

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC Board Approves Public Education Grants

ARKVILLE, N.Y., May 20, 2021– Grants totaling nearly \$183,000 were recently awarded by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) to schools and non-profit organizations planning Watershed Education projects and programs.

28 grants will bring lessons in water quality and the New York City water system and Watershed to more than 7,000 students and teachers. 800 people will participate in programs and projects geared toward general and adult audiences.

Grants will fund a range of projects, from watershed education initiatives at Hanford Mills Museum to the water quality testing of Liddle Brook at Andes Central School. 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.

Three new applicants were approved for funding in this 24th annual grant round. These include Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School for a Trout in the Classroom program, The Urban Assembly Unison School which will institute its Trout in the Classroom at Unison program and The Catskill Water Discovery Center which will be instituting "Camp H2O".

Watershed region recipients include Onteora/Bennett Elementary School, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Delaware County, Time and the Valleys Museum, Catskill Center for Conservation and Development, The Ashokan Center, Catskill Water Discovery Center, Michael Kudish Natural History Preserve, John Burroughs' Woodchuck Lodge, Catskill Mountain Club and the Olive Free Library.

New York City recipients include MS 442 School for Innovation, NYC H2O, Inc.; Monsignor McClancy Memorial High School; South Street Seaport Museum; Genovesi Environmental Study Center; PTA of the Neighborhood School, MS 371 SEED: Harlem; Columbia Secondary School for Math, Science and Engineering; City Parks Foundation; PS 62Q Chester Park/Elementary School for Computer Science and Innovation; The Horticultural Society of New York, Rocking the Boat, The Urban Assembly Unison School and St. John's

Preparatory School.

Trout Unlimited will also receive a grant to conduct workshops for watershed region and NYC teachers participating in its Trout in the Classroom program.

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