

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC Appoints a New Executive Director

ARKVILLE, N.Y., March 5, 2021– On March 2, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors appointed Jason Merwin as the new Executive Director. Mr. Merwin will replace long time CWC Executive Director, Alan Rosa as he nears his retirement from the organization after over two and a half decades of service. Mr. Merwin has been an employee of CWC for nine years and has been acting as Assistant Executive Director for the previous three years. Mr. Merwin is a 2004 graduate of Gilboa-Conesville Central School and has a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science from the University of Central Florida and a Master’s degree in Public Administration from Marist College.

Outgoing Executive Director, Alan Rosa held the post since 1998. Prior to this Mr. Rosa was the first President of the CWC Board of Directors and was intimately involved with the creation of the corporation. Alan has been a passionate and dedicated advocate for the watershed communities since the early 1990’s. While serving as the elected Supervisor of the Town of Middletown, Delaware County, Alan was the lead negotiator for the local watershed communities and the Coalition of Watershed Towns for over five years of discussions with the City of New York, State of New York, Environmental Protection Agency, and various environmental groups. Those negotiations resulted in the landmark 1997 Watershed Memorandum of Agreement which continues to serve as the basis of all of the Watershed Programs benefiting the local communities. Alan’s perspective, insight, and quiet leadership guided CWC and the watershed communities through numerous successes including opening of City land for recreation and hunting, supporting local businesses with grants immediately following Hurricane Irene, as well as continuation of all CWC Programs.

In other action, the CWC Board of Directors also awarded funding for replacement septic systems and additional construction costs to a total of 13 homeowners in eight towns in Delaware, Greene, and Ulster Counties.

Funding from the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program was approved for construction costs to complete the construction of recommended flood mitigation measures for a homeowner in the Town of Prattsville.

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several environmental protection, economic development, and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. www.cwconline.org