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NEWS from the CWC

Broadband, Planning, Education Grants awarded by CWC

MARGARETVILLE, NY, April 9, 2010 – The Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors approved a number of grants at its monthly meeting April 6.

One of them will allocate \$24,750 from the Catskill Studies Fund to allow Margaretville Telephone Company to conduct market feasibility and engineering studies on extending broadband service to the Towns of Gilboa and Conesville in Schoharie County.

Five planning grants totaling \$250,000 were awarded under the final round of the CWC’s Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). They will go to the Village of Hunter to update zoning and subdivision regulations; the Town of Hunter to complete a riparian buffer protection program; the Town of Olive to complete a comprehensive plan; the Town of Roxbury to update its comprehensive plan, and the Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District to develop a Mountaintop Better Site Design Plan to address new construction and development.

Three projects proposed under the CWC’s Special Education Program fund were also approved. The Bronx River Alliance will receive \$7,125 to conduct a series of lectures, hikes and field trips on various aspects of the New York City water system for educators and the general public. The Delaware County Historical Association was granted \$1,900 to collaborate with the Catskill Artisans Guild to conduct a series of outdoor talks on the region’s environmental and social history. And Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville will receive \$12,650 to help develop a permanent exhibition on “Water: Its Impact on the Life and Growth of the Valleys.”

Funding recommendations for Round 13 of the CWC’s regular education grants will come before the Board in May.

CWC programs and projects are explained on the corporation’s web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC’s offices on upper Main Street, Margaretville, Delaware County, and over the toll-free line, 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).

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