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NEWS from the CWC

CWC awards 23 Education Grants

MARGARETVILE, June 4, 2010 – Twenty-three education grants totaling nearly \$120,000 were recently approved by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors.

The awards will go to schools and non-profit organizations serving school-age students and their teachers in the Catskills and in New York City. This is the 13th year that grants have been distributed for projects and programs to heighten awareness and understanding of the New York City water system and its vast Watershed West of the Hudson River.

A total of 293 Watershed Education grants have been awarded to date in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. The Round 13 grants approved at the May 4 CWC board meeting will fund projects ranging from streambank restoration to forestry management lessons; oral history interviews to water conservation curriculum development; classroom trout raising to development of a multi-media theater presentation based on naturalist John Burroughs' essay "Pepacton."

Several schools will send students to Frost Valley and Ashokan environmental education centers; others will host the ever-popular "City That Drinks the Mountain Sky," by Arm-of-the-Sea Theater.

Recipients of CWC Education Grants this year include, from the Watershed: Jefferson, Gilboa-Conesville and Fallsburg Central Schools; Phoenicia, Delhi and Zena Elementary Schools; Catskill Center for Conservation & Development; Open Eye Theater; Pine Hill Community Center; and Northern Catskills Occupational Center.

New York City-based recipients are South Street Seaport Museum, Friends of PS 166, Central Park East II Elementary School, Horticultural Society of New York, University Settlement, Grow NYC, Rocking the Boat; Brooklyn School of Inquiry, NYC Audubon, Thomas Edison High School, Queens Museum of Art, PS 88 and Trout Unlimited.

The CWC is a non-profit, local development corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information, go to www.cwconline.org, or call toll-free 877-928-7433.

Teachers, parents and school administrators will find information on Watershed and environmental education resources and programs at www.watershededucators.org

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