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2016-2018 Action Plan



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Re: Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program 2016-2018 Action Plan

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCE), Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District (UCSWCD), and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have developed the 2016-2018 Action Plan for your review. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program's planned activities, accomplishments, and next steps in support of recommendations derived from stream management plans and working group input. The current set of recommendations was updated and reviewed by our Advisory Council and stakeholders in early 2016.

The Action Plan is divided into key programmatic areas:

- A. Protecting and Enhancing Stream Stability and Water Quality
- B. Floodplain Management and Planning
- C. Highway Infrastructure Management in Conjunction with Streams
- D. Assisting Streamside Landowners (public and private)
- E. Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic and Riparian Habitat and Ecosystems
- F. Enhancing Public Access to Streams

The Action Plan is updated annually and recommendations are fully revised biannually. This proposed plan will run from June 1, 2016 until May 31, 2018, at which time the recommendations will be revised based on new stream assessments and program needs.



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Purpose

This Action Plan identifies goals and makes recommendations for implementation by the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program for the period 2016-2018. The Action Plan also provides a framework for reporting progress on planned activities to the public.

How to read this document: The Action Plan is organized around key programmatic areas. For each topic area a list of recommendations, derived from Stream Management Plans and the program's working groups, are provided in *italicized text*. Under the list of recommendations, ongoing projects funded through the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP) are listed.

Background

In 1997, the NYC Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was reached between New York State, New York City, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, watershed communities and counties, and several non-profit environmental organizations. The MOA included establishing a set of watershed partnership programs to help ensure that the NYC water supply watersheds were adequately protected.

The Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP) was established as a joint effort between Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCEUC), the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District (UCSWCD), and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The three agencies work collaboratively to protect and restore the stability and ecological integrity of streams in the Ashokan Reservoir Watershed.

Action planning in the Ashokan Watershed began with the development of stream management plans for the Broadstreet Hollow Creek in 2003, Stony Clove Creek in 2004, and the Upper Esopus Creek in 2007. In subsequent years, AWSMP completed stream assessments of the Woodland Creek (and reassessment), Beaver Kill, Warner Creek, Birch Creek, Bush Kill, Bushnellsville Creek, Stony Clove Creek (and reassessment), and Stony Clove Creek tributaries.

A Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) granted to NYC in 2007 requires DEP and its partners to develop an Action Plan for the coming year to show how the findings and recommendations of the stream management plans will be implemented. The first post-implementation phase Action Plan for the Ashokan Watershed covered the period June 1, 2009 - May 31, 2011. This newest Action Plan covers the period June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2018 and spans new five-year contracts between the DEP and partner agencies CCEUC and UCSWCD.

The AWSMP moved its primary focus from planning to implementation in 2008. During that year the program staff, with input from local stakeholders, developed a process for distributing funding to watershed communities to help implement stream management plan recommendations (the "Stream Management Implementation Program"). To date, over \$2,700,000 has been allocated to implementation projects throughout the watershed.

A. Protecting and Enhancing Stream Stability and Water Quality

Includes stream corridor assessments, stream stabilization/restoration projects with a goal to restore stream stability and reduce turbidity; monitoring of stream projects; and outreach, education and technical assistance to encourage stream stewardship.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2016-2018 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

STREAM CORRIDOR ASSESSMENTS

1. *Continue a program of multi-phased stream corridor geomorphic assessments including: Phase 1- GIS watershed scale assessments for most sub-basins in the watershed; Phase 2 - field-based stream feature inventories (SFI) for one stream per year or every other year; and Phase 3 - reach to site scale monitoring (e.g. BEHI, geomorphic surveys). The assessments are used to help diagnose stream corridor condition and identify stream erosion hazards and/or water quality impairment that may require treatment. The table below includes candidate streams for assessment in 2016 and 2017. One stream per year may be subject to a rapid Phase 2 reassessment if conditions appear to be degrading.*
2. *Support stream investigations by other organizations in the Ashokan Watershed, with an emphasis on turbidity reduction.*
3. *Develop an advanced conceptual model, applicable to the Ashokan Watershed, of Catskill stream channel and sediment processes that incorporates probable channel and sediment loading responses to expected climate change. The model will assist stream managers with planning for protection of water resources, water quality and geomorphic monitoring investigations, and prioritization of stream channel stabilization practices.*
4. *Provide funding for study of stream condition and function, and monitoring of system condition and management practices through the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP).*
5. *Develop a strategy for consolidating existing and future Stream Management Plans and assessments into one Ashokan Watershed Plan.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED STREAM ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Streams	Location	Current Status
Broadstreet Hollow	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	Completed 2001
Stony Clove	Towns of Shandaken, Woodstock, Hunter, and Lexington	Completed 2003
Esopus Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Olive	Completed 2007
Woodland Creek	Town of Shandaken	Completed 2008

Streams	Location	Current Status
Beaver Kill	Towns of Shandaken and Woodstock	Completed 2010
Warner Creek	Town of Shandaken and Woodstock	Completed 2010
Birch Creek	Town of Shandaken	Completed 2012
Bush Kill	Towns of Shandaken and Olive	Completed 2012
Bushnellsville Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	Completed 2013
Stony Clove Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Hunter	Completed mainstem reassessment 2013
Woodland Creek	Town of Shandaken	Completed mainstem reassessment 2015
Stony Clove Creek Tributaries	Towns of Shandaken and Hunter	Completed 2015
Maltby Hollow Brook	Town of Olive	Completed 2015
Esopus Creek Headwaters	Town of Shandaken, Oliverea Reach	2016-2017
Little Beaver Kill	Town of Woodstock	Anticipated 2017
Fox Hollow Creek	Town of Shandaken	TBD
Peck Hollow	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	TBD
Ashokan Reservoir Tributaries	Town of Olive and Town of Hurley	TBD

ASHOKAN WATERSHED TURBIDITY MONITORING PROJECTS

In summer 2015, DEP began a multi-year geomorphic and suspended sediment/turbidity (SS/T) monitoring study in the Stony Clove Creek watershed and SS/T monitoring study in the Upper Esopus Creek watershed. Work in 2015 included modified Phase 2 SFI and Phase 3 assessments in tributaries to Stony Clove Creek to help inform water quality monitoring station site selection in 2016. Water quality monitoring will be implemented through an agreement with USGS and is anticipated to start in 2016. This work is expected to continue through 2025.

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING STREAM ASSESSMENT & MONITORING (ACTIVE 2016)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Olive	Maltby Hollow Stream Feature Inventory and Erosion Site Assessment	AWSMP-2014-87	\$20,000	Active	Conduct a stream feature inventory and assess bank erosion for the Maltby Hollow, a tributary to the Bush Kill. Project runs June through September 2016.

STREAM RESTORATION/STABILIZATION PROJECTS TO RESTORE STREAM SYSTEM STABILITY AND/OR REDUCE CHRONIC TURBIDITY INPUTS

- Identify locations in the Ashokan Watershed that are long-term, chronic suspended sediment/turbidity sources and evaluate the potential efficacy of restoration practices. Annually update and prioritize potential stream restoration and/or channel stabilization projects identified through the stream corridor geomorphic assessments. Begin the survey and design process for future turbidity reduction projects.*

8. SMIP funding for 2014-2019, along with funds provided to UCSWCD for stream restoration projects, will be used to implement additional projects expected to have a measurable reduction in turbidity. Support efforts to obtain additional funding to pursue this goal.
9. Coordinate with the Town of Shandaken and County DPW to conduct a geomorphic assessment of the Esopus Creek at Oliverea. The diagnostic assessment is to provide information needed to treat flood hazards and channel instability in the area.

ASHOKAN WATERSHED STREAM PROJECTS TO RESTORE STREAM STABILITY AND REDUCE CHRONIC SOURCES OF SEDIMENT (ACTIVE 2016)

UCSWCD	Chichester Reach Hillslope Bioengineering and Channel Structure Modification – on hold after site continued to stabilize naturally. Will continue to monitor.	Costs to be Determined	On Hold
<i>Utilize bioengineering techniques to protect soils and establish native vegetation along treated hillslope of Chichester 2 project and modify instream structure between Sites 3 and 4 to provide long-term stability.</i>			
UCSWCD	Stony Clove Creek Hillslope Stabilization	\$1,348,200.00	2016
<i>Stabilize failing hillslope associated with Wright Rd. Stream Restoration Project. This project will utilize EWP funding and count towards the Ashokan FAD deliverable for turbidity reduction projects.</i>			

Possible 2016-18 projects (project selection is subject to change pending annual stream corridor geomorphic assessments and affected landowner support):

UCSWCD	Warner Creek Site 5 - maintenance	TBD	2016
<i>Evaluate adjustment of j-hook structure and determine necessary follow up actions and implementation plan.</i>			
UCSWCD	FAD Deliverable Turbidity Reduction Projects	Costs to be Determined	2016/17
<i>Two FAD deliverable projects: Project 1) Beaver Kill Hillslope Failure and Stream Project about 400-ft upstream of the Van Hoagland Bridge; and Project 2) Beaver Kill Hillslope Failure and Stream Project about 1,200-ft upstream of the Van Hoagland Bridge. At each project site, reach-scale restoration of channel and failing hillslope.</i>			

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING STREAM RESTORATION (ACTIVE 2016)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Shandaken	Final Design and Construction Fox Hollow Grade Control by Herdman Bridge	AWSMP-2015-110	\$90,000	Active	Complete 100% design, permitting, and installation of grade control structure on Fox Hollow Creek at the Town of Shandaken Herdman Road bridge.

Ulster County Department of Public Works	Bushkill / Watson Hollow Slope Stabilization	AWSMP-2015-103	\$68,000	Active	Engineering and design for Bush Kill streambank stabilization along Ulster County Rt. 42 in the Town of Olive.
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MONITORING OF STREAM PROJECTS

10. *Annually monitor performance of stream corridor projects funded by the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program.*

- a. *See table below for specific project requirements.*
- b. *Continue to monitor previously completed restoration projects on a case-by-case basis. Special consideration given to monitoring after bankfull and above flows.*
- c. *Project monitoring will help guide maintenance intervention when site adjustment is outside the tolerance of the project parameters. See project table above for listing of maintenance work.*

11. *Monitor turbidity and suspended sediment at stream restoration project sites before and after project construction to quantify effects on water quality. To be implemented on a case-by-case basis.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED STREAM PROJECTS MONITORING

Stream Project	Last Surveyed	Monitoring Goals and Permit Requirements
Stony Clove at Wright Road (2015)	2015 (As-built)	Annual survey and report for ACOE, 2016 and 2017
Stony Clove and Warner Creek Confluence (2014)	2015	Annual survey and report for ACOE, 2016
Stony Clove Lane (2014)	2015	Annual survey and report for ACOE, 2016
Stony Clove at Chichester #1, 2, 3, 4 (2012 – 2013)	2015	Completed all permit requirements in 2015. Survey following high flow events and as needed.
Warner Creek Site 5 (2013)	2015	Completed all permit requirements in 2015. Survey following high flow events and as needed.
Stony Clove at Phoenicia Main Street (2011)	2014	Continue survey monitoring to track sediment deposition fluctuations per DEC permit. Survey following high flow events and as needed.

