

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC awards Education Grants to 28 schools and organizations

MARGARETVILLE -- Twenty-eight education grants totaling nearly \$170,000 were recently approved by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors.

Twenty-five awards will go to schools and non-profit organizations serving students and their teachers in the Catskills and in New York City. Three 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.

These funds will allow two schools to 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. A grant to Arm of the Sea Theater will allow the eco-logic performance troupe to bring "City That Drinks the Mountain Sky" to seven schools. Another, awarded to Catskill Center for Conservation & Development, will bring the Streamwatch program of hands-on science to five Catskill Region schools.

Three schools will be able to purchase equipment for raising Trout in the Classroom, and one will purchase classroom models to allow them to "see" the impacts of non-point source pollution on surface waters and the way groundwater works. Another school will enjoy a Catskill Tales & Tunes water-related performance.

A series of original water information banners will be designed, produced and erected at New York City venues by students employed by Groundswell to create thematic public art. In the Watershed, DCMO BOCES students will study aquatic macroinvertebrates and produce digital ID cards for widespread use.

Time & The Valleys Museum in Grahamsville will develop a field trip experience for visiting student groups. Cornell Cooperative Extension Delaware County received a grant to plan a teacher conference on the topic of climate change. A grant to Farm Catskills will allow the production of a CD of water and food related songs composed by students in a previous CWC

grant project orchestrated by “Story Laurie” McIntosh.

Special Program Grants went to Willow Mixed Media for a short video documenting a year in the life of a watershed stream; to Zadock Pratt Museum for an oral history project to document the experiences of 12 local residents in the flood that devastated Prattsville in 2011; and to Greater Fleischmanns Museum of Memories to produce a traveling exhibit on Pepacton Reservoir history.

New York City-based recipients, in addition to Groundswell are Rocking the Boat; PS 57, PS 118, Eltingville Lutheran School, Columbia Secondary School, Pelham Preparatory Academy, Hunters Point Middle School, Bronx Children’s School, NYCH20 and the Horticultural Society of New York.

Watershed recipients in addition to those named include Woodstock Day School, Mountaintop Arboretum, Phoenicia Elementary School, Jefferson Central School, Manhattan Country School Farm, and Greater Roxbury Learning Initiative.

Trout Unlimited will 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. www.cwconline.org.

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