

Minutes
CATSKILL WATERSHED CORPORATION
Wastewater/Stormwater Committee Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

Attendees: James Sofranko (Director), Joseph Cetta (Director), Tina Mole (Director), John Kosier (Director), Jeff Senterman (Director), Allen Hinkley (Director), Christopher Mathews (Director), Shilo Williams (DEP).
Excused: Tom Snow.

Others: John Mathiesen (CWC), Jason Merwin (CWC), Tim Cox (CWC), Racheal Burger (CWC), Lindsay Ballard (CWC), Donald Brown (CWC), Jim Martin (CWC), Eric Lane (CWC), Jessica Fiedler (CWC), Lynn Kavanagh (CWC), Gemma Young (CWC), Barbara Puglisi (CWC), Samantha Costa (CWC), Zach Baldwin-Way (CWC), Brian Sullivan (CWC), Innes Kasanof (Director), Rich Parete (Director), Alicia Terry (Director), George Haynes (Director), Nick Sadler (DEP), Aaron Bennett (DEP), Michael Meyer (DEP), Gerson Tavarez (DEP), Pat Palmer (NYSDOH), Morgan Tarbell (NYSDOH), Karen Stainbrook (NYSDEC), Kristina Gutches (NYSDEC) Heidi Emrich (Ulster County Environmental Planner), Joan Lawrence-Bauer (Walton Reporter).

Via Zoom:

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

- I. Review minutes from February 3, 2026, 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

Halcottsville- Inspections to be completed in the spring and fall of 2026. Maintenance Bond is good through 2026.

Shokan- On August 10, 2020, the NYCDEP approved the Block Grant for the Shokan project for a total not to exceed \$48,715,000.00. This will provide funding of a wastewater project for the Hamlet of Shokan and making modifications to the existing Boiceville WWTP.

It has been determined that the costs for this project will be closer to \$75 million. The remaining funds that are needed for the project are being put into place by the City and the balance of funds needed will come out of CWC's CFF Program with that amount being used to be reimbursed to CFF once completed.

There is approximately a total of 525 lateral connections being projected for the hamlet of Shokan.

The current estimated flow for Shokan is 166,000 gpd.

There will be a total of 8 contracts, the last contract will be for approximately 41 water meters to be installed.

There will be 35 grinder pump stations proposed for the district and 8 collection system pump stations.

Lamont has received the final NYSDEC approvals.

Lamont has received additional comments from NYSDOT regarding driveway access permit for pump station 1 and Lamont is drafting a letter of response.

DEP was given final design plans with the DEP approval stamp incorporated on 11/24/25. Per DEP's last response on 2/12/2026 the permit will be issued soon.

As of 02/17/2026, there are 290 of the 479 lateral access agreements signed, which is 59%.

Bidding for the project was published on September 23, 2025. Pre-Bid conferences were held on October 9, 2025, with bid openings held on October 30, 2025, and November 6, 2025. There are 8 separate contracts. Total of all low bids for contracts 1-8 are being shown at \$74,428,196.00.

December 4, 2025-NYCDEP sets the block grant for the Shokan project at \$90,000,000.00 which will include design and construction phase engineering costs.

December 8, 2025-Lamont Engineers and CWC staff provided a presentation to the Olive Town Board recommending awarding the bids to the lowest apparent bidders.

December 9, 2025-Olive Town Board voted unanimously to award the bids to the low bidder's contingent on completion of the DEP contracting.

The Town of Olive completed and signed the Notices to Proceed at their January 13, 2026, meeting.

CWC is reviewing draft change orders received from the DEP, increasing Shokan Program Agreement and allowing transfer from the Cluster Septic Program.

DEP is reviewing the contract documents for all contractors. With DEP approval of the prime contractor Lamont has issued the Notice to Proceed. Other contractors will be approved soon.

When the final review is completed by the DEP a Zoom kick-off meeting with Lamont, all contractors, CWC and DEP will be held.

Layout and flagging of the force main/collection system line with GPS was started on 2/25/2026 by Carver Construction.

The issue of us working along State Rt. 28 and traffic exceeding the 45-mph speed limit was discussed and Supervisor James Sofranko noted it and said he would check with Town of Olive Police and the NYS Police to do speed checks when we are working along Rt. 28.

The tree cutting crew is expected to mobilize at the end of this week and start work on cutting the areas that have been flagged next week. All tree removal is to be completed by the end of March.

2. Future Stormwater Program

Burton F. Clark Inc. - Sportsfield Specialties

Program: FSW/MOA-145

Address: 41155 NYS Route 10, Delhi NY

Engineer: Lamont Engineers P.C.

Contractor: Clark Companies

SBL: 192.-1-11.2

Project Description:

On July 3, 2024, NYC DEP approved an amendment to the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for Burton F. Clark Inc., located on NYS Route 10 in Delhi, New York. The project required NYC DEP review and

approval of the SWPPP to comply with Watershed Regulations. In addition, a SWPPP was required to obtain coverage under the NYS DEC General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities.