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ENCOURAGE STREAM STEWARDSHIP - RECOMMENDATIONS

12. *Distribute Stream Stewardship Principles to relevant entities.*
13. *Hold meetings of the AWSMP Stakeholder Council (2-3 per year) and working groups (6-12 per year) to solicit participation and input from local community members.*
14. *In 2014-2015, the AWSMP met with the Olive Flood Advisory Committee to review results of the Bush Kill Stream Management Plan. In 2015, AWSMP met with the NYSDOT and Woodstock Town officials to review results of the Beaver Kill Stream Management Program. Continue to provide outreach to*

municipal officials, agencies, affected landowners, and the public about findings from stream assessments and planned stream restoration projects.

15. *In 2015, the AWSMP expanded in-school youth education on water, watershed, and stream science at the Bennett school, and for the first time provided programming to the Woodstock, and Phoenicia schools. Continue to provide youth education in partnership with the Onteora School District to teach stream and watershed science to students through field studies, and after-school and classroom programs.*
16. *Fund public education and outreach activities that promote stream stewardship through the SMIP.*
17. *Develop written education and outreach materials for streamside landowners and other watershed stakeholders. Use a variety of media (newsletters, fact-sheets, press, video, and website) to disseminate information about the program and encourage stream stewardship (1-2 fact sheets per year).*
18. *Offer trainings that promote an understanding of effective stream and floodplain management strategies for local stakeholders (1 per year).*
19. *Participate in local community events to promote the goals of the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program.*
20. *Organize an Ashokan Watershed Conference to provide general education to watershed residents and train municipal officials in specific topics (1 every two years).*
21. *Co-organize a Catskill Environmental Research and Monitoring conference to disseminate the results of river and watershed studies (1 every two years).*
22. *Hold stream walks and other public engagement events (5-10 per year).*
23. *Develop citizen stewardship volunteer programs and opportunities for adult and youth volunteers.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING EDUCATION, OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ENCOURAGE STREAM STEWARDSHIP (ACTIVE 2016)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
The Ashokan Center	Riparian Rangers After-School Enrichment Program	AWSMP-2015-108	\$33,840	Active	A 7th and 8th grade outdoor afterschool program that engages Onteora School District students in citizen science projects focused on stream management and stewardship, which spring boards off the Watershed Detectives Program.
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County	2016 Stream & Floodplain Manager Training Scholarships	AWSMP-2015-111	\$20,500	Active	Offer up to 14 scholarships for town and county officials to attend stream and floodplain management trainings in 2016.

B. Floodplain Management and Planning

Includes floodplain assessments; coordination with floodplain management efforts in the watershed; and outreach, education and technical assistance for floodplain management in the Ashokan Watershed.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2016-2018 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

FLOODPLAIN ASSESSMENT - RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Assist communities with the review of flood studies and revisions to the existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) produced by FEMA.*
2. *Provide SMIP funds for the identification of natural floodplain areas that enhance sediment, debris, and water storage; riparian and aquatic habitat; and flood elevation reductions in downstream areas. Work with local planners and landowners to identify and implement protection strategies for these critical areas.*

COORDINATION OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT EFFORTS IN THE WATERSHED - RECOMMENDATIONS

3. *Promote Town development of Flood Hazard Mitigation Plans and Community Rating System applications in the Ashokan Watershed.*
4. *Coordinate with flood commissions and working groups (e.g., SAFARI, NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program) in the watershed. Encourage the prevention of inappropriate development in areas of high flood or erosion risk and foster uses that are compatible with the anticipated flooding and erosion conditions.*
5. *Where existing community structures and facilities are in at-risk locations, support community planning as a next-step where needed, and the application of flood-proofing measures or relocation.*
6. *Assist municipalities with completing and implementing local flood analyses in watershed population centers that require engineering and modeling analysis and public input to select projects that will lower flood elevations.*
7. *Provide \$250,000 in funds for local flood hazard mitigation analysis and \$1,750,000 in funds for LFA-recommended and Town-adopted implementation projects through 2019, and assistance with obtaining additional state and federal funding for project implementation.*
8. *Work with towns to implement mitigation actions included in the 2016 update to the County's All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.*
9. *Assist all Ashokan watershed towns with using information in the County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and local flood mitigation plan(s) to access state and federal mitigation funding following declared emergencies or for pre-disaster mitigation grant projects.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING COORDINATION WITH FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT
EFFORTS IN THE WATERSHED (ACTIVE 2016)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Olive	Local Flood and Feasibility Analysis for Boiceville and West Shokan	AWSMP-2014-100	\$76,631	Active	Analysis of flood conditions and identification of hazard mitigation projects in Boiceville and West Shokan.
Town of Olive	Town of Olive Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan	AWSMP-2014-102	\$24,285	Active	Develop a Town Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan in the NYC Watershed portion of Town of Olive.
Town of Shandaken	Local Flood and Feasibility Analysis for Shandaken and Allaben Hamlets	Anticipated 2016-2017	n/a	n/a	Analysis of flood conditions and identification of hazard mitigation projects in the hamlets of Shandaken and Allaben.

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT IN THE ASHOKAN WATERSHED - RECOMMENDATIONS

10. In 2015, the AWSMP provided a one-day training on FEMA's Community Rating System to local officials and flood hazard mitigation technical assistance providers. Continue to provide training and assistance for local floodplain managers and municipal officials in using revised FIRMs (Flood Insurance Rate Maps) and other FEMA datasets, and understanding NFIP requirements.
11. Increase access to flood prevention/protection information in the watershed through the AWSMP website, locally available technical publications at AWSMP, local libraries, Town Halls, etc. and through presentations, workshops and other outreach events.
12. A Flood Hazard Mitigation (FHM) Working Group for the Ashokan Watershed was established in 2015 as a forum to provide technical assistance for a range of topics (at least 2 meetings per year). Continue to provide education through working group meetings on topics such as how to develop Flood Hazard Mitigation Plans; review of floodplain ordinances; participation in FEMA's Community Rating System; implementation of FHM recommendations; access to funding; and coordination between local, county, and state partners engaged in flood response and flood mitigation.
13. Provide funding for Code Enforcement Officers and Floodplain Administrators to attend training sessions on flood related issues and become Certified Floodplain Managers.

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING COORDINATION WITH FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT
EDUCATION IN THE WATERSHED (ACTIVE 2016)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County	2016 Stream & Floodplain Manager Training Scholarships	AWSMP-2015-111	\$20,500	Active	Offer up to 14 scholarships for town and county officials to attend stream and floodplain management trainings in 2016.

C. Highway and Infrastructure Management in Conjunction with Streams

Outreach, training and financial assistance to highway departments to encourage the adoption of best management practices.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2016-2018 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF HIGHWAY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO REDUCE WATER POLLUTION

1. *Work with the Highway Manager's Working Group to identify roadway infrastructure best management practices that treat sources of turbidity and stream system degradation (e.g., under-sized and perched culverts, outfalls that are point sources of sediment discharge collected from diffuse sources of road runoff, etc.).*
2. *Encourage local municipalities, highway departments and NYSDOT, to prioritize vegetation management on critical areas such as roadside ditches and steep slopes to reduce sources of turbidity in the Ashokan Watershed. Develop programs to provide road maintenance crews with additional resources for seeding newly cleaned ditches with native ground cover appropriate for reclamation.*
 - *An agreement to access shared machinery for mulching seeded areas was implemented in early 2016.*
 - *A new program may promote the use of native seed mixes for stream and roadside ditch seeding.*
3. *Continue working with Towns to reduce sediment loadings through application of best management practices for winter road abrasives, mined locally in the Ashokan Watershed, that have a high clay and silt content and are a source of turbidity in the streams in the Ashokan Watershed.*

REDUCING HYDRAULIC CONSTRICTIONS IN STREAMS: BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

4. *Collaborate with state and local highway departments and stream management personnel to develop specifications for applying natural channel design concepts to bridge and culvert rehabilitation and replacement.*

STREAM/ROAD STABILIZATION PROJECTS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON RIGHT OF WAYS

5. *Collaborate with local, county and state highway departments to apply natural channel design concepts to streambank stabilization along roadsides.*

6. *Seek opportunities to mitigate the impact of public infrastructure (road, railroad, and utility) encroachment on the riparian vegetation community and aquatic habitats by improved planning, management, supplemental plantings and the improved care of existing vegetation.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING IMPROVED STREAM/ROAD STABILIZATION AND IMPROVED RIGHT OF WAY (ACTIVE 2016)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Ulster County Dept. of Public Works	Mine Hollow Creek Culvert Replacement	AWSMP-2014-90	\$60,000	Active	Replace and resize under-sized culvert on Mine Hollow, a tributary to the Bush Kill.
Town of Olive	Hillside Drive Culvert Replacement over Dry Brook	AWSMP-2015- 113	\$274,000	Active	Replace existing culvert with culvert better aligned with stream and able to pass the 100-year flow. Current culvert is a hydraulic constriction and in poor condition. Loss of the culvert would cut off access to 15 homes.

