

Catskill Watershed Corporation**June 2026 Board Meeting Preview:** Infrastructure, Resilience & Community Investments**Board Meeting Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2026**Location:** CWC Offices, Arkville, NY**Prepared By:** Renee Alexander Communications Manager, Catskill Watershed Corporationralexander@CWConline.org 845-586-1400 ext. 104**Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors Meeting June 2, 2026****Focus on Community Investment**

The June Board Meeting of the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) highlights **more than \$3 million** in proposed investments supporting watershed protection, resilient infrastructure, workforce development, and community vitality throughout the Catskills region.

Agenda items span several core CWC programs, including septic system replacement and repair, stormwater and flood mitigation initiatives, economic development, and the organization's most recent initiative; the **Workforce Development Program**, which supports much needed career training and workforce opportunities across a range of industries within watershed communities. Complete board agenda and supporting documents are available on the [CWC website](#).

Workforce Development Program

The CWC's newest program responds to a growing need within watershed communities to **cultivate local talent, strengthen practical workforce skills, and build a more resilient local workforce** for the future.

This month, the Board will review five potential Workforce Development Program resolutions totaling **over \$200,000** in proposed funding investments. This first round of grant recipients reflects a diverse mix of industries and career pathways, including technical trades, hospitality training, environmental stewardship, and water infrastructure support roles. Together, these proposed resources, internships, and workforce training initiatives help **support both a healthier watershed and a stronger regional economy**.

As the program evolves, CWC hopes to continue expanding opportunities for local businesses, organizations, and students to help foster **thriving watershed communities** for generations to come.

Recommended Workforce Development Grant Initiatives

Awardee	Initiative	Amount
Columbia-Greene Community College	C-GCC & West of Hudson Watershed Wastewater Workforce Partnership	\$55,500.00
Friends of the Upper Delaware River	UDRCC Summer Workforce Development Internships for Watershed Assessment	\$37,784.99
Gilboa-Conesville Central School	Emerging Drone Careers Pathway & FAA Part 107 Certification Program	\$30,000.00
Catskills Mornings LLC	Café Mornings and Caboose Diner Front-of-House & Barista Training Program	\$36,000.00
ONC BOCES	Equipment Operation & Repair (EOR) Program	\$60,705.00
\$219,989.99		



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Flood Hazard and Stormwater Programs

NOTABLE PROJECT: The Hunter Firehouse Relocation

One of the **largest resiliency projects** on this month's agenda is the proposed relocation of the Village of Hunter Fire Department outside of the 100-year floodplain. The project is intended to improve long-term community flood resilience by **protecting a critical emergency services facility**. The relocation is considered essential to future improvements to Bridge Street Bridge, which currently creates a hydraulic bottleneck during significant storm events.

The Village has already secured approximately **\$1.97 million through New York State's Climate Smart Communities grant program**. Previously, the CWC provided \$550k in funding through the Flood Hazard Mitigation Program. This month, the CWC Board will review an additional funding request of up to **\$604,632.50** to support remaining eligible construction costs. The project reflects the growing importance of **investing in resilient public infrastructure** that protects emergency services, residents, and watershed communities from increasingly severe weather events.

Recommended Stormwater Grants for Compliance with NYC Watershed Regulation Requirements

Project	Program	Amount	Description
KCK Bearsville	FSW/ MOA 145	\$218,727.50	compliance and runoff management and stormwater design and construction costs
Pine Hill Terrace	FSW	\$4,625.00	stormwater management measures
Pine Hill Terrace	MOA 145	\$4,625.00	stormwater infrastructure improvements
Emily Reid (O&M)	FSW	\$2,000.00	upkeep of existing stormwater infrastructure
\$229,977.50			

Acronyms: FSW: Future Stormwater Program, MOA-145: Memorandum of Agreement Stormwater Program, FSW O&M: Future Stormwater Operations & Maintenance, FHMIP: Flood Hazard Mitigation Implementation Program

Septic Program Snapshot

These investments support septic replacements, repairs, system improvements, and ongoing residential needs for watershed homeowners. The program continues to play a critical role in protecting water quality while helping residents maintain safe, resilient residential and commercial infrastructure for the future.

Category	Amount
Septic Repair and Replacement	\$885,857.50
Second Time Repairs	\$83,240.32
Additional Repair and Replacement Costs	\$246,751.68
Expanded Septic Additional Costs	\$11,250.00
TOTAL	\$1,254,602.50



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