

# Round 7 - 2004

## **Bennett Elementary School**

The Organization:

Bennett Elementary is located in Boiceville and is part of the Onteora Central School District serving grades K-6.

The Project: Frost Valley, Ashokan Field Campus Options and Science Equipment

Sixth graders will be attending Frost Valley, 5th graders will travel to Ashokan Field Campus, and 4th grade students will receive new equipment to further their studies of the Esopus Creek and the school stream.

Who To Contact:

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## **Brooklyn New School PS 146**

The Organization:

An alternative school founded by parents and teachers in 1987. It now serves nearly 500 students in grades K-5.

The Project: Water, Water Everywhere & "City That Drinks the Mountain Sky" Special Option

Six classes from 2nd and 4th grades will study the history of the NYC Supply System. Over the course of 4-8 weeks, students will conduct water tests, make a watershed model, learn from guest speakers, see "The City That Drinks the Mountain Sky", and participate in other learning ventures.

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## **Catskill Forest Association**

The Organization:

The Catskill Forest Association (CFA) was established in 1982 for the purpose of promoting forest stewardship in the Catskill region by forest landowners, timber harvesters, foresters, and the general public. The association advocates quality forest

management to improve forest health, prevent threats to the forest ecosystem, and support conservation efforts.

#### The Project: School Outreach

CFA will conduct 10 in-class visits in the West-of-Hudson NYC Watershed for students in grades 2 through 12. Students will learn about tree growth, tree health, forest management, forest succession, and the relationship between healthy forest and clean water.

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### **Council on the Environment of NYC**

#### The Organization:

The Council on the Environment of New York City (CENYC) is privately funded, non-profit, citizens' organization in the Office of the Mayor. It promotes environmental awareness among New Yorkers and develops solutions to environmental problems.

#### The Project: Training Student Organizers

Grant funds will be used to expand this on-going project in 2004-2005. Two new NYC schools and three new upstate schools will participate in streambank restoration events, overnight fieldtrips, and a classroom education program. Over 2,000 trees have been planted along watershed streams and in the city over the past three years.

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### **Delaware Academy and Central School**

#### The Organization:

Delaware Academy is located in Delhi, NY along the West Branch of the Delaware River. It serves grades K-12.

#### The Project: Frost Valley Special Option

220 high school students will travel to Frost Valley to study geology and freshwater ecology. Chemical tests for pH, temperature, and dissolved oxygen, identification of macroinvertebrates, and the subsequent health of the local stream will be analyzed. They will bring this knowledge back to their studies on the West Branch Delaware River.

#### Who To Contact:

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### **Ditmas Intermediate School #62**

The Organization:

In September 1996, Ditmas Intermediate School 62 was re-structured through their affiliation with the Manhattan Institute into an educational complex consisting of four specialized theme-based institutes.

The Project: Frost Valley Special Option

In addition to the Trout in the Classroom, underprivileged students will get exposed to life and culture outside NYC by traveling to Frost Valley to learn about the Catskill Mountains and the city water supply system. They will spend three day and two nights at Frost Valley in addition to releasing the trout they have raised.

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### **The Earth School**

The Organization:

The Earth School, a New York City public school, is an ecological institute which maintains a core curriculum that fosters environmental awareness through studies of the natural world and the local community. Founded by teachers, The Earth School opened its doors in September 1992. It is located on the Lower East Side in Community School District One.

The Project: Watershed Exploration and Resource Awareness Program (WERA)

Located on the lower east side of Manhattan, the 60 5th and 6th grade students at The Earth School will conduct a week-long program at Frost Valley YMCA. They will participate in classes about freshwater ecology, watershed exploration, a mock town planning meeting, and others. Highlights of their research will be on display at the end of the year science fair.

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### **Friends of Crotona Park**

The Organization:

Friends of Crotona Park works to restore and beautify Crotona Park; to involve the community through events, environmental education, volunteerism, and recreational activities; and to promote the park as a cultural institution for all New York City to enjoy.