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HIGHWAY MANAGERS AND EXCAVATION CONTRACTORS

7. *Organize Highway Manager’s Working Group meetings with relevant local, county, and state highway personnel to identify shared stream/road concerns and evaluate opportunities to support coordinated effort to use best management practices. Provide guidelines for “repairs” of streams and drainage systems with best management practices advocated by the AWSMP to reduce risk of further instability (2-3 per year).*
8. *Hold a highway manager and contractor training on installation of stream best management practices (1 in 2016-18).*
9. *Provide SMIP funds for highway and infrastructure management projects with benefits to water quality and stream system integrity.*

D. Assisting Streamside Landowners (public and private)

Provide access to training and technical information to increase the knowledge, skills, and capabilities of landowners in the watershed. Also provide support for riparian buffer restoration.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2016-2018 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

ASSESSMENT OF STREAMSIDE PROPERTY ISSUES

1. *Work with towns and landowners to identify and document streamside property (public and private) where there are stream stability concerns. Provide this documentation to towns, agencies and landowners to help inform management decisions.*

STREAMSIDE LANDOWNER FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

2. *Offer and encourage participation in landowner incentive programs to encourage voluntary participation in stream and riparian zone protection and enhancement. One such program is the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative.*
3. *Provide customized Riparian Corridor Management Plans to landowners enrolled in CSBI. These plans highlight the importance of healthy riparian buffers and sustainable streamside property management practices that landowners can implement on their properties.*
4. *Demonstrate soil bioengineering as a feasible bank protection strategy for restoring riparian habitat, streambank stability and improving instream water quality in the Ashokan Watershed through a pilot bioengineering demonstration project on the Bushkill Creek in Town of Olive, NY.*
5. *Focus on multi-phase riparian buffer restoration projects with invasive species removal, management and native plant establishment.*
6. *Review data and perform Geographic Information Systems analysis to identify areas that would benefit from buffer enhancement to improve landowner recruitment into the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative program.*
7. *Encourage landowner participation in CSBI through showcasing aesthetic value and habitat improvement using a combination of invasive species management and native plant installation at a Riparian Buffer Demonstration Display at the Catskill Interpretative Center.*

Ashokan Watershed CSBI Projects

2016	Implementation of Upper Esopus bioengineering project Riparian Buffer Management Demonstration – Catskill Interpretative Center
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Produce 5-7 landowner specific Riparian Corridor Management Plans
Implement 3-5 Riparian Buffer Restoration Projects (includes bioengineering and display)

2017 **In-house design of Ashokan Watershed Bioengineering Project (location TBD)**
Production of 5 landowner specific Riparian Corridor Management Plans
Continue project monitoring – 35 sites scheduled

MONITORING OF RIPARIAN BUFFER PLANTINGS

8. *Monitor performance of riparian buffer plantings funded by the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative.*
 - a. *Riparian buffer restoration sites that were installed through CSBI are monitored bi-annually for a period of 5 years after project completion. The monitoring helps inform management decisions on species selection and site characteristics. 21 sites scheduled for 2016 and 35 sites scheduled for 2017.*
 - b. *Geomorphic monitoring of bioengineering project implementation. As-built survey to be completed in 2016, follow-up monitoring to be conducted in 2017.*

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STREAMSIDE LANDOWNERS

9. *Provide site visits and office consultations with local landowners, municipalities, contractors and others for designing and implementing best management practices to reduce erosion.*
10. *Develop educational products (fact sheets, guidebooks, videos, etc.) to educate landowners on best management practices, such as riparian planting design and maintenance, and guidelines for proper sizing of private stream crossings.*
11. *Develop several riparian buffer demonstration projects that can be accessed by volunteers and members of the public for educational purposes.*
12. *Develop and encourage volunteer service projects to install, maintain, and enhance riparian buffer demonstration plots; and to collect seeds or cuttings of native plants used in buffers.*
13. *Develop reliable local sources of native plant material for stream and riparian improvement projects. Maintain the 2012 installation of 10,000 live willow plants for cutting beds that will be used in future riparian restoration projects. Fields were re-planted in 2015 and will need two growing seasons until material is ready for harvest (2016, 2017).*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING RIPARIAN BUFFER RESTORATION (ACTIVE 2016)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Catskill Center for Conservation and Development	Riparian Buffer Demonstration Project at the Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center	AWSMP-2015-105	\$9,000	Active	A riparian buffer demonstration located at the Catskill Interpretive Center on St. Rt. 28 to feature native Catskill plants and provide education about the care and restoration of riparian areas along Catskills streams.

E. Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic and Riparian Habitat and Ecosystems

Support for research and education programs that encourage protection of aquatic and riparian ecosystems.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2016-2018 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

STREAM ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

1. *Identify riparian areas of particular environmental benefit or concern and create a database of targeted properties for riparian zone improvement programs.*
2. *Continue research, evaluation, and monitoring of aquatic ecosystems in the Watershed to improve stream best management practices. Support the characterization of physical and water-quality regimes and the condition of important species in the watershed by public agencies and interest groups.*
3. *Provide funding for study of stream condition and function, and monitoring and evaluation of system condition and management practices through the SMIP.*

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AQUATIC AND RIPARIAN HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEMS

4. *Enhance coordination and information sharing among regulators, scientists, educators and the public.*
5. *Work with regional organizations to develop and disseminate outreach materials and offer public programs on critical invasive species for the West of Hudson Watersheds.*
6. *Work with watershed municipalities to evaluate local ordinances such as comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, site plan review laws, subdivision laws and floodplain ordinances to determine if adequate consideration is given to impacts on riparian and aquatic ecosystems.*
7. *Hold Stream Ecosystem Working Group meetings to advise the program on stream system assessment, research, and monitoring needs. Work with the group to coordinate research, assessment, and monitoring projects in the Watershed (1-2 meetings per year, or as needed).*
8. *The AWSMP Stream Ecosystem Working Group is drafting a 10-year update to the 2007 Stream Ecosystem Research & Assessment Strategy for the Upper Esopus Creek. Publish the updated Research, Assessment & Monitoring Strategy for the Upper Esopus Creek.*
9. *Participate in the inter-basin Riparian Buffers Working Group.*

10. Integrate recommendations made in the New York Natural Heritage Program’s report “Inventory, Classification, and Description of Riparian Natural Community Reference Types for Ashokan Watershed, New York” into riparian restoration designs. The report can be accessed at <http://ashokanstreams.org/publications-resources/technical-data/>.

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING AQUATIC AND RIPARIAN HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT (ACTIVE 2016)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
USGS	Long-term Trends in Rainbow Trout Growth and Naturalized Populations in the Ashokan Basin	AWSMP-2014-94	\$100,938	Active	Study Rainbow Trout growth in the Ashokan Reservoir and long-term trends in their population sizes in the upper Esopus Creek.

F. Enhancing Stream-based Recreation and Public Access

Support for projects that improve the quantity and quality of public stream access and enhance stream-based recreational opportunities. These recommendations incorporate community development efforts into stream management.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2016-2018 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

ENHANCING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE STREAMS

1. *Identify and assess potential stream access sites in the watershed. Investigate opportunities to develop multi-use, low-impact trail systems along the stream corridors. Trails for hiking, biking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing could provide multiple benefits, including drawing visitors to local resorts and increasing user awareness of stream management issues. Make improvements to existing stream access sites. Ensure that any stream access and recreation activities or projects will not harm or degrade the environment and the greater ecology of the stream system.*
2. *Explore opportunities for and impacts of operational adjustments of the Shandaken Tunnel to accommodate the needs of biota along with other stakeholders.*
3. *Work with Stream Access and Recreation Working Group and other stakeholders on developing a plan of action to modify the policy related to recreational releases to the Shandaken Tunnel and ensure mutually beneficial results for all stream users that do no harm.*
4. *Determine a good area for either new trail construction or existing trail improvement that would provide greater public access to streams.*
5. *Monitor conditions at existing public access sites to determine need for repairs, enhancements and/or improvements*
6. *Utilize the Town of Shandaken Recreation Master Plan and recreation and access documents from all watershed towns when developing programs and projects. Work closely with Town of Shandaken Parks and Recreation Committee and their counterparts in other watershed towns to develop and execute projects.*
7. *Work with DEP, DEC, County, Town, and other entities to assess possibility of utilizing flood buy-out properties for recreational and educational purposes.*
8. *Explore possibility of creating educational opportunities alongside recreational areas such as interpretative nature trails, wildlife viewing areas, bird observation points, "photo safaris," hiking/biking/walking/running trails, kiosks and educational signage, etc.*
9. *Collaborate with chambers of commerce, tourism industry, and others to promote the area as a destination. This will help spread the message of good stream management to a wider audience and strengthen and improve the local economy.*

- 10. Support development of a protocol for recreational stream safety that includes input and consensus from all stakeholder groups. The protocol will include criteria to identify in-stream safety hazards and mitigation options for those hazards. Potential options may include (but are not limited to) educational/warning signage, hazard avoidance, and hazard removal. The protocol will consider the impacts of any action on human safety, habitat, and stream stability.*

EDUCATION FOR RECREATIONAL USERS OF STREAMS

- 11. Develop and host major educational events/conferences/meetings devoted to stream access and recreation issues as needed on topics determined by the Stream Access and Recreation Working Group. Past topics have included Shandaken Tunnel Recreational Releases and Low Level Outlet Issues in the Schoharie Reservoir. Potential future topics include: recreational safety, in-stream debris management, laws and policies relating to navigable waterways, and handicap accessibility issues.*
- 12. Provide a forum that will give all stakeholders (anglers, whitewater enthusiasts, environmental conservation groups, et. al.) a place to safely let their voices be heard and to improve relationships between these important groups.*
- 13. Advocate for and advance educational opportunities in recreational areas to improve knowledge of streams, stream management, and the watershed. Examples of this may include educational signage, kiosks, interpretative trails and photo safaris.*

Appendix A: Summary of Completed Projects 2009-2015

STREAM ASSESSMENTS

Streams	Location	Status
Broadstreet Hollow	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	Completed 2001
Stony Clove	Towns of Shandaken, Woodstock, Hunter, and Lexington	Completed 2003
Esopus Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Olive	Completed 2007
Woodland Creek	Town of Shandaken	Completed 2008
Beaver Kill	Towns of Shandaken and Woodstock	Completed 2010
Warner Creek	Town of Shandaken and Woodstock	Completed 2010
Birch Creek	Town of Shandaken	Completed 2012
Beaver Kill	Town of Shandaken and Woodstock	Completed mainstem reassessment in 2012
Bush Kill	Towns of Shandaken and Olive	Completed 2012
Bushnellsville Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	Completed 2013
Stony Clove Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Hunter	Completed mainstem reassessment 2013
Woodland Creek	Town of Shandaken	Completed reassessment in 2015
Maltby Hollow Brook	Town of Olive	Completed 2015

