

Minutes
CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION
Wastewater/Stormwater Committee Tuesday, October 7, 2025 @ 9:00 AM

Attendees: James Sofranko (Director), Tina Mole (Director), Joseph Cetta (Director), John Kosier (Director), Chris Mathews (Director), Jeff Senterman (Director), Allen Hinkley (Director), Shilo Williams (DEP)

Others: Jason Merwin (CWC), Tim Cox (CWC), Racheal Burger (CWC), Joe Bacci (CWC), Lindsay Ballard (CWC), Donald Brown (CWC), Eric Lane (CWC), Jessica Fiedler (CWC), Lynn Kavanagh (CWC), Gemma Young (CWC), Rena Baker (CWC), Barb Puglisi (CWC), Samantha Costa (CWC), Zach Baldwin-Way (CWC), Rich Parete (Director), Thomas Hoyt (Director), George Haynes (Director), Aaron Bennett (DEP), Nick Sadler (DEP), Gerson Tavaréz (DEP), Michael MaLoney (DOH), John Schwartz (DEP), Mike Meyer (DEP), Matt Gianetta (DEP), Pat Palmer (NYSDOH) Via Zoom; Tom Stalter (NYCDEP), Dymitry Ostapyshyn (NYCDEP), John Wimbush (NYSDOH), Nick Carbone (Watershed Affairs Coordinator), Heidi Emrich (Ulster County Environmental Planner), Morgan Tarbell (NYSDOH), Pauline Wanjugi (NYSDOH)

The meeting was called to order by James Sofranko at 9:02 AM.

- I. Review minutes from September 2, 2025 meeting. Minutes approved as written by a motion from Joseph Cetta and the motion was seconded by Jeff Senterman. Motion carried.

1. Community Wastewater Management Program

General Project Updates:

CWMP III

New Kingston –

Halcottsville-

Shokan-

2. Future Stormwater Program

Austin Brown (McMurdy Brook Subdivision)

Program: FSW

Address: McMurdy Brook Road, South Kortright, NY

Engineer: Headwaters Engineering

Contractor: Dianich Excavating Inc.

Tax Parcel ID: 68.-4-9

Project Description:

On April 29, 2025, DEP approved the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Austin Brown's property located in South Kortright, New York. The project required NYC DEP review and approval of a SWPPP to meet Watershed Regulations. In June 2024, the CWC Board previously approved resolution #5333 for mitigation construction work to stabilize the site and estimated design costs to implement a SWPPP

Mr. Brown re-constructed an existing gravel driveway and has no plans to build or develop the site any further. Mr. Brown was required by DEP to stabilize the length of the driveway by implementing temporary erosion and sediment controls. He was also required to implement a SWPPP which has been designed and approved for final construction stabilization of the gravel driveway.

Mr. Brown submitted an application on August 20, 2025, for estimated construction work to stabilize the site. Estimated construction costs with a CWC added 15% contingency totaled Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$55,650.80). The applicant has elected 100% of DEP stormwater costs as the project does not have any NYSDEC post construction control requirements. Funding for this project is from the Future Stormwater Program only.

COST BREAKOUT	
Design:	\$0
Construction:	\$48,392.00
Total:	\$48,392.00
15% Contingency:	\$7,258.80
TOTAL:	\$55,650.80
100% Election	\$55,650.80
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	
FSW Funding	\$55,650.80
MOA-145 Funding	\$0

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to **Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$55,650.80)** to Austin Brown for estimated costs associated with constructing a SWPPP required solely by NYC Watershed Regulations.

Recommended Future Stormwater Funding Request not to exceed \$55,650.80

A motion was made by John Kosier to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's November meeting. The motion was seconded by Tina Mole. Motion carried.

Oorah Inc.

