

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC Board approves additional septic reimbursement for 2015

MARGARETVILLE, January 7, 2016: Homeowners in the New York City Catskill-Delaware Watershed who repaired or replaced their septic system in 2015 but, because of distance from a watercourse, were not eligible for funding through the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) at the time may now apply for reimbursement.

Because there were unexpended septic program funds at the end of the year, the CWC Board of Directors voted January 5 to accept reimbursement applications for septic rehabilitation completed between December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015 regardless of whether or not those systems are located in an existing priority area.

To obtain an application form and for more information on the septic program, call the CWC at 845-586-1400.

A total of 276 septic repairs were completed in 2015, and another 224 systems were pumped and inspected through the CWC's Septic Maintenance Program. Permanent residents are reimbursed 100 percent of eligible repair costs, while part-time residents can be reimbursed for 60 percent of eligible costs.

In other business at its January 5 meeting, the CWC Board

- authorized reimbursement to Trec Land Vest, LLC for up to \$10,538 for elements of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan required by NYC DEP for a work done at the Hunter Drive-In.
- approved two Stormwater Retrofit grants to update municipal stormwater infrastructure inventories and assessments – one for \$49,325 to the Town of Windham, the other for \$46,550 to the Village of Fleischmanns.
- authorized a Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation grant of \$20,000 to study the possible effects on existing utilities and infrastructure of reclaiming the flood plain in the Water Street area of the Village of Walton. A grant of \$10,000 was awarded to the Town of Walton by the CWC in October to fund a study to determine the feasibility of relocating a telecommunications tower out of the floodplain. Reclamation of the flood plain in that area is recommended by the completed Local Flood Analysis for the West Branch of the Delaware River.

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