STREAM RESTORATION/STABILIZATION PROJECTS

Town	Project	Goal	Construction Cost	Status
Shandaken	Woodland Valley Creek at Fawn Hill	Streambank stabilization to protect road.	\$125,000.00 Total: AWSMP/Local Share \$31,250.00	Completed 2010
Shandaken	Stony Clove Creek at Phoenicia (Main St. Bridge)	Post-flood emergency response.	AWSMP/Local Share \$70,819	Completed 2011
Shandaken	Stony Clove at Chichester (Site # 1)	Reduce stream corridor instabilities that lead to chronic turbidity from suspended sediment loading.	\$1,020,369 Total; AWSMP/Local Share \$352,785	Completed 2012
Shandaken	Stony Clove at Chichester (Sites # 2,3,4)	Reduce stream corridor instabilities that lead to chronic turbidity from suspended sediment loading.	\$1,636,255.70 Total; AWSMP/Local Share \$791,129.59	Completed 2013
Shandaken	Warner Creek (Site #5)	Reduce chronic turbidity source and protect Silver Hollow Rd. (Town of Shandaken).	\$495,465.68 Total; AWSMP/Local Share \$284,862.27	Completed 2013
Shandaken	Warner Creek-Stony Clove Confluence	Protect transportation infrastructure and reduce potential future sources of chronic turbidity through grade control to mitigate upstream migration of headcut.	\$1, 585,454.46 Total AWSMP/Local Share TBD	Completed 2014
Shandaken	Stony Clove at Stony Clove Lane	Protect vulnerable properties and reduce source of chronic turbidity.	\$540,146.11 Total AWSMP/Local Share \$135,036.49	Completed 2014
Hunter	Stony Clove Creek at Wright Rd.	Protect vulnerable properties and infrastructure, reduce source of chronic turbidity and enhance habitat and stream stability.	\$1,802,985 total (estimate)	Completed 2015
Hunter	Stony Clove Hillslope Stabilization	Stabilize failing hillslope that is source for fine sediment and water quality impairment.	\$1,348,200.00 total (estimate) AWSMP/Local Share TBD	2016

Woodstock	Beaver Kill at Van Hoagland Road	Project 1 - Reach scale restoration and stabilization of hillslope failure about 400-ft upstream of the Van Hoagland bridge that is a source for fine sediment and water quality impairment.	TBD	Design 2015/16; Implementation 2016/17
Woodstock	Beaver Kill at Van Hoagland Road	Project 2 - Reach scale restoration and stabilization of hillslope failure about 1,200-ft upstream of the Van Hoagland bridge that is a source for fine sediment and water quality impairment.	TBD	Design 2015/16; Implementation 2016/17

STREAM BUFFER PROJECTS

Project	Town	Goal
2010	Multiple	3 projects installed totaling 452 linear feet of bank treated.
2011	Multiple	11 projects installed totaling 2810 linear feet of bank treated.
2012	Multiple	13 projects installed totaling 2590 linear feet of bank treated.
2013	Multiple	8 Projects Totaling 3,350 linear feet, including planting, willow staking, and invasive control
2013 Warner Creek Site 5	Shandaken	Project covered 45,000 sq. ft., or 1.2 acres re-vegetated. Approx. 1500 trees and shrubs and 200 willow stakes.
2013 Phoenicia Main Street	Shandaken	Installation of 800 willows total extending 300' on both banks upstream of bridge.
2013 McKenley Hollow CSBI Site	Shandaken	Installed 130 trees and shrubs plus 225 willow stakes along 250 ft of McKenley Hollow Creek. Also utilized custom seed mix designed by Catskill Center for restoration of native riparian plant communities. 650 linear feet treated.
2013 Amy's Takeaway and Upper Esopus Rod & Gun Club	Multiple	Japanese Knotweed control sites using landscape fabric to cover and attempt to control knotweed at upstream source areas. 205 linear feet treated.
2013 Moran Repair	Olive	Repaired buffer planting damaged during Tropical Storm Irene/Lee. 400 linear feet treated.
2013 Chichester Site 2	Shandaken	Began buffer plantings on portions of the Chichester 2/3/4 restoration project. 260 linear feet treated.
2014	Multiple	4 Projects Totaling 980 linear feet, including planting, willow staking, and invasive control; Assessment and surveying for 2 potential bioengineering sites (Bushkill and Upper Esopus).
2014 Stony Clove Stream Project	Shandaken	Buffer planting along 300 feet of Chichester project. Approximately 600 tree/shrub installed.
2014 UC-DPW Ct. Rt. 47 Slope	Shandaken	Provided buffer planting for DPW project to stabilize steep slope. Approximately 96 tree/shrub installed.
2014 Lerner Planting	Shandaken	Planting along 180 feet of Stony Clove Creek. Installed approximately 94 tree/shrubs
2014 Waldron Planting	Shandaken	Planting and invasive control along 400 feet of Broadstreet Hollow Creek. 379 tree/shrub installed.
2015 Waldron Planting	Shandaken	Native seeding along 300' of Broadstreet Hollow Creek within area 8,183 ft ² .
2015 Vitalo Planting	Shandaken	Installed 125 trees/shrubs along 275' of Stony Clove Creek within area 6,516 ft ² .
2015 Trigiani Planting	Woodstock	Installed 110 trees, 150 willows and native seeding along 175' of the Beaver Kill within area 1,345 ft ² .
2015 BIMA Planting	Shandaken	Installed 210 trees/shrubs along 140' of the Elk Bushkill within area 5,461 ft ² .
2015 Awan Planting	Hunter	Installed 136 trees/shrubs and 1,200 willows along 170' of Stony Clove Creek within area 3,234 ft ² .
2015 Chichester Site 2 Hillslope Stream Project	Shandaken	Installed 500 trees/shrubs and 1,200 willows along 1,010' of Stony Clove Creek within area 32,176 ft ² .
2015 Willow Field Planting		
2015 Buffer Planting Monitoring	Multiple	Established and surveyed 29 monitoring plots.
2015 Technical Assistance Site Visits	Multiple	Conducted 16 landowner technical assistance site visits.
2015 Riparian Corridor Management Plans	Multiple	Completed 26 Riparian Corridor Management Plans for landowners enrolled in CSBI.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROJECTS

Publications

Type	Title(s)	Audience	Status
Stream Management Plans	Broadstreet Hollow Stream Management Plan (2003) Stony Clove Creek Stream Management Plan (2004) Upper Esopus Creek Management Plan (2007) Beaver Kill Stream Management Plan (2015) Bush Kill Stream Management Plan (2015) Bushnellsville Creek Stream Management Plan (2015)	Watershed residents, stream managers, municipal officials, project partners	Completed for mainstem of Esopus Creek and several tributaries.
Newsletter	Esopus News	Streamside landowners and project partners	2009 (3 issues) 2010 (2 issues) 2011 (3 issues) 2012 (3 issues) 2013 (2 issues) 2014 (3 issues) 2015 (3 issues)
Fact Sheets	Large Woody Debris Stream Guide (2012) Flood Preparedness Stream Guide (2012) Native Plant Stream Guide (2012)	General public, municipal employees, and streamside landowners	3 fact sheets completed (2009-2013)
Videos	Ashokan Conf – Speaker Presentations (2014) Ashokan Conf - Why We Are Here (2014) Ashokan Conf – Bark Peeling (2014) Ashokan Conf – Climate Change (2014) Ashokan Conf – Rivers are Dynamic (2014) Ashokan Conf – Stable Rivers Need Room (2014) Ashokan Conf – Dredging (2014) Ashokan Conf – Stream Expert Panel (2015) Ashokan Conf – Invasive Species (2015) Ashokan Conf – Ashokan Reservoir (2015) Ashokan Conf – River of the Future (2015)		2014-2015
Program Brochure	Guide to the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program	General public	Brochure completed 2011 Updated annually 2012-2015
Displays and Kiosks	AWSMP Program Esopus Creek Demo Project	General public	Updated annually Updated 2013
Action Plan	2009-2011 Action Plan 2010 Update 2011-2013 Action Plan 2012 Update 2013-2015 Action Plan 2014-2016 Action Plan 2016-2018 Action Plan	Project partners, municipal officials, applicants for funding, interested members of the public, FAD regulators	Updated annually
Social Media	www.ashokanstreams.org www.facebook.com/AWSMPULster Twitter@AshokanStreams	General public	2011 Website published 2013 Website redesign Updated weekly 2015 Logo redesign
Press Releases	Projects and Events	General public	2011 (6) 2012 (15) 2013 (10) 2014 (16) 2015 (22)
Email News Alerts	Various	Streamside landowners, municipal officials and project partners	Annually 2011-2015
Conferences and Training Programs			
Type	Title	Audience	Status
Watershed Conference	Ashokan Watershed Conference	Watershed residents, municipal officials, and	2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

		project partners	
Research Symposium	Catskill Environmental Research and Monitoring (CERM)	Researchers, resource managers, project partners, interested members of the public	CERM 2010, 2012, 2014
Fluvial Geomorphology and Engineering Trainings	Rosgen 5-day Training (2009) Rosgen Public Presentation (2009) Intro to ArcGIS Cornell Local Roads Training (2010) Aquatic Organism Passage Training (2012) Stream Restoration Practices (2011) River Hydraulic Modeling (2014) Knotweed Management Training (2014) Turbidity and Suspended Sediment in the Upper Esopus Creek Seminar (2015)	Highway and DPW staff, stream managers, contractors, and program staff	2009-2015
Floodplain Management Trainings	NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Manager's Conference and Certified Floodplain Manager Training (2010-2014) NFIP Educational Session (2013) CFM Exam Review (2014) Floodplain Mapping Fundamentals (2014) Benefit-Cost Analysis (2014) Using Depth Grids (2014) CFM Exam Review (2015) Emergency Waterfront Preparedness Class (2015) Community Rating System Workshop (2015) Flood Map Basics: Regulatory and Non-Regulatory Products (2015)	Code enforcement officers, planning board members, town board members, program staff, and members of the public.	2010-2015
Contractor Trainings	Post-Flood Emergency Stream Intervention (2012)	Local contractors, highway department staff, and project partners	2012
Landowner Workshops	Native Plants (2009, 2010) Raingardens (2011) Stream Erosion Class (2011)	Streamside landowners	2009-2011
Public Programs			
Type	Title	Audience	Status
Volunteer Events	Knotweed Pulls (2009, 2010) Stream Clean-Up (2010, 2011, 2012) Master Watershed Steward (2012) Willow Bed Planting (2012) Family, Fun & Fish Day (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)	General public, streamside landowners	2009-2014
Volunteer Buffer Plantings	Various locations	General public, streamside landowners, students/interns	Annually 2010-2013
Booths and Displays	Shandaken Day Big Indian Spring Festival Olive Day Woodstock Library Day Ulster County Creek Week Ashokan Hoots Ulster County Fair Ashokan Watershed Conference Emerson Festival Mountain Valley Little League Day	General public, streamside landowners	Annually 2009-2015
Public Meetings	Town Board Meetings; Other Meetings Elected Officials	Municipal officials	Annual presentations to Town Board of Shandaken, Olive, Woodstock, Hunter; meetings with Town