Program: FSW

Address: 123 Scotch Valley Road, Town of Jefferson

Engineer: Lamont Engineers

Tax Parcel ID: 188.-2-20

Project Description:

On August 14, 2024, DEP approved the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Oorah Inc., located on Scotch Valley Road in the town of Jefferson, NY. The applicant also obtained an Individual State SPDES permit from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). An individual SPDES permit was prepared because the proposed activity was ineligible for coverage under the SPDES General Permit as the project is intended to disturb over 26 acres on slopes greater than 25%.

The project will consist of clearing approximately 16 acres of wooded areas on the mountain in between the old ski trails. The cleared areas will be restored to an open grassy meadow for animal grazing. A 7,500 sf ballroom building addition will be constructed. Stormwater controls include erosion and sediment controls, a bioretention basin, a Bayfilter Stormwater Filtering System, and a dry detention basin.

Oorah Inc. submitted an application on September 4, 2025. Actual engineering costs totaled Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Six Cents (\$33,627.76). The applicant has elected for 35% reimbursement of all DEP and DEC stormwater costs or Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine

Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$11,769.72). The 35% option was elected as the project requires an Individual Permit from NYS.

COST BREAKOUT	
Design:	\$33,627.76
Construction:	\$0
Total:	\$33,627.76
15% Contingency:	\$0
TOTAL:	\$33,627.76
35% Election	\$11,769.72
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	
FSW Funding	\$11,769.72
MOA-145 Funding	\$0

CWC staff recommends reimbursement of up to Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Two Cents (\$11,769.72) to Oorah Inc. for the design costs of implementing a SWPPP required by NYC Watershed Regulations and NYS Individual State Permit.

Recommended Future Stormwater Funding Request not to exceed \$11,769.72

A motion was made by Joseph Cetta to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's November meeting. The motion was seconded by Allen Hinkley. Motion carried.

Creekside at Hunter, LLC

Program: MOA 145

Address: 7763, 7765 & 7773 Main Street; Village of Hunter; Greene County

Engineer: Lamont Engineers

Tax Parcel ID: 164.10-2-40, 164.10-2-41 & 164.10-2-42

Project Description:

On May 23, 2025, DEP approved an Individual Residential Stormwater Permit (IRSP) for Creekside at Hunter, LLC, for three residential dwellings located off Main Street in the Village of Hunter. The residences are located within 100 feet of a watercourse requiring an approved IRSP to comply with the Watershed Regulations. Coverage under the NYS DEC General Permit was not required.

The project consisted of the construction of three residential dwellings and associated parking. Stormwater controls included erosion and sediment controls and multiple rain gardens for each dwelling. Once the properties are sold, each individual lot owner will be eligible for their own O&M costs to maintain the gardens.

Creekside at Hunter, LLC submitted an application on September 11, 2025. Actual engineering and construction costs totaled Fifty-Five Thousand Eighty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$55,085.52). The applicant has elected for 100% reimbursement of DEP only stormwater costs.

COST BREAKOUT	
Design:	\$1,375.00
Construction:	\$53,710.52
Total:	\$55,085.52
15% Contingency:	\$0
TOTAL:	\$55,085.52
100% Election	\$55,085.52
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	

FSW Funding	\$0
MOA-145 Funding	\$55,085.52

CWC staff recommends reimbursement of up to Fifty-Five Thousand Eighty-Five Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$55,085.52) to Creekside at Hunter, LLC from the MOA 145 program for the design and construction costs of implementing a SWPPP required by NYC Watershed Regulations.

Recommended MOA 145 Funding Request not to exceed \$55,085.52

A motion was made by Jeff Senterman to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's November meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Sofranko. Motion carried.

Shandaken Inn Properties LLC

Program: FSW/MOA 145

Address: 1 Golf Course Road, Shandaken NY 12480

Engineer: Peak Engineering

Contractor: JW Dirtworks & Gardens by Trista

Tax Parcel ID: 4.20-1- 21.110

Project Description:

On July 21, 2022, DEP approved a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Shandaken Inn Properties LLC, located in Shandaken, NY. The proposed project required a full SWPPP to meet the NYC DEP Watershed Regulations. In addition, a full SWPPP was required for coverage under the NYS DEC "General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities" (GP-0-20-001).