Burton F. Clark Inc. is constructing a phased expansion to its existing manufacturing plant to enhance production capacity, add employee facilities, and expand parking areas. Approximately three (3) acres will be disturbed during construction. Stormwater improvements include construction of new storm sewers, rerouting and upsizing of existing storm sewers, installation of a hydrodynamic separator, underground infiltration chambers, and modifications to the existing infiltration basin.

Burton F. Clark Inc. submitted an application on November 12, 2025 representing design and construction costs totaling Seven Hundred Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars and Four Cents (\$713,513.04). The applicant has elected 50% reimbursement of the eligible amount and is considered a small business; therefore, costs will be split between the Future Stormwater Program and the MOA-145 Program, or One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$178,378.26) from each program.

COST BREAKOUT	
Design:	\$51,794.52
Construction:	\$661,718.52
Total:	\$713,513.04
15% Contingency:	\$0
TOTAL:	\$713,513.04
50% Election	\$356,756.52
PROGRAM ALLOCATION	
FSW Funding	\$178,378.26
MOA-145 Funding	\$178,378.26

The CWC recommends reimbursement of up to One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$178,378.26) from both Stormwater Programs to Burton F Clark Inc., 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 \$178,378.26
Recommended MOA-145 Funding Request not to exceed \$178,378.26

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 April meeting. The motion was seconded by Joe Cetta. Motion carried

3. Stormwater Retrofit Program

No new applications

4. Local Flood Hazard Mitigation

Property Owner: Walton Central School District
Contact Person: Corey Phraner
Address: 47-49 Stockton Avenue, Walton, NY 13856
LFA Recommendation: Yes
Property Category: Critical Community Facility
Phase: Design

Project Description:

The Walton Central School District is requesting \$955,587.00 in design funding to relocate the District's bus garage. The bus garage is currently located on Delaware Street in the Village of Walton within the regulatory floodway of the West Brook and the West Branch Delaware River and has been subject to repeated flooding. Relocation of this critical community facility is a recommendation identified in the Walton Local Flood Analysis (LFA).

The bus garage relocation is part of a larger \$21.3 million capital project, of which the School District plans to contribute approximately \$1.75 million. Stormwater design and construction costs will be submitted under a separate application to the CWC. The Village has passed a resolution authorizing the School District's participation in the NYC Funded Flood Buyout Program.

The School District proposes relocating the bus garage to a District-owned parcel adjacent to the Walton Central High School campus on Stockton Avenue. This parcel is located outside of the regulatory floodway and would improve the facility's ability to transport students during extreme weather events, while also reducing future flood damage and recovery costs.

The School District is eligible for design costs up to 10% of the estimated construction cost of \$14,976,491.00. The District has received a design cost estimate of \$955,587.00.

The costs associated with stormwater design, bidding assistance and construction oversight have been removed, resulting in a revised design application total of \$552,072.00. We anticipate that the school will submit a request for bidding assistance as an additional design expense at a later date. CWC staff recommends funding of up to Five Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Seventy-Two Dollars (\$552,072.00) to the Walton Central School District for design cost related to relocating the District's bus garage.

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

Property Owner: Village of Hunter

Contact Person: Michelle Yost

Address: 17 Bridge Street, Hunter, NY 12442

LFA Recommendation: Yes

Property Category: Critical Community Facility

Phase: Construction

Project Description:

The Village of Hunter has submitted an application for construction costs associated with relocating the Hunter Fire Department to a new property located outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area. Relocation of this critical community facility is a recommendation in the Hunter LFA and is integral to facilitating the upsizing of the Bridge Street Bridge, which currently acts as a hydraulic constriction during 10-year flood events and greater.

The Village of Hunter has secured a \$1.97 million State CFA Climate Smart Communities grant for the project. This grant requires a 50% local match, resulting in a Village share of \$2,619,115.

CWC staff recommends reimbursement of 50% of construction costs, up to \$500,000, for relocation of the Hunter Firehouse, and 75% of wastewater construction costs, up to \$50,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$550,000. Alternatively, if agreed upon by DEP, reimbursement could be provided up to \$1,526,400 for the full construction amount requested by the Village related to relocation of the Hunter Firehouse.

Eric Lane also updated the committee that the Village had just received notice that they were awarded an additional \$100,000 from a grant through Senator Hinchey's office.

Shilo Williams noted that the program is not designed to be the sole funding source and that the Village as diligently worked to seek outside funding sources. Aaron Bennett also noted that replacement of the Bridge Street Bridge is an important next step and that although the county states that the bridge design is in progress, DEP has not seen the project added to the transportation improvement list.

Jason added that there may be additional funding made available after a thorough review of the existing contract or through a contract amendment.

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 April meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Sofranko. Motion carried

5. Other:

II. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2026

III. Adjournment 9:21 AM