			officials, as needed
NYC Watershed Partner Meetings	Grant Outreach Meetings Stream Project Meetings NYC Watershed Education & Outreach Meetings Riparian Buffer Working Group Meetings CRISP Meetings FEMA Meetings NYC Watershed Partner Meetings CWT and CWC Meetings FHM Partners Meetings	Project partners	Program coordination and reporting annually, as required or needed
Public Talks and Events	Trout Research (2012) Rochester Hollow Stream Walk (2012) Arm of the Sea Theater (2012) Birch Creek Stream Walk (2012) Kanape Brook Stream Walk (2013) Trout Unlimited Meetings (2009-2013) Warner Creek Stream Walk (2014) Rochester Hollow Stream Walk (2013, 2015) Little Beaver Kill Stream Walk (2014, 2015) AWSMP Open House (2015) Film Showing and Lecture: Deep Water (2015) Riparian Pollinators Program (2015)	General public	Annually, as available
Youth Education			
Type	Title	Audience	Status
Presentations and Trainings	4-H Stream Team Stream Table Demo (2013) CCE Centennial Stream Table Demo (2013) UC Fair Floodplain Model Demo (2013) UC Fair Stream Table Demo (2014) Bennett Elementary Earth Day Macroinvertebrate Table (2011-2015) Phoenicia School Earth Day Event (2015) Woodstock School Go Green Day (2015) Rondout Valley Scout Camporee (2015) Ashokan Center Education Staff Training (2015)	Youth multiple ages	Annually, as available
After-School Activities and Classroom Enrichment	Watershed Detectives Club, Grades 4-6 - Expanded to 2 Sessions (2015) Classroom Enrichment, Grades 4-6 Classroom Enrichment, Grades K-3 - Expanded to Woodstock and Phoenicia Elementary Schools (2015)	Onteora Central School District, Grades K-6	Annually

PROGRAM COORDINATION

Program Coordination			
Type	Purpose	Audience	Status
Stakeholder Council (Formerly the Advisory Council)	To provide overall guidance and oversight to the program	Project partners, municipal officials, streamside landowners and other community members	Meeting 3-4x per year
Flood Hazard Mitigation Working Group	To exchange information and identify opportunities to improve floodplain management and mitigate flood hazards	Municipal officials, project partners	Meet 4x per year
Stream Access & Recreation Working Group	To make recommendations for stream access/recreation improvements in the Ashokan Watershed	Project partners, recreation groups, municipal officials, local business owners	Meet 3-4x per year
Highway Managers Working Group	To exchange information and identify opportunities for technical or financial assistance to improve stream management	Highway managers, project partners	Meet 2-3x per year

Education and Outreach Working Group	To engage local educators in delivering educational programming and incorporate stakeholders into decision making	Project partners, watershed educators	Meet 2x per year Committee inactive 2012-2014; Reactivated 2015
Stream Ecosystem Working Group	To advise on development of a program research, assessment and monitoring agenda	Researchers, resource managers, project partners	Meet 1-2x per year
Grant Review Committee	To review grants to the SMIP and make recommendations for funding	Project partners	Meet based on need

SMIP PROJECTS

Education and Outreach					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Bennett Elementary School	Watershed Detectives Program	AWSMP-2011-1	\$4,500	Complete	Expand the Scientist in Residence Program at Bennett Elementary School located in Boiceville, NY with the addition of a new Watershed Detective's program for the 2011/2012 school year. Hands-on program that introduces students to watershed topics: basic watershed morphology, hydrologic cycle, where their drinking water comes from, learning about negative impacts from overdevelopment, pollution, erosion, etc.
Ulster County Soil and Water Cons. District	Rosgen Level 2 - UC SWCD	AWSMP-2010-2	\$2,235	Complete	The Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District requested \$6,586 to send staff member James Wedemeyer to attend River Morphology and Assessment training (Rosgen Levels II and III) in Shepherdstown, WV.
Ulster County Soil and Water Cons. District	Rosgen Level 3 - UC SWCD	AWSMP-2010-3	\$4,097	Complete	The Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District requested \$6,586 to send staff member James Wedemeyer to attend River Morphology and Assessment training (Rosgen Levels II and III) in Shepherdstown, WV.
Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter-Trout Unlimited	Leaping Trout Art Project	AWSMP-2010-4	\$925	Complete	The Leaping Trout Art Project was used to stimulate local awareness of Trout Unlimited and conservation issues in the Ashokan Watershed. The funds were used to cover the cost of printing a brochure containing the Leaping Trout Trail Map, a 4" x 9" rack card and maintaining the project website.
Catskill Center for Conservation and Development	Catskill Kiosk Panel Project	AWSMP-2010-12	\$5,000	Complete	Interpretative kiosk along Route 28 in the Town of Shandaken, NY discussing the role and importance of the Catskill Park and the NYC Watershed. The kiosk is located near the site of the proposed Catskill Interpretive Center in Mount Tremper. The kiosk serves as a way to inform visitors to the area about what the Catskill Mountain region has to offer as well as issues facing the watershed and local ecology.
Ulster County Cornell Coop. Extension	Roadside Drainage Class for Highway Staff	AWSMP-2010-23	\$874	Complete	Training for Ashokan Watershed Highway Departments on ditch and culvert best management practices.

Town of Woodstock	Woodstock Watershed Education Project	AWSMP-2010-26	\$4,400	Complete	Education and outreach for Town of Woodstock Wetlands and Watercourse Law. Outreach and educational materials for town residents, local board members and businesses.
Phoenicia Library	Jerry Bartlett Memorial Angling Collection Improvement	AWSMP-2011-37	\$10,000	Complete	Outreach and education to anglers of all ages and the general public about the links between robust fish and macroinvertebrate populations a water quality through workshops, presentations and events, digital exhibits and web design.
Ulster County Soil and Water Cons. District	Rosgen Level 4 - UC SWCD	AWSMP-2010-51	\$5,000	Complete	The Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District requested \$5,000 to cover the costs associated with Rosgen Level IV trainings for James Wedermeyer. The trainings are to be held in October of 2011 at Pilot View, Inc. Dobson, North Carolina. They were awarded the full \$5,000 requested.
Ulster County Dept. of Public Works	Rosgen Level 1 - UC DPW	AWSMP-2011-52	\$3,000	Complete	Ulster County Department of Public Works requested \$2,980 to send a stormwater specialist, Brendan Masterson, to Applied Fluvial Geomorphology (Rosgen Level I) training.
Ulster County Cornell Coop. Extension	Floodplain Manager Association Training Grant	AWSMP-2011-65	\$2,445	Complete	Provide five scholarships for Town Floodplain Law administrators to attend the NYS Watershed Association Conference
Town of Shandaken	Floodplain Manager Training and Certifications	AWSMP-2013-71	\$1,455	Complete	Send the Shandaken Town Supervisor, Code Enforcement Officer, and Highway Superintendent to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training; and sit for CFM exam.
Town of Woodstock	Floodplain Manager Training and Certification	AWSMP-2013-72	\$485	Complete	Send Town of Woodstock Code Enforcement Officer to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training; and sit for CFM exam.
Town of Hurley	Floodplain Manager Continuing Education	AWSMP-2013-73	\$325	Complete	Send Town of Hurley Code Enforcement Officer to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training.
Ulster County Dept. of Environment	Floodplain Manager Certification and Continuing Education	AWSMP-2013-75	\$810	Complete	Send two Ulster County staff to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training; and sit for CFM exam.
Ulster County Dept. of Public Works	Wildland Hydrology Course Training for UCDPW Staff	AWSMP-2013-76	\$3,186	Complete	Send Ulster County Civil Engineer, Andrew Emrich to Applied Fluvial Geomorphology Training (Rosgen Level I) in Shepardstown, WV.
Town of Lexington	NYSFSMA Annual Conference Attendance Plus CFM Test	AWSMP-2013-85	\$988	Complete	Send Town of Lexington Code Enforcement Officer to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training; and sit for CFM exam.
Town of Olive	NYSFSMA Annual Conference Attendance Plus CFM Test	AWSMP-2014-86	\$2,199	Complete	Send Town of Olive Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer to NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Manager's Association Annual Conference from April 27 -29, 2015 and take CFM exam.

Town of Woodstock	NYSFSMA Annual Conference Attendance and CFM Continuing Education	AWSMP-2014-88	\$1,312	Complete	Send Town of Woodstock Floodplain Administrator to NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Manager's Association Annual Conference from April 27 -29, 2015 and maintain CFM accreditation.
Ulster County Dept. of Public Works	Applied Fluvial Geomorphology Training for Ulster County DPW Staff	AWSMP-2014-89	\$3,410	Complete	Send UC DPW staff to Rosgen Level II training from March 15 - 20, 2015.
Town of Shandaken	NYSFSMA Annual Conference Attendance and CFM Continuing Education	AWSMP-2014-99	\$3,842	Complete	Send Town of Shandaken Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, Planning Board Chair, and new Code Enforcement Officer/Floodplain Manager to NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Manager's Association Annual Conference from April 27 -29, 2015 and acquire or maintain CFM accreditation.
Infrastructure					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Woodstock	Van Hoagland Road Bridge Replacement	AWSMP-2011-29	\$200,000	Complete	Extend Van Hoagland Bridge by 20' to remove hydraulic constriction.
Ulster County Soil and Water Cons. District	Bradkin Road Culvert Replacement	AWSMP-2010-31	\$107,480	Complete	Replace undersized culvert that was washed out in Oct 2010 flood with appropriately sized culvert.
Ulster County Dept. of Public Works	Woodland Valley at Fawn Hill	AWSMP-2010-41	\$35,075	Complete	Stabilize a failing hillslope that endangers a road. Provides matching funds to a FEMA HMGP grant received by the Town of Shandaken.
Town of Woodstock	Van Hoagland Bridge Hydraulic Study	AWSMP-2011-57	\$5,000	Complete	Engineering services to conduct a hydraulic analysis prior to replacing the Van Hoagland Bridge.
Ulster County Dept. of Public Works	Maben Hollow Bridge Repair and Expansion - Post Irene	AWSMP-2011-67	\$29,300	Discontinued	Install a new abutment and bridge deck for the Maben Hollow Bridge on Esopus Creek that was damaged during Tropical Storm Irene. The new bridge has a 20-foot increased span length to improve hydraulic capacity.
Ulster County Dept. of Public Works	County Route 47 Culvert Replacement —Post Irene	AWSMP-2011-68	\$77,300	Discontinued	Engineering to determine appropriate sizing and design of a culvert replacement for the Hillside Drive crossing.
Town of Olive	Engineering for Dry Brook at Hillside Drive Bridge Replacement	AWSMP-2013-69	\$20,000	Complete	Engineering through 60% design to determine appropriate sizing and design of a culvert replacement for the Hillside Drive crossing.
Town of Shandaken Highway Dept.	Engineering for Woodland Creek at Fawn Hill Rd. Bridge Grade Control	AWSMP-2013-78	\$10,000	Complete	Engineering for grade control downstream of the Fawn Hill Bridge to stop headcut moving toward bridge.
Town of Shandaken Highway Dept.	Conceptual Design for Fox Hollow Creek at Fox Hollow Rd. Bridge Grade Control by Panther Mountain Trail	AWSMP-2013-79	\$10,000	Complete	Conceptual design for project to stop headcut moving toward the upper bridge on Fox Hollow Rd. across from Panther Mountain Park entrance. Retaining walls are failing and endangering the bridge and streambanks.
Town of Shandaken Highway Dept.	Engineering for Fox Hollow Creek at Herdman Rd. Bridge Grade Control	AWSMP-2013-80	\$10,000	Complete	Engineering for grade control to prevent headcut and scour endangering the Herdman Rd. bridge off Fox Hollow Rd.

