

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC Approves Funding for Flood Hazard Project and Several Septic Repairs and Replacements

ARKVILLE, N.Y., February 9, 2023– On February 7, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors approved funding for several projects throughout the Watershed.

The CWC Board approved funding for several Flood Hazard Mitigation projects. Two property owners were approved for feasibility studies for the flood mitigation measures of existing structures. A homeowner on Main Street in the Town of Prattville was awarded funding to evaluate the possible flood mitigation measures that can be utilized at his residence, as well as a homeowner of a multi-family residence in the Town of Shandaken. Flood mitigation measures at individual properties can range from elevation of the structure to relocating utilities to a height above the 100 year flood elevation. Additional feasibility study funds were also awarded to the Village of Hunter to evaluate potential relocation sites for the Hunter Fire Department. CWC also approved Dan's Hauling & Demolition Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder for the demolition of flood damaged structures on two NYCDEP Flood buyout properties. The Town of Olive and Village of Hunter previously approved NYCDEP Funded Flood Buyouts for each property. Property owners and municipal leaders in hamlets and villages within the West of Hudson Watershed are encouraged to contact CWC for information regarding grants for projects to mitigate future flood damage.

The CWC Board approved grant funding to 20 homeowners in 13 towns in Delaware, Greene, and Ulster Counties for septic repairs or replacements in an effort to ensure functioning septic systems throughout the Watershed. Some of these replacements consisted of additional reimbursement for additional work corroborated by the homeowner's engineer, material price increases, or second time repair for systems that were replaced more than ten years ago under a previous CWC grant to the property owner. All construction of these repairs will be completed by contractors of the homeowner's choosing. Homeowners experiencing septic issues are encouraged to contact CWC directly.

Over \$7,000 of grant funds were also awarded to an applicant for their stormwater project in the Town of Windham. The funds are used to pay for additional costs

incurred by the property owner to comply with the stricter stormwater regulations that exist within the Watershed. Property owners with questions regarding stormwater regulations should reach out to CWC for assistance and to determine eligibility for grants.

Lastly, four small business loans were approved by the CWC Board. The CWC Economic Development Program has seen a large increase in participation over the past year. If you own or are looking to start a business within a Watershed town, CWC offers low interest loans to qualified applicants. Reach out to CWC Economic Development staff to get more information.

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