

# **NEWS** from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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## **CWC Approves Economic Development Loans, Flood Grants, and Funding for Septic System Repairs**

ARKVILLE, N.Y., July 8, 2022– On July 5, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors approved funding for several projects in the Septic Program, two Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program grants, and three economic development loans.

Eighteen homeowners in 15 towns in Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, and Ulster Counties were awarded reimbursement grants for septic repairs or replacements to fix current septic systems that are failing or likely to fail. Construction will be completed by contractors of the homeowner's choosing. Homeowners experiencing septic issues are encouraged to contact CWC directly.

The Board approved two projects under the Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program. The first is to Greene County Highway Department to design a repair to a critical culvert to ensure uninterrupted emergency access in the Town of Halcott. The second grant is to a property owner in the hamlet of Phoenicia, Ulster County to secure an existing oil tank located in their basement and also within the 100 year floodplain. Straps and secure footings will prevent the tank from moving and spilling its contents in future floods. Property owners in hamlets and villages in the West of Hudson Watershed are encouraged to contact CWC for funding of projects to mitigate future flood damage.

The CWC Board also approved three loans from the Catskill Fund for the Future economic development fund. The first is to Bovina Spirits to move operations from property it has outgrown in Bovina to the Town of Kortright, both locations in Delaware County. The second loan to BMTA, LLC will allow for the opening of a small grocery/convenience store in the Town of Lexington in Greene County. The third loan will provide up front working capital funds for a grant project approved for the M-ARK Project. The CWC loan will be repaid by a New York State reimbursement grant. The Catskill Fund for the Future is a revolving loan program for businesses in West of Hudson Watershed Towns.

Interested businesses should contact CWC.

All CWC Board meetings are open to the public consistent with New York State Open Meetings Law. The CWC is a locally based and locally staffed 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](http://www.cwconline.org).