

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC Approves Funding for Many Projects in the Watershed

ARKVILLE, N.Y., September 7, 2022– On September 6, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors approved funding for many projects under the Septic Repair and Replacement Program.

Twenty-Seven homeowners in 14 towns in Delaware, Greene and Ulster Counties were awarded reimbursement grants for septic repairs or replacements to provide functioning septic systems throughout the Watershed. Construction will be completed by contractors of the homeowner's choosing. Homeowners experiencing septic issues are encouraged to contact CWC directly.

The Board also approved two flood hazard mitigation projects. The Chicken Run Restaurant in the Town of Windham was approved for funding for a feasibility study of the restaurant and property for flood proofing to avoid future flood damages. A grant was also approved for construction costs to flood proof a Main Street structure in the Village of Walton. The grant will reimburse for filling in the basement that is below the flood elevation, installing a concrete curb wall, moving all windows and doors to above the base flood elevation, installation of flood shields, and relocation of all utilities from the basement to the first floor. Property owners in hamlets and villages in the West of Hudson Watershed are encouraged to contact CWC for information regarding grants for projects to mitigate future flood damage.

The CWC Board also approved funding for DEP required stormwater constructions costs for a homeowner in the Town of Woodstock under the Future Stormwater program. These construction costs included the installation of three rain gardens, construction of vegetated swales, plunge pools for velocity reduction, inlet and outlet drainage repairs, and a stormwater pond. Property owners who have applied for or received NYCDEP Stormwater Permit are encouraged to contact CWC for possible reimbursement.

CWC Executive Director, Jason Merwin says he is proud of the work CWC is doing on behalf of the Watershed communities. These grants are providing

incredible benefits to residents, businesses and visitors of the Watershed in addition to the millions of users of the water supply in New York City.

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