The Project: Watershed Education and Training Program

A "watershed educator's kit" will be created and local teachers will be trained on its content and methods, access will be given to watershed curricula. The kit will help educators build on local lessons to explore wider watershed environmental issues using the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds as examples.

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### **Friends of Van Cortlandt Park**

The Organization:

The Friends of Van Cortlandt Park is a non-profit organization committed to the enhancement of New York City's third largest park. In partnership with City of New York Parks & Recreation, the Friends raise funds for the restoration and maintenance of the park and its natural, cultural, recreational and historic resources. As advocates, the Friends support the development of a broad-based coalition to conserve and enhance the park for future generations.

The Project: Environmental Internship Program - Frost Valley Special Option

The Friends will be sending 16 environmental interns (high school students) and 2 supervisors to Frost Valley. These teenagers will get to spend time in the Catskills and learn about the NYC Water Supply System and bring back that knowledge to audiences in NYC.

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### **Gilboa-Conesville Central School**

The Organization:

Gilboa-Conesville Central School, with an enrollment of 384 students in grades K-12, is located in Schoharie County near the Schoharie Reservoir, the second one constructed in the Catskills.

The Project: Conservation Club and Watershed Awareness

This project will help support the 7th grades classes that will collect data using both the Leaf Pack and kick-net methods for sampling for macroinvertebrates. In addition, the Environmental Conservation Club will be continued at the school, which focuses on recycling, watershed history, and putting together an Earth Day celebration.

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### **Hunter-Tannersville Central School**

The Organization:

The Hunter-Tannersville Central School is located in Tannersville along the Schoharie Creek and serves grades K-12.

The Project: Ashokan Field Campus Special Option

The two fourth grades at the Hunter Elementary School will be spending time at the Field Campus with the purpose of studying the Catskill region history and watershed ecology.

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### **New York Restoration Project**

The Organization:

New York Restoration Project (NYRP) carries out founder Bette Midler's dream of a cleaner, more beautiful New York. NYRP restores, develops, and revitalizes underserved parks, community gardens, and open space in New York City. We invest in the communities we serve by providing on-going maintenance and programs because we believe that every individual has the right to a beautiful neighborhood and the responsibility for contributing to its care.

The Project: "City That Drinks the Mountain Sky" Special Option

This special performance will take place in front of 250 students from IS 90 in northern Manhattan. This performance is meant to complement "High Bridge in a Box", a water supply curriculum currently being piloted in city schools.

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### **Phoenicia Elementary School**

The Organization:

Phoenicia Elementary School, located in Ulster County, has an enrollment of 266 students in grades K-6 and is part of the Onteora Central School District, in Ulster County. It is located along the Stony Clove Creek, a tributary to the Esopus Creek that feeds the Ashokan Reservoir.

The Project: Ashokan Field Campus, Frost Valley,  
Trout in the Classroom Special Options

Grants funds will be used to purchase much-needed materials to further the 2nd and 3rd grade studies of the watershed. A river kit, video, and a tank will be purchased in addition to visiting Frost Valley and Ashokan Field Campus.

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### **Phipps Community Development Corporation - Drew Gardens**

The Organization:

Phipps Houses is one of the nation's oldest and largest not-for-profit developer/owners of affordable housing. It is a multi-faceted real estate organization, involved in the development, finance, construction and asset management of new and rehabilitated multi-family housing for low to middle income New Yorkers.

The Project: The Phipps West Farms Beacon  
Ecology Program

Ten high school interns will be trained on physical properties of water in the Bronx River, identification of fauna of the River, and techniques for sampling including the Leaf Pack. In the spring, the 10 high school interns will train students in grades 2-8 in a similar manner. A visit to Frost Valley YMCA is also planned.

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### **PS 109X**

The Organization:

PS 109, the Sedgwick School in located in the Bronx and serves elementary age students.

The Project: Trout in the Classroom Special Option

The 35 5th graders at PS 109X will conduct TIC for the 3rd straight year. Students enter the trout they raise into the local science fair and will eventually release the trout in the upstate watershed.

