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# NEWS from the CWC

## YMCA, Hospital Get Funds for Sand and Salt Storage

MARGARETVILLE, NY, June 4, 2010 – The Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors recently approved two grants of \$50,000 each to help an Ulster County camp and educational facility, and a Delaware County hospital construct buildings to store road-de-icing materials.

The CWC’s Institutional Sand and Salt Program will provide the funds to Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville and to Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton.

Frost Valley, which uses 200 to 300 tons of sand and salt during an average winter on roads and parking areas throughout its sprawling campus, currently stores this material in a building not far from a water course. The proposed new, 24x36-foot pole barn, to be located 300 feet from a watercourse, will allow it to purchase materials off season and in quantity to save money and mix it properly.

Delaware Valley Hospital proposes to build a 60x45-foot addition to an existing structure to store 10 tons of sand and salt at its Village of Walton facility. The site is more than 100 feet from a watercourse.

Storing salt in secure buildings eliminates the potential for leaching into groundwater or running into nearby streams. Materials that are kept dry in such buildings also spread more evenly reducing the amounts used on roadways.

Through this program, launched in late 2009, CWC reimburses institutions for the design, construction, upgrading, or replacing of storage facilities at schools, universities, hospitals, nursing homes, churches and children’s camps licensed by New York State.

Institutions that store 1,000 pounds or more of winter maintenance material within the Watershed are eligible to apply for funds. No match is required and there is a funding cap of \$50,000 per project.

CWC programs and projects are explained on the corporation’s web site: [www.cwconline.org](http://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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