Town of Woodstock	Silver Hollow Creek at Silver Hollow Rd Culvert Replacement	AWSMP-2013-81	\$50,000	Discontinued	Replace flood-damaged culvert with precast concrete box culvert. Project at the Intersection of Silver Hollow Rd. and Lane Rd.
Planning					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Woodstock	Habitat Mapping for the Town of Woodstock	AWSMP-2010-24	\$29,000	Complete	Develop a large-format habitat map and a report describing terrestrial, wetland, and stream habitats; their relationship to maintaining groundwater and surface water resources; the plants and animals of conservation concern that may use the habitats; and detailed conservation recommendations. Maps to aide the town with planning, development and conservation decisions.
RCAP Solutions Community Resources	SAFARI Coordination with Mitigation Plan	AWSMP-2011-34	\$10,000	Complete	Assist the Town of Shandaken with research and assembly of documentation of elevation certificates, repetitive loss areas, and information to support plan development, information meeting planning, advertising and coordination, other public outreach as needed.
Town of Shandaken	Phoenicia Mitigation Phase 1	AWSMP-2011-55	\$32,771	Complete	Develop a design to reduce flooding from Stony Clove in Phoenicia at Rt. 212 bridge.
Town of Shandaken	Phoenicia Flood Resiliency Planning and Outreach	AWSMP-2011-56	\$92,500	Complete	Hire a consultant to develop a flood hazard mitigation plan for the Town of Shandaken that provides overall coordination and improves communication of flood risks, develops flood mitigation measures and strategies, and materials for an application to FEMA's Community Rating System.
Town of Shandaken	Engineering Services for Pine Hill Trail Network	AWSMP-2013-70	\$5,000	Complete	Develop plans for a hiking/ biking trail network with stream access and crossings interconnecting Smith Park to Main St., the Morton Memorial Library, and the Town of Shandaken Historical Museum (all town owned).
Town of Shandaken	Local Flood and Feasibility Analysis for Phoenicia and Mt. Tremper	AWSMP-2013-84 AWSMP-2014-101	\$72,000 \$20,850	Complete	Analyze flood conditions and identify hazard mitigation projects in Phoenicia and Mt. Tremper.
Research and Monitoring					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
SUNY New Paltz	Rock Snot in Sick Rivers	AWSMP-2010-8	\$4,984	Complete	A research project to investigate the causes of invasive algae didymosphenia geminate "didymo." In particular this project sought to find the causes of algae blooms in streams infested with didymo and whether certain factors such as climate, land use, water chemistry or hydrology play a role in the growth and spread of didymo. Funds were used to purchase field supplies for experimentation and sampling and decontamination equipment.

USGS Aquatic	Use of Telemetry to Assess Effects of Shandaken Tunnel on Trout	AWSMP-2010-9	\$8,159	Complete	Purchase telemetry equipment used by USGS, DEC, DEP, CCE, and Cornell University to research river trout movements.
USGS Aquatic	Quantitative Assessment of Water Quality in the Upper Esopus Creek	AWSMP-2010-10	\$27,080	Complete	Sample fish communities and habitat conditions at sites throughout the Esopus Creek Watershed in the summer of 2010.
NY State Museum/Geological Survey	Applied 3-Dimensional Geologic Mapping in Ulster County, NY	AWSMP-2010-13	\$38,037	Complete	Conduct geological mapping in the Ashokan Watershed area.
Ulster County Cornell Coop. Extension	Trimble GPS Unit	AWSMP-2010-14	\$8,375	Complete	Purchase a Trimble GPS for watershed-related data collection efforts.
USGS Aquatic	Quantitative Assessment of Fish, Macroinvertebrate, and Periphyton Communities in the Upper Esopus Creek	AWSMP-2010-19	\$79,700	Complete	Conduct water quality quantitative assessments in the Upper Esopus Creek. Assess fish and algae populations in the Upper Esopus, the effect of the Shandaken Portal on aquatic organisms, the potential effects of Phoenicia water quality on aquatic organisms, and quantify water quality, sediment load and turbidity throughout the Upper Esopus and in the seven major tributaries to the Esopus for 1-3 years. Characterize temporal and spatial trends in biological indices and water quality. Work conducted in 2011 and 2012 (2011 field survey).
USGS Aquatic	Use of Telemetry to Assess Effects of Shandaken Tunnel on Trout	AWSMP-2010-20	\$86,800	Complete	Study the effects of discharges from the Shandaken Tunnel on trout populations in the Upper Esopus Creek. Define the effects turbidity and sedimentation have on the local economy, trout populations, and quality of drinking water in the Upper Esopus Creek and Ashokan Reservoir.
USGS	Quantitative Assessment of Water Quality in the Upper Esopus Creek	AWSMP-2010-22	\$90,990	Complete	Study water quality of the upper Esopus Creek. Conduct sampling to characterize fish and other aquatic organisms as well temperature, hydrology, turbidity, sediment and other variables. Work conducted in 2010 and 2011 (2010 field sampling water quality parameters).
SUNY New Paltz	Rock Snot in Sick Rivers	AWSMP-2010-8	\$4,984	Complete	Investigate the causes of the invasive didymosphenia geminate, "didymo" algae blooms in streams and whether factors such as climate, land use, water chemistry or hydrology play a role in the growth and spread of didymo. Funds were used to purchase field supplies for experimentation and sampling and decontamination equipment.
USGS Aquatic	Use of Telemetry to Assess Effects of Shandaken Tunnel on Trout	AWSMP-2010-9	\$8,159	Complete	Purchase telemetry equipment used by USGS, DEC, DEP, CCE, and Cornell University to research river trout movements.
USGS	Monitoring Turbidity, Suspended Sediment Concentrations, and	AWSMP-2011-27	\$209,750	Complete	Extend Beaver Kill gage by 1 year and install gage on Warner Creek, collect and analyze sediment and turbidity samples,

	Sediment Loads in the Beaver Kill and Warner Creek Watersheds				measure streamflow and develop a stage-to-discharge rating curve at both streamgages, and analyze how suspended sediment concentration and associated turbidity were impacted by stream restoration and stabilization projects.
SUNY - New Paltz	Characterization of Suspended Sediment in Warner Creek	AWSMP-2011-58	\$5,000	Complete	Study the effects of suspended sediment on Warner Creek's ecology and geomorphology.
SUNY - New Paltz	Role of Suspended Sediment on Warner Creek's Ecology	AWSMP-2011-59	\$5,000	Complete	Extend work on Warner Creek to conduct Stony Clove Creek watershed characterization. Covers the stipend of a SUNY New Paltz senior geology student.
SUNY New Paltz	Didymo in Esopus Creek: Identification of Bloom	AWSMP-2011-60	\$7,400	Complete	Study didymo algae blooms in the Esopus Creek. Continues work done in 2011 to identify locations of didymo, measure water chemistry (a precursor to didymo infestation), test cleaning agents to determine functionality, and continue public education and outreach on techniques to prevent the spread of didymo.
Syracuse University	Bank Erosion Assessment and Analysis in Stony Clove Creek, 2001-2012	AWSMP-2011-61	\$45,000	Complete	Resurvey 27 Bank Erosion Monitoring Sites (BEMS) along Stony Clove Creek and establish 10-12 new BEMS. Collect detailed measurements of elevation and calculate the volume of eroded material. Assess methodologies for suitability. Collect samples of stream bank material for physical characterization. Study streamflow data. Identify events most likely to have caused erosion.
USGS Aquatic	Impact of Climate Change (floods) on Stream Ecosystems in the Catskills	AWSMP-2011-62	\$30,000	Complete	Assess the impacts of historic August 2011 flooding on the Upper Esopus Creek ecosystem, quantify short and long term rates of ecosystem recovery, characterize the effects of emergency channel repairs on the stream ecosystem, and provide data needed to help mitigate negative ecosystem impacts that may occur more frequently than in the past.
The Research Foundation SUNY New Paltz	Assessing the Impact of Groundwater and Heterogeneous Glacial Deposits on Streambank Erosion in the Stony Clove Creek Watershed	AWSMP-2013-74	\$30,001	Complete	Study detailed glacial geology and groundwater-surfacewater interactions at study sites along the Stony Clove Creek and Warner Creek to inform understanding of streambank erosion dynamics and treatment options.
Restoration					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Woodstock	Beaver Kill Channel Protection	AWSMP-2011-16	\$5,700	Complete	Repair a breached section of steam bank on outside stream bend. During medium and high flows, this section diverts into a channel behind the streambank. Repair a stacked rock wall constructed on both sides of stream.
Town of Woodstock Hwy Dept.	Beaver Kill at Mink Hollow Projects	AWSMP-2011-17	\$102,900	Complete	Projects to mitigate stream and road damages along Mink Hollow Road in the Town of Woodstock. Includes: above Van

					Hoagland Road reconnect the floodplain previously blocked by berms; stabilize the creek bed below a failed rock wall; and remove the buildup of LWD threatening to move the creek closer to Mink Hollow Rd.
Town of Shandaken	Stony Clove at Phoenicia	AWSMP-2011-18	\$234,000	Complete	Implement a stream restoration project to reduce Phoenicia flooding from the Stony Clove.
Ulster County Soil and Water Cons. District	Stony Clove at Chichester Site 1	AWSMP-2011-21	\$431,337	Complete	Implement a stream restoration project to improve channel stability and water quality on the Stony Clove Creek (Chichester #1).
Town of Shandaken	Mitigation Grant Match Funds (Brown Road)	AWSMP-2011-63	\$200,000	Discontinued	Provides matching funds to a HMGP grant to mitigate Brown Road.
Ulster County Dept. of Public Works	Maltby Hollow Brook Restoration - Post Irene	AWSMP-2011-66	\$10,475	Complete	Maltby Hollow Brook's main channel was altered during tropical storm Irene. In order to mitigate potential dangers of flooding from future rainfall events, the County is going to remove the trees, excess sediment and debris in Maltby Hollow Brook and stabilize banks.
Ulster County SWCD	Stony Clove Creek at Wright Road Stream Restoration	AWSMP-2015-112	\$500,000	Complete	Local match for the EWP for the Stony Clove Creek at Wright Road stream project, in the Town of Hunter, Greene County, NY.

