

NEWS from the Catskill Watershed Corp

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CWC Approves Reimbursement for Several Stormwater Projects

ARKVILLE, N.Y., August 4, 2023– On August 1, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors approved funding for several projects under the Future Stormwater Program as well as the Septic Repair and Replacement Program.

The Board of Directors approved reimbursement for design costs associated with the Haines Falls Fire District under the Future Stormwater program. The Haines Falls Fire District applied to New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYC DEP) for a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the design required for construction of an approximately 50 feet by 50 feet garage that is within 100 feet of a watercourse. With an anticipated disturbance under 1 acre, the proposed stormwater practice is to install a bioretention basin for any runoff from the new structure and disturbed area.

Another project approved by the Board of Directors is the design and construction of a 4-lot subdivision in the Town of Windham. An estimated 84,000 square feet of new impervious area will be added to the site requiring an approved NYC DEP SWPPP to meet the Watershed Regulations. The design components of this project include erosion and sediment controls, diversion swales, drainage ditches lining the entire access road, multiple culverts, large flow diffuser, pre-treatment basin with an outlet structure, and infiltration basin with a retaining wall.

An additional stormwater reimbursement application was also passed by the CWC Board of Directors to Four Goats LLC, a gas station/convenience store in the Town of Neversink. The owner requested funding for operation and maintenance costs for NYC DEP required stormwater controls. Eligible expenses include removal of silt and oil from an oil/water separator, gutters, and catch basins. Stormwater catch basins can quickly fill with sediment and require regular upkeep.

The CWC Board also approved funding to twenty-seven homeowners in 14 towns in Delaware, Greene, and Ulster Counties who were awarded reimbursement grants for septic repairs or replacements to provide functioning septic systems throughout the Watershed. Some of these replacements consisted of reimbursement due to additional work corroborated by the homeowner's engineer, material price increases, or second time repair for systems that were replaced

more than twenty years ago under a previous CWC grant to the property owner. Construction 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