

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC Approves Funds for Windham Ambulance Facility

ARKVILLE, N.Y., March 8, 2023– On March 7, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors approved funding for several projects throughout the Watershed.

The CWC Board approved funding for multiple Future Stormwater Projects. Funding totaling over \$133,000 was approved for design and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the Town of Windham Ambulance Facility located on South Street, in the Town of Windham, Greene County. The project will add over 40,000 square feet of new impervious surfaces and will disturb 1.94 acres for the construction of the new facility, parking area, sewer and water connections, stormwater facilities and associated grading. The Stormwater controls include erosion and sediment controls, four catch basins and associated piping, diversion swales, rip rap outlet weirs, pea stone and two large retention basins. To meet Watershed Regulations this project requires NYCDEP review and approval of the SWPPP. CWC's Future Stormwater Program exists to help offset those additional costs.

A property located on State Route 55 in the Town of Neversink was also approved for funding for a SWPPP. This project includes new impervious surfaces within 100 feet of a wetland/watercourse in a designated hamlet area. This project consists of an 864 foot ice cream stand and associated outdoor eating and parking areas. The components necessary to obtain DEP SWPPP approval for the post construction project include permanent riprap check dams, a bioretention basin with associated plantings, stone distribution channels, outlet structures and an overflow swale.

Lastly, the CWC Board approved additional funding under the Future Stormwater Program to Hotel Dylan, Ulster County for rock hammering and removal that was necessary for installation of NYCDEP required stormwater controls. This project included paving the parking lot for an existing hotel and restaurant and addressing the runoff associated with the work.

The CWC Board also approved funding from the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program to the Town of Denning for the Peekamoose Road feasibility study for the protection of the road and utility services for several residences in the hamlet of Sundown.

CWC approved another feasibility study under the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program for a commercial building located on Main Street, Pine Hill in the Town of Shandaken. This property is located within the FEMA regulated floodplain so possible flood mitigation measures need to be evaluated to determine what can be done to protect the structure. 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 also approved grant funding to 25 homeowners in 16 towns in Delaware, Greene, and Ulster Counties for septic repairs or replacements to ensure functioning septic systems throughout the Watershed. In addition to reimbursing homeowners to replace failing septic systems, some of these replacements consisted of 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.

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