

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC approves loan for distillery

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y. October 23, 2014 – A low-interest loan from the Catskill Fund for the Future will help launch a craft distillery in the Town of Middletown following action by the Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors on October 7.

Union Grove Distillery is being established by Todd Pascarella and Brian Mulder. The CWC loan will go towards the purchase of a 5,000-square-foot building at the intersection of NYS Route 28 and Delaware County Road 38 in Arkville, and will also provide working capital and funds to purchase equipment.

Named for a community that was claimed for the Pepacton Reservoir, Union Grove Distillery will produce quality distilled spirits such as vodka, rye whiskey and bourbon. The enterprise aims to capitalize on the interest in local products and the growing small batch beverage industry.

The Arkville building will provide manufacturing and barrel aging space, storage, a tasting room and gift shop. There is office space, a loading dock and ample parking and the owners anticipate that its location at a prime commercial corner will make the distillery a busy tourist destination. Sales will take place at the store, at area retail locations and at farmers markets and special events.

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, call 845-586-1400.

