

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC awards 26 Watershed Education Grants

MARGARETVILLE -- Twenty-six education grants totaling \$165,000 were recently approved by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors.

Twenty-two awards are for projects serving students and their teachers in the Catskills and in New York City. Four more grants were approved 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 education grants are provided in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

These funds will allow several 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. One of those schools, Columbia Secondary in Manhattan, will team with Tri-Valley Central School to link eighth graders in a study of their shared resource.

The Catskill Center will bring its Streamwatch program to six Watershed schools, and Catskill Mountain Music will be heard in a variety of environmental themes at several schools both in the Watershed and in New York City.

A grant to Arm of the Sea Theater will allow the performance troupe to develop a 'sequel' to its immensely popular "City That Drinks the Mountain Sky" mask and puppet production.

Cornell Cooperative Extension, Delaware County received a grant for a second student summit on the topic of climate change.

In New York City, the non-profit NYCH20 will offer school field trips to former reservoirs in the five boroughs; the Horticultural Society of New York will provide water training to teachers at several schools; and the Children's Museum of Manhattan will continue to develop enhance its outdoor water exhibit, "City Splash."

Trout Unlimited will receive a grant to assist teachers and students participating in its Trout in the Classroom Program.

The Phoenicia Library will plan and install a native garden, the Catskill Center will sponsor

a series of “Art as Ecology” workshops , and Morton Memorial Library in Pine Hill will offer stewardship, foraging and sustainability workshops.

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 programs and resources, including some produced with funds from this grant program, at www.watershededucators.org.