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### **Roxbury Arts Group**

The Organization:

The Roxbury Arts Group is dedicated to cultivating the Catskill Mountain's Artistic voice and to developing an appreciation for theater, music, film, literature, dance, fine arts and crafts through the presentation of public performances and exhibitions, presentations of awards and grants for artistic achievement, sponsorship of workshops, classes, lectures, demonstrations, and provision of services to Delaware County artists, non-profit cultural organizations and the community.

The Project: Nature and Art for Kids Program

At least twenty area youth (ages 8-14) will participate in this program that lasts a full week in the summer. Planned activities, including off-site fieldtrips on the railroad or kayaking, will educate area youth about the region and especially the NYC Watershed while forging new friendships.

Who To Contact:

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### **Sidney High School Agriculture and Biology Departments**

The Organization:

Sidney Central School is located in Sidney, NY, in the westernmost portion of the NYC Watershed.

The Project: Nature Preserve and Interpretive Wetland

High school students at Sidney will learn wetland delineation, habitat identification, aquatic and terrestrial life identification, and stewardship of wetlands. Students will also design and construct a footpath, bridges and planks so the wetland on the school's property can be opened to the public and used for educational programs at the school.

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### **Sidney Memorial Library**

#### The Organization:

Sidney Memorial Public Library provides people of all ages with current information on topics related to work, school, and personal life; encourages self-directed growth and development; addresses the need for reading and enhancing daily life through the use of library services and community interaction.

#### The Project: "City That Drinks the Mountain Sky" Special Option

Arm-of-the-Sea Theater will perform this piece on the history of the NYC Watershed for village residents. In addition, two other programs will dovetail with this program. They include a slideshow on the history of the Watershed at the Masonville branch and another presentation titled "The Inside Story of the Watershed Negotiations".

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### **South Kortright Central School**

#### The Organization:

South Kortright Central School is located in South Kortright, Delaware County serving 400 students in grades K-12.

#### The Project: Studying the West Branch Delaware Ecosystem

This grant will provide the 6th graders at SKCS to continue to study the West Branch Delaware River's ecosystem and analyze its health. Equipment that was acquired previous needs replacement and updating, more reference materials will be purchased, and a digital microscope that will enhance the students ability to learn about fish and aquatic insects.

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### **South Kortright Central School**

#### The Organization:

South Kortright Central School is located in South Kortright, Delaware County serving 400 students in grades K-12.

#### The Project: Nature Trail / Living Laboratory

The nature trail at the school has become increasingly popular and has expanded to meet the needs of the school and community. Upkeep and maintenance of this facility is necessary and this grant will allow the school to purchase equipment. Wood chips will be laid down, stonework will be completed and tree pruning will all help this trail continue to be a success.

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### **Tri-Valley Central School**

The Organization:

Tri-Valley Central School is located in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. The school located on the Chestnut Creek, just upstream from the Rondout Reservoir.

The Project: Frost Valley Special Option

Ninety sixth grade students will spend three days and two nights at Frost Valley YMCA where they will learn about the Catskill region and the NYC Watershed in hands-on manner.

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Robert Carle, Principal

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### **Trout Unlimited**

The Organization:

Trout Unlimited's mission is to conserve, protect and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds.

The Project: Trout in the Classroom Supervision

Trout Unlimited will hire a full-time staff person to assist with the Trout in the Classroom program. He/she will look to double the number of participating schools, develop a resource guide for teachers, produce an instructional video, and implement an evaluation program for the project.

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### **Woodstock Elementary School**

**The Organization:**

Woodstock Elementary School is located in Woodstock, Ulster County. It is part of the Onteora Central School District.

**The Project: Thinking Like a Watershed**

During this 10-day artist in residency, all fourth grade students will develop a theater performance about their local watershed. They will design puppets and scenery that illustrate the Sawkill watershed, its location, usage, wildlife, erosion pollution, etc. The culmination will be a performance for students, faculty, and the community.

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