

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC stormwater grant applications due Oct. 1

Applications are now available from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) for grants to fund the design, construction, and maintenance of stormwater treatment practices to address existing runoff that is degrading water quality.

Deadline for submission of proposals is October 1, 2015.

The Stormwater Retrofit Program provides funds to municipalities, businesses and individuals to correct conditions that are causing erosion or pollutant loading from existing impervious surfaces in the New York City Watershed west of the Hudson River.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are also available to municipalities to conduct or update community-wide assessments of existing stormwater infrastructure to identify and prioritize potential retrofit projects.

This is the first of five rounds of renewed Stormwater Retrofit Grant funding, which has not been available for several years.

Program rules, applications and instructions can be found at www.cwconline.org, go to Programs/Stormwater. Proposals will be evaluated by CWC and NYC DEP staff, and will be approved by the full CWC Board of Directors in December.

Meanwhile, the CWC invites town and village planning and zoning board members, code enforcement officers (CEOs), engineers, contractors and others involved in the review, design or implementation of stormwater controls to a free training workshop Friday, Sept. 11 at American Legion Post #216, 903 Main Street, Margaretville. Register at www.cwconline.org.

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. FMI: 845-586-1400.

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