

# **NEWS** from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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## **CWC sponsors workshop on traffic and pedestrian access**

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y. August 11, 2014 – “Getting Around: A Workshop on Improving Traffic Flow and Pedestrian Access in Our Communities” will be sponsored by the Catskill Watershed Corporation on Friday, Sept. 19 in Margaretville.

This free workshop, designed for municipal officials, planners, community leaders, tourism promoters and interested individuals will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Post #216, 903 Main Street, next door to CWC offices. It will feature an overview of the Complete Streets Program, and examples of how area municipalities are improving streetscapes to accommodate users of all ages and abilities.

To register, go to the corporation’s website, [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org).

The Complete Streets initiative of the NYS Department of Transportation will be the topic of a presentation by Lois Chaplin, who served for several years as Bicycle and Pedestrian Specialist with the Cornell Local Roads Program, and Nadine Lemmon, Albany Legislative Advocate for the Tri-State Transportation Campaign. Both speakers have been deeply involved with encouraging and assisting in the development of Complete Streets Plans in municipalities across the state.

A “Complete Street” is a roadway planned and designed to consider the safe, convenient access and mobility of roadway users of all ages and abilities, not just motorists, but pedestrians, bicyclists and public transportation riders, including children, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

In the Complete Streets Act signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo in 2011, state, county and local agencies must consider the convenience and mobility of all users when developing transportation projects that receive state and federal funding.

A Complete Street roadway design takes into consideration sidewalks, lane striping, bicycle lanes, paved shoulders, signage, crosswalks, pedestrian control signals, bus pull outs, curb cuts, ramps and traffic calming measures.

Projects involving many of these elements are being implemented in towns and villages throughout the Catskills Region, and three workshop speakers will discuss their experiences in planning, funding and implementing them. They are Richard Maxey, Mayor, Village of Delhi; Kevin Piccoli, Chairman, Prattsville Local Development Corp.; and Maureen Blanchard, Project Coordinator for Creating Healthy Places in Schoharie County.

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.

