

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC Board Approves Public Education Grants

ARKVILLE, N.Y., May 9, 2022– Grants totaling nearly \$158,000 were recently awarded by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) to schools and non-profit organizations planning watershed education projects and programs.

Twenty-Two grants will bring lessons in water quality and the New York City water system and Watershed to more than 3,500 students and teachers. Five hundred people will participate in programs and projects geared toward general and adult audiences.

Grants will fund a range of projects, from watershed education initiatives to water quality testing as well as multiple field trips. Each will teach the importance of clean water, and the connection between New York City and the Catskill-Delaware Region where most of the City's water originates.

Four new applicants were approved for funding in this 25th annual grant round. These include The East Village Community School for their 5th grade Watershed Community Engagement Project, Bronx Children's Museum to institute its Nature of the Bronx program, Woodland Playhouse Pre-School in Shandaken for their Watershed Exploration Program, and Urban Academy Laboratory High School to learn about the past, present and future of NYC Water.

Watershed region recipients include Hanford Mills Museum, Onteora/Bennett Elementary School, Jefferson Central School, Prattsville Art Project, Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, Woodland Playhouse Pre-School, Woodstock Day School, Michael Kudish Natural History Preserve in Stamford, and John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge in Roxbury.

New York City recipients include NYC H2O, Inc., South Street Seaport Museum, The East Village Community School, Columbia Secondary School, The Horticultural Society of New York, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, City Parks Foundation, Bronx Children's Museum, The Red Hook Neighborhood School, and Urban Academy Laboratory High School.

CWC education grants are provided in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for 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 can find information on Watershed environmental education programs and resources, including some produced with funds from this grant program, at www.watershededucators.org.