**RONDOUT/NEVERSINK
STREAM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
ACTION PLAN May 2016 – APRIL 2018**



West Branch Neversink Demonstration 2015

Rondout and Neversink Stream Management Planning Program Action Plan 2016-2018

Executive Summary

Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is currently under contract CAT-443 to NYC DEP to collaboratively deliver the Rondout Neversink Stream Management Planning Program through June 2020. This contract provides Stream Management Implementation Program grants (SMIP) to implement recommendations identified in the prior contract, CAT-389, with broad goals that support watershed stewardship through assessment, planning, education, and stream and floodplain restoration activities in the Towns of Denning (Ulster County) and Neversink (Sullivan County).

Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis is underway in this contract to help communities incorporate flood hazard mitigation into project implementation in conjunction with the municipalities' established stream management recommendations, and to provide eligibility for new programs available through other DEP and DEP-funded partner programs at Catskill Watershed Corporation. The Denning Neversink Local Flood Analysis Committee, with Town-appointed and agency representatives, will continue to meet regularly to guide the process of Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis (LFA) through 2019.

CAT-443 provides resources for continued outreach efforts through educational programming, convening of the Watershed Advisory Group to advise program development, and Subcommittees of this group that meet more frequently and guide project planning and coordination. The web-site established at www.rondoutneversink.org documents accomplishments of the program and communicates progress and important information to participants and partners. Followers can join Rondout Neversink Stream Program's Facebook page and an Instagram feed, @nycheadwaters. Usage of these is growing weekly through the power of social media networking.

To date, 27 projects to vegetate streamside buffers have been completed, representing 7.79 acres, or 1.25 mile of linear buffer, restored with 3,125 containerized native trees and shrubs installed. Many of these projects include bioengineering design components to repair and/or improve stream stability along the banks.

A Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP) commenced in early 2015, following the adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding by Denning and Neversink Town Boards. The Watershed Advisory Group oversees the development of the SMIP grants program, and meets in subcommittees for Highways & Infrastructure and Education to initiate Round 1 applications for funding through CAT-443.

SMIP applications for 2015 were received by Towns of Denning and Neversink, as well as one each in development with Sullivan County and Ulster County DPWs. 2015 projects implemented included: replacement of a metal grate bridge with 3-sided culvert to improve water quality and providing a local match for a FEMA-funded streambank stabilization in Denning. In Neversink, funds were distributed to conserve a historic map showing 1890s land parcels and river corridor. Round 2 grant applications will be approved May 2016 for pending grant applications: Bridge Obstruction Debris removal for flood hazard mitigation (both Towns); Sugarloaf Brook culvert design (Neversink); Denning Road culvert design for 4 undersized conveyances (Denning); Hunter Road culvert upgrading for flood hazard mitigation (Neversink); and a series of Education grants involving Tri Valley Central School and Time and the Valleys Museum (serving both Towns). A partnership outreach project is in planning with NYC DEP Grahamsville office for repurposing of Neversink's town ballfield was relocated out of the floodplain after Tropical Storm Irene. The new public use area will incorporate demonstration practices and

interpretative exhibits on watershed protection serving agency goals of Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation and NYC DEP (Neversink).

Due to repeat losses on main roads in this watershed, cooperative efforts were made to identify and explore hazard mitigation funding through Hazard Mitigation Grants Program. Grant application support, site survey and landowner outreach continues to be provided to Ulster County DPW for the safe reconstruction of County Road 47. A Local Flood Analysis is planned in 2016 for the hamlet of Sundown (Denning). Upon completion of Sundown's LFA, further flood mitigation projects will be prioritized together with bank erosion and stream stability projects to produce restoration efforts in 2017 to complete work at the program's top sites in both Towns.

Each section of this Action Plan reflects a category of the current contract scope of work, followed by the specific stream management plan recommendations addressed by the tasks for Year 1 and 2 of the Plan. A proposed calendar (to be used as a general guide) is included.

Category: Stream Management Plans including Local Flood Mitigation Analysis

Stream Management Plan tasks address these General Recommendations:

6.1.1 Annual Action Plans

6.1.5 Advisory Committees General & Technical

6.1.6 Updating & Revision of Rondout Creek Management Plan

6.1.7 Town Adoption of Management Plan

6.1.6 Future Update and Revision of Chestnut Creek Management Plan

6.1.10 Post-Flood Technical Assistance

6.4.9 Hazard Mitigation Plans

6.5.4 Watershed Association Upper Rondout

6.8.2 Digital FIRM Maps

6.8.3 Flood Ordinance Review

6.8.4 Community Rating System

6.8.5 SFHA Notification

6.1.8 Public Lands

Year 1: 2016-2017

Watershed Advisory Group meetings April & December to review the Action Plan through 2018 and to report on annual accomplishments. Initiate grants program by releasing Education grant applications in February. LFA Committee supports Local Flood Analysis (LFHMA) through RFP to engineering firms for 3 population centers through bimonthly meetings to advise on project. Quarterly E-News. Bi-monthly meetings of Highways & Infrastructure Subcommittee. Convene third annual Anglers Symposium fisheries to engage landowners and angling community to identify priority recommendations for research. SMIP grant applications reviewed and selected for Round 2. Bi-annual meetings of Education Subcommittee. Research Subcommittee will convene in July and accept Round 1 proposals on priority topics for implementation in 2017. Completion of Claryville LFHMA study and initiation of Sundown study. Initiate design/construction of initial Claryville FHM projects.

Year 2: 2017-2018

Sundown flood analysis underway with meetings through summer and fall. SMIP grant applications for 2017 will be accepted in fall. Construction of Claryville LFA projects will begin; initiation of design of Sundown LFA projects. Initiate Chestnut Creek LFA.

Category: Stream Assessment

Stream Assessment tasks address these General Recommendations:

- 6.2.1 Identify Locations of Water Quality Impairment
- 6.2.4 Watershed Assessment of Major Rondout Creek/Neversink River Tributaries
- 6.2.8 Highway Activities & Infrastructure for Water Quality Improvement
- 6.3.12 Documentation of Eroding Banks
- 6.3.2 Establish Riparian Reference Reaches
- 6.3.3 Inventory Watershed Wetlands
- 6.5.1-6.5.3 Fisheries Research, Detailed Fisheries Assessment, Restoration Project Fisheries Assessment
- 6.8.7 Flood Damage Database

Year 1: 2016-2017

Bank Erosion Hazard Index (BEHI) assessment will be ongoing on the Rondout, Neversink and Chestnut Creeks to document change at high priority sites, prioritize and inform future implementation grants. At least one new reference reach selected and surveyed, and two previously surveyed reaches resurveyed. Completed projects will be monitored during establishment period. Additional stream study if needed on Sundown LFA area. Japanese Knotweed monitoring suppression plan in coordination with CRISP (Catskill Region Invasive Species Partnership). Stream feature inventory will be conducted on two major tributaries; more detailed GPS mapping of large woody debris using the protocol proposed by Wohl, et al. will be piloted in at least one tributary. Research Subcommittee will identify projects to be initiated this year to address issues in fisheries and suspended sediment loading.

Year 2: 2017-2018

Additional stream study if needed on Chestnut Creek LFA area. Japanese Knotweed monitoring suppression plan in coordination with CRISP (Catskill Region Invasive Species Partnership). Stream feature inventory will be conducted on two major tributaries. Research Subcommittee will identify projects to be initiated this year to address priority goals established through its first year of active projects.

Category: Restoration Projects

Demonstration tasks address these General Recommendations:

- 6.2.4 Critical Area Seeding Program
- 6.3.6 Knotweed Eradication/Suppression
- 6.3.7 Invasive Species-Free Area and Spread Prevention
- 6.3.9 Participate in CRISP
- 6.2.8 Highway Activities
- 6.2.9 Stream Stability Restoration
- 6.5.4 Habitat Improvement Project
- 6.1.3 Debris Management

Year 1: 2016-2017

Stream Management Implementation Program begins with annual grant funding cycle to identify projects via subcommittees for approval by Watershed Advisory Group:

- Highways & Infrastructure Subcommittee
- Education Subcommittee
- Research Subcommittee
- Denning Neversink Flood Analysis Committee

2016 projects listed in Executive Summary (above). There is potential to add a streambank toe protection project in conjunction with Ulster County at Denning Road Bridge replacement. Support critical area seeding as requested by Towns. Adjustments made to Demo projects as needed during their establishment period. Release SMIP applications for Round 2 funding (fall) for 2017 projects.

Year 2: 2017-2018

2017 restoration projects will be identified through Denning Neversink Local Flood Hazard Committee for Claryville. Sundown and Grahamsville LFAs are underway. Frost Valley YMCA submits application for facility-wide LFA to identify stormwater improvements at Main Camp to mitigate future flood damage and improve water quality.

Category: CSBI (Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative)

CSBI tasks address these General Recommendations:

6.3.1 Riparian Vegetation Mapping

6.3.5 Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative

6.2.4 Critical Area Seeding Program

6.3.6 Knotweed Eradication/Suppression

6.3.7 Invasive Species-Free Area and Spread Prevention

6.3.9 Participate in CRISP

6.2.8 Highway Activities

Year 1: 2016-2017

Riparian Corridor Management Plans (RCMPs) will be written for a minimum of 5 streamside landowners in the program area this year, each resulting in planting projects to be planned and implemented in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017. Outreach for the recruitment of CSBI grant applicants continues year round. Grant applications received by June 1st for implementation in the Fall of 2016, and November 1st for implementation in Spring 2017, with the flexibility to roll potential projects into future rounds when appropriate and necessary to ensure project success. Invasive species control is an integral part of this program; a long-term control strategy for suppression of target species will continue to be implemented in Fall 2016 through a partnership with Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP). Existing native willow (*Salix* spp.) planting beds improved on NYC DEP land; continued permissions pursued for willow harvesting on private lands. A seasonal field intern may be hired in fall for assistance during CSBI project implementation or through The Student Conservation Association (SCA) again.

