

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC awards funds for hospital stormwater project

The Catskill Watershed Corp. (CWC) Board of Directors on May 3 approved a Stormwater Retrofit Grant of \$307,000 for a project to better treat runoff from the parking lot at Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton.

Design funding of \$26,605 had previously been approved. The most recent grant is for actual construction, which is expected to take place this summer.

The main part of the parking lot, which currently has a single inadequate stormwater structure, will be completely reconstructed and regraded to collect stormwater in new deep sump catch basins. Runoff will then be directed to a system of subsurface chambers where further settling of debris and particulates will occur before the water infiltrates into the ground.

The purpose of the project is to reduce pollutant and phosphorus loading into groundwater and the West Branch of the Delaware River which feeds the City's Cannonsville Reservoir.

After the lot is repaved, sidewalks and curbing will be constructed and the lawn restored. The hospital will contribute \$158,000 in in-kind services.

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.