The project consisted of constructing four rental cabins and driveway/parking areas. The stormwater treatment system consisted of multiple rain gardens for each cabin and erosion and sediment controls.

Shandaken Inn Properties LLC submitted an application on June 20, 2025. Actual engineering and construction costs totaled Sixty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$62,638.50). The applicant has elected for 50% reimbursement of all DEP & DEC stormwater costs for a total of Thirty-One Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$31,319.25). The applicant is also considered a small business; therefore, funding will be divided between the Future Stormwater Program and the MOA 145 or Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$15,659.63) from each program.

COST BREAKOUT	
Design:	\$30,712.00
Construction:	\$31,926.00
Total:	\$62,638.50
15% Contingency:	\$0
TOTAL:	\$62,638.50
50% Election	\$31,319.25
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	
FSW Funding	\$15,659.63
MOA-145 Funding	\$15,659.63

CWC staff recommends reimbursement of up to Fifteen Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$15,659.63) to Shandaken Inn Properties LLC from both the Future Stormwater Program and

from the MOA-145 Program for the design and construction costs of implementing a SWPPP required by NYC Watershed Regulations and NYS General Permit.

Recommended Future Stormwater Funding Request not to exceed \$15,659.63

Recommended MOA-145 Funding Request not to exceed \$15,659.63

A motion was made by Shilo Williams to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's November meeting. The motion was seconded by Joseph Cetta. Motion carried.

3. Stormwater Retrofit Program

Olive Free Library Association (O&M Phase)

Program: Retrofit III

Address: 4033 Route 28A, West Shokan, NY

Engineer: LaBella Associates

Contractor: Evergreen Mountain Construction

Project Description:

On September 17, 2025, CWC received an application from the Olive Free Library Association for Operation & Maintenance phase funding. The project is located along Route 28A in West Shokan, NY. The construction phase has been completed and CWC and DEP have agreed to move the project into the operation and maintenance phase.

The completed construction will improve on-site drainage through the installation of 2 new catch basins with an outlet pipe to the creek. StormBasin Filters were installed in each new catch basin to improve water quality and reduce phosphorus.

Design and Construction costs totaled Ninety-One Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Three Dollars and Fourteen Cents (\$91,893.14). The applicant is eligible for 17.6% of the total design and construction costs or Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$16,173.19).

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Three Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$16,173.19) to the Olive Free Library Association for Operation & Maintenance costs associated with retrofitting their facilities with stormwater best management practices.

Recommended Retrofit Funding not-to-exceed \$16,173.19

A motion was made by Jim Sofranko to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's November meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris Matthews. Motion carried.

Town of Jewett – Jewett Municipal Facility (Design Phase)

Program: Retrofit III

Address: County Route 23, Jewett, NY

Engineer: SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture, and Land Surveying, PC (SLR)

Project Description:

On September 19, 2025, CWC received an application from the Town of Jewett for their Municipal Facilities located along County Route 23 in Jewett, New York. The CWC Board approved resolution #4583 for the conceptual design phase in November 2022. On March 31, 2025, DEP issued a Concept Design Approval

Memo stating DEP's agreement to move the project to the next stage. The current application addresses the final design phase for an up-to amount of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$111,500.00).

The scope of work includes data collection, technical engineering and O&M plans, opinion of probable construction costs, contracts documents and bidding assistance. The proposed stormwater controls include grassed line swales, a bioretention basin, dry swales, catch basins, and two underground filterra systems.

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to One Hundred Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$111,500.00) to the Town of Jewett for estimated final design costs associated with retrofitting their municipal facilities with stormwater best management practices.

Recommended Retrofit Funding not-to-exceed \$111,500.00

A motion was made by Jeff Senterman to approve the request for funding and forward the funding request onto the CWC Board of Director's November meeting. The motion was seconded by John Kosier. Motion carried.

4. Local Flood Hazard Mitigation

Project Description:

5. Other:

II. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025

III. Adjournment 9:28 AM