March, 2020

CWC Greater Catskill Region Comprehensive Recreation DRAFT Plan for Public Review and Comment Extended

On January 31, 2020, the Catskill Watershed Corporation announced the release of a Draft Comprehensive Recreational Plan for the greater Catskill region for public review. The plan focuses on public lands in the Catskill Park and New York City’s Catskill/Delaware watershed. The plan will serve as a reference document to help guide future recreation decisions in the Greater Catskill Region.

After the Public Hearing on February 13, 2020, and at the request of several speaker, the comment period be extended an additional month, and that hard copies of the plan are now available at the following locations for review:

Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, NY
Fairview Library, Margaretville, NY
Middletown Town Hall, Margaretville, NY
Mountain Top Library, Tannersville, NY
Phoenicia Library, Phoenicia, NY

The CWC welcomes you to review the plan, which can also be found at www.cwconline.org. Comments on the plan must be sent to recreationplan@cwconline.org. The deadline for public comments has been extended to Tuesday, March 31st.

CWC Annual Meeting is April 7

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will hold its Annual Meeting of member towns on Tuesday, April 7 at 1 p.m. at the Corporation’s offices, 905 Main St., Margaretville.

Results of the election of four representatives, three from Delaware County and one from Greene County to the CWC Board of Directors will be announced. There will be a video slide show of CWC’s activities over the past year, and the Annual Report for 2019 will be distributed. The floor will then be open for questions and comments from representatives of 39 Member Towns and Villages, and the general public.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting. Agendas can be found after March 25 at cwconline.org.

The public is cordially invited to attend both meetings. Inquiries are welcome at 845-586-1400.
Department of Environmental Protection Encourages Local College Students to Apply for Watershed Internships

Paid internships link college students with engineers and scientists to work on nation’s largest municipal water supply

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) encourages college students to apply for one of 14 summer internships at its offices in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Mountains. These paid internships are in fields related to science and engineering. Those accepted into the summer internship program will have the chance to work alongside DEP scientists, engineers, planners and other professionals who operate, maintain and protect the largest municipal water supply in the United States.

The intern positions available include summer work associated with water quality laboratories, water supply operations, drinking water treatment, environmental health and safety, research and innovation, wastewater and stormwater projects, water system modeling and research, and infrastructure planning. The internships are located at DEP’s offices in Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties. In addition to the watershed positions, DEP also offers many internship opportunities at its offices in New York City.

Information about these internships, including online applications, can be found on the DEP website at: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/job_opportunities/internships.shtml. Prospective interns are encouraged to carefully read the qualifications for each job to determine whether they meet the enrollment, GPA, coursework and other requirements. Candidates must submit applications by April 3.

DEP manages New York City’s water supply, providing more than 1 billion gallons of high-quality water each day to more than 9.6 million New Yorkers. This includes more than 70 upstate communities and institutions in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who consume an average of 110 million total gallons of drinking water daily from New York City’s water supply system. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and other professionals in the watershed. In addition to its $70 million payroll and $168.9 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than $1.7 billion in watershed protection programs—including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council—that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with $20.1 billion in investments planned over the next decade that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/nycwater.

Come Visit Us at the Catskills Great Outdoor Expo on April 4th!

The CWC will be on hand at the Catskills Great Outdoor Expo Saturday April 4 from 10 to 5 at the Best Western Hotel and Conference Center, 503 Washington Ave., Kingston. Find out about boating on NYC reservoirs in the region and get your free recreation access permit on the spot! More than 60 guides, outfitters, businesses, and nonprofit organizations will be at the Expo with information on hiking, horseback riding, paddling, biking, camping, fishing, birding, skiing, and natural history. There will be presentations, demonstrations and local products for purchase. The Expo is organized by the Catskill Center.

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Great turn out for a Presby Environmental Septic Seminar

On March 5, Presby Environmental came to the CWC office to teach engineers and contractors about Presby systems. Over 45 people attended the class to learn about this product. This was a time for regulators, private engineers, and local septic contractors to see examples, ask questions and get feedback of how these systems work.

Septic Professionals Invited to March 18th Seminar

The Catskill Watershed Corporation will host a training seminar by Premier Tech Aqua on Thursday, March 18th from 10am to 1:30p.m. at our offices at 905 Main Street Margaretville. Sign-in starts at 9:30. We will provide lunch.

3 PDH credit for professional engineers will be provided for this training course. Representatives from Premier Tech will be providing training on the use of the Ecoflo Coco Filter products. A Tank will be onsite to view and the Reps will answer any questions.

Registration deadline is March 13th.

You may register at https://cwconline.org/meetingsevents/. If you do not have access to the internet, please call our office and speak to Samantha Costa at 845-586-1400 or e-mail scosta@cwconline.org

Another Seminar for Septic Professionals on April 1st

The Catskill Watershed Corporation will host a training seminar by Anua on Wednesday, April 1st from 8:30am to 12:00p.m. at our offices at 905 Main Street Margaretville. Sign in starts at 8:00. We will provide lunch.

3 PDH credit for professional engineers will be provided for this training course.

Registration deadline is March 30th.

Anua representatives will be giving an overview of Puraflo systems and talking about new and updated design and installation criteria.

You may register at https://cwconline.org/meetingsevents/. If you do not have access to the internet, please call our office and speak to Samantha Costa at 845-586-1400 or e-mail scosta@cwconline.org
Mock Town Hall
Students from Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville and Columbia Secondary School in Manhattan confer on their presentations prior to a mock town hall event debating whether a City reservoir should be built in the Catskills. The 8th graders played the roles of Watershed residents, workers, city officials and city residents before a panel of historians and agency representatives on February 27 at Tri-Valley. The annual event was part of a three-day visit by Columbia students at nearby Frost Valley YMCA, funded in part by the CWC in partnership with the NYC DEP.

CWC Board Approves Several Septic Replacements and Flood Hazard Projects
On March 3, the Catskill Watershed Corp. (CWC) Board of Directors approved several septic system replacements and flood hazard mitigation projects.

The CWC Board of Directors awarded funding for the repair or replacement of eight septic systems for property owners and businesses in seven towns in Delaware, Greene and Ulster Counties.

Additionally the CWC Board of Directors approved five Flood Hazard Mitigation projects in four different towns. Funding approvals included design costs as well as for project costs for stream restoration stabilization.

CWC Provides Stream Cleaning Supplies
April 22 is Earth Day, time to shower a little love on your favorite stream. The Catskill Watershed Corporation provides supplies to groups and individuals who clean litter and other debris from streambanks in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed and dispose of it properly.

Heavy duty trash bags, gloves and tokens of appreciation are available to individuals, youth and school groups, church organizations, civic and business associations, neighborhood groups and teams of friends who volunteer to scour streambanks and riversides for trash.

Call Samantha Costa at 845-586-1400, scosta@cwconline.org, to arrange to get these items. You may also wish to participate in the 27th Annual National River Cleanup effort this spring. To register your cleanup activity, participate in a photo contest, and to get more information, visit https://www.americanrivers.org/ and click on the “Make an Impact” tab to “Take Action”

We are pleased to announce that we will be moving into our new office. Please note that our address has changed and forward any future mail to the address below starting March 23, 2020.
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669 County Route 38
Arkville, NY 12406

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Our telephone number and fax number remain the same.
Tel 845-586-1400, Fax 845-586-1401
Please change your records to reflect our new contact information. Thank you and we look forward in serving you at our new location.