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NEWS from the CWC

Spring is stream cleanup time!

MARGARETVILLE, N.Y., April 5, 2011– The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will once again support groups and individuals who clean litter and other debris from streambanks in their neighborhoods.

Youth and school groups, church organizations, civic and business associations, neighborhood groups and teams of friends are encouraged to scour stream and riversides for trash and to dispose of it properly.

The CWC will provide trash bags, gloves and tokens of appreciation for those who choose to serve their communities in this way. Call Mary Jane Oppenheimer at 845-586-1400 to arrange to get these items.

Volunteers might wish to do a cleanup in observance of Earth Day April 22, or to coordinate their efforts with other groups, such as the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program and Trout Unlimited, which will be teaming up for an Esopus Creek clean-up on May 21. For information, call Michael Courtney at 845-688-3047.

American Rivers is also calling for groups to participate in the National River Cleanup effort this spring. Free membership and a subscription to American Rivers Magazine will be given to cleanup organizers in this 20th Annual event. To register your cleanup activity, participate in a photo contest, and to get more information, go to www.americanrivers.org and click on the “Take Action” tab.

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