly to the DEP for the remaining half of the cost of the \$225,000 stormwater project.

In other business, the CWC Board approved hiring Jupiter Environmental of Albany to demolish a structure at 141 Delaware Street, Walton. Atlantic Testing of Binghamton will monitor the demolition.

CWC took title to the building, and a neighboring property at 137-139 Delaware through foreclosure on a delinquent loan. The building at 141 Delaware has been condemned by the Village of Walton and is being removed.

Stream project report

The CWC Board also heard from Phil Eskeli, Project Manager of the NYC DEP Stream Management Program, who provided an overview of the many stream repair, restoration and riparian planting projects that have been accomplished or are in the works in the Pepacton and Cannonsville Reservoir basins as part of the Delaware County Stream Corridor Management Program.

A total of 63 projects -- full channel restoration, streambank stabilization, buffer plantings and flood repairs -- have been coordinated by the NYC DEP and the Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District since 2004. Total cost is pegged at \$4,879,443, with City funds matched by funds secured from state and federal sources. Thirty-seven of these projects have been completed.

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.