Schedule for Actions:

Receive CSBI grant applications by June 1st; Develop RCMPs (2-3); year one vegetation monitoring for 5 projects installed in 2015, year three monitoring for 5 projects installed in 2013, year five monitoring at 3 project sites installed in 2011, annual photo monitoring at 13 remaining sites; Complete RCMP's for Fall projects. June-October: submit Japanese Knotweed plots to CRISP/partners database; assist with enforcement of JKW prevention protocol for project contractors July- October: Complete planting plans for Fall projects, CSBI project planning and implementation. November: CSBI grant applications due for potential spring projects; CSBI project planning for Spring 2016. February: Complete RCMPs (2-3) for Spring projects. Ongoing: Japanese Knotweed Control through partnership with private landowners, Town and County DPWs, Maintain an accurate inventory of plant materials center; Outreach for CSBI applicants; Oversee and manage Plant Materials contracts with Greenbelt and One Nature nurseries.

Year 2: 2017-2018

Riparian Corridor Management Plans will be written to target the goal of 5 streamside landowners in the program area this year, each resulting in a planting project to be planned and implemented in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018. CSBI will also offer full planting support to the stream restoration work that result from projects initiated by the grants program for Highways and Infrastructure, and Local Flood Analysis mitigation projects.

Outreach for the recruitment of CSBI grant applicants continues year round through a variety of forums. Grant applications received by June 1st for implementation in the Fall of 2017, and November 1st for implementation in Spring 2018, with the flexibility to roll potential projects into future rounds when appropriate and necessary to ensure project success. Invasive species control is an integral part of this program; action items will be in place for the long-term suppression strategy for suppression of target species. The goal of establishing more native willow planting beds on NYC DEP land pursued including continued permissions for willow harvesting on private lands.

Schedule for Actions:

May-September: CSBI project implementation for Spring projects; complete RCMPs (2-3) for Fall projects; Vegetation Monitoring for year 1 projects installed in 2016, Year 3 monitoring for projects installed in 2014, and Year 5 monitoring for projects installed in 2012. June: CSBI grants applications due by 1st for potential fall projects. October: Quarterly meeting; Receive and inventory plant materials from nursery; Complete planting plans for Fall 2017 projects. November: CSBI grant applications due by 1st, CSBI project planning for Spring 2018. February: Complete RCMPs (2-3) for Spring projects. Ongoing: Continue to identify partners for native willow harvest and bed planting establishment; Japanese Knotweed control through partnership with private landowners, Town and County DPWs; Maintain an accurate inventory of the plant materials center; Outreach for CSBI applications; Oversee and manage Plant Materials contract with Greenbelt and One Nature nurseries.

Category: Education & Outreach

Education & Outreach tasks address these General Recommendations:

- 6.1.2 Selective Stream Gravel Management*
- 6.1.4 Historic and Current Condition Analysis and Documentation*
- 6.3.4 Watershed Forestry Program*
- 6.3.8 Early Detection & Rapid Response to Invasives*
- 6.4.2 Flood Response Technical Resources*
- 6.4.5 Flood Damage Prevention Library*
- 6.4.9 Hazard Mitigation Plans*
- 6.6.1 Education & Outreach Working Group Strategy*
- 6.6.2 Educational Workshops*
- 6.6.3 Training of Stream Program Staff*
- 6.6.4 Volunteer Opportunities*
- 6.6.5 Web-based Outreach*
- 6.6.6 Stream Management Publications*
- 6.6.7 News Media Outreach*
- 6.6.8 Training Opportunities*
- 6.6.9 Stream Management Guidelines*
- 6.5.5 Wildlife and Biodiversity Assessments*
- 6.7 Public Recreation*
- 6.8.6 Flood Hazard Education Sessions*

Year 1: 2016-2017

An E-news format continues to be emailed to landowners and partners. Third Annual Anglers Symposium will take place to further engage water quality research stakeholders. Focus will continue of orientation and training for Sundown and Grahamsville streamside residents to gain the skills and information required to participate in the LFHMA process. Stream Program Coordinator participates in Interbasin

Education and Outreach quarterly meetings and new program initiatives such as LFHMA. Program staff will attend Rosgen training Level 4 to increase knowledge in natural stream processes. In September, release applicant packet for Round 2 Education SMIP Grants, although beginning in Spring 2016, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis. Outreach calendar includes: Second Annual Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Summit (April), Public Presentations for Claryville LFA (summer), Second Annual Anglers Symposium (summer). Lark in the Park Hike in partnership with NYC DEP staff to Weather Station (October), Orientation Presentations on LFA process for Sundown and Grahamsville communities (Fall/Winter).

Year 2: 2017-2018

E-news and web updates continue. Ongoing partnership with Tri Valley Central School students; expand to include Ellenville students. Assess needs for supporting the creation of an Upper Rondout Watershed Association. Program staff will attend Rosgen training Level 4 to increase knowledge in channel design and natural stream processes. Initiate public search engine tool with Google to make Stream Feature Inventory and Stream Management Plan recommendations data available online.

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Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program 2016 – 2018 Action Plan



Photo of Apple Hill Stream Restoration in Jewett (East Kill) looking upstream courtesy of Chris Langworthy



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To: David Burns, Project Manager, NYCDEP

From: Jeff Flack, Executive Director, GCSWCD

Date: May 19, 2016

Re: Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program 2016-2018 Action Plan

The Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District (GCSWCD) and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have collaborated with the Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee (SWAC) to develop the 2016 – 2018 Action Plan. The Action Plan provides the Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program’s activities, projects and programs that are planned for 2016-2018 as well as program accomplishments.

The Action Plan is divided into key programmatic areas:

- A. Protecting and Enhancing Stream Stability and Water Quality
- B. Floodplain Management and Planning
- C. Highway and Infrastructure Management in Conjunction with Streams
- D. Assisting Streamside Landowners (Public and Private)
- E. Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic and Riparian Habitat
- F. Enhancing Public Access to Streams

The Action Plan is updated and revised annually. This plan will be implemented from May 2016 – May 2018.

Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program 2016-2018 Action Plan

Purpose

This Action Plan identifies stream management goals, presents a subset of stream management plan recommendations and identifies current implementation initiatives by the Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program for the period 2016-2018. The Action Plan also provides the current status or progress of each action item.

How to read this document: The Action Plan is organized around key programmatic areas. For each topic area, a list of recommendations, derived from Stream Management Plans and program staff, are provided in *italicized text*. Following the recommendations, the ongoing projects, programs and activities, including those that are funded through the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP), are listed.

Background

The Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program (SWSMP) was established in a partnership between the Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District (GCSWCD) and NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in 1997 as part of the Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD) issued to DEP by the Environmental Protection Agency. Stream Management Plans have been completed for each major river corridor in the Schoharie Watershed and each plan includes a set of general recommendations, and project specific recommendations, which provide a “road map” for improved stream and floodplain management. In addition to supporting the FAD, many SWSMP projects also target reductions to in-stream sources of suspended sediments as part of DEP’s Shandaken Tunnel State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPEDES) permit established in September 2006. The SWSMP seeks to advance state-of-the-art watershed management projects, policies and programs to improve and protect the Schoharie’s water resources. Initiatives include the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP), the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI), stream and floodplain restoration projects, stream and watershed assessments, flood hazard analysis and mitigation, and education and outreach programs.

The following Action Plan summarizes the programs and projects that GCSWCD will be leading within the Schoharie Basin between May 2016 and May 2018, and includes action plan updates through May 1, 2016. The GCSWCD will lead the efforts for each action item, and work cooperatively with watershed partners including, but not limited to, the Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee (SWAC), NYCDEP, NYSDEC, CWC and watershed municipalities. Funding sources for our action items include, Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP), Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI), Watershed Assistance Program (WAP), Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), DEP/GCSWCD Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program (Contract), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Natural Resource Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP).

Program Administration

The Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program requires on-going administrative and organizational support to implement stream management efforts. Many of the program administration action items began in 2007 and will continue through the duration of the stream management program. Additional action items may be added as the program evolves and as program goals are refined.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Program Administration and Implementation	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, MSMA, SWAC	The GCSWCD has developed an effective and efficient process for implementation of the stream management plans for Schoharie Creek and its associated tributaries. These efforts help to fulfill the NYCDEP FAD obligations. Development and implementation of the program is an on-going process.	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	On-going
Inter-Agency Coordination	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, NYSDEC, USACOE	Facilitate coordination between the agencies with stream management responsibilities. This is a key component of SMP implementation.	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	On-going
Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee (SWAC)	Schoharie Basin Municipalities, Technical Advisors, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The organizational structure of the Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee (SWAC) was developed in early 2008. After the kick off meeting in May 2008, the SWAC has met regularly throughout the years, developed program materials to initiate a stream management plan implementation process, and identified projects for implementation. Administrative support for the SWAC remains an on-going activity, with SWAC member reappointments, town re-adoption of SMPs, signing of MOUs to collaborate on stream issues, regular municipal updates and SWAC meetings.	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Organized May 2008, meet 2-3x per year
Catskill Streams Website	NYCDEP, GCSWCD Schoharie SMP Contract	The GCSWCD will continue to provide logistical support in the development and maintenance of the Catskill Streams Website as a valuable tool for sharing information with watershed stakeholders. The GCSWCD will also continue to maintain and update the district's website.	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	On-going
Plant Materials Program	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	GCSWCD will continue to produce quality native plant materials for its stream restoration projects and riparian buffer plantings.	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	On-going
Operation and Maintenance	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, Landowners	The GCSWCD, NYCDEP and project partners will work to maintain project sites throughout the Schoharie Creek watershed. This may include, but is not limited to, supplemental planting, bioengineering, minor repairs, general maintenance and assessments as needed.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD Schoharie SMP Contract	On-going, maintenance plan developed annually in Spring

A. Protecting and Enhancing Stream Stability and Water Quality

Protecting and enhancing stream stability and water quality may include: stream corridor assessments; stream stabilization/restoration projects with a goal to restore stream stability and reduce targeted pollutant; monitoring and maintenance of stream projects; and outreach, education and technical assistance to encourage stream stewardship.

STREAM CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Complete a watershed assessment of tributaries within the Schoharie Creek Watershed that have yet to be assessed. These tributaries should be studied to identify and prioritize sediment sources, erosion hazards, and potential water quality impairments and associated treatment opportunities.*
2. *Review existing water quality data and identify, to the extent possible, the most significant water quality impairments.*
3. *Identify locations of potential water quality impairments including; sources of pollution from upland areas and within the stream channel such as significant glacial lake clay exposures, and sources of contaminants from road runoff and households, and make prioritized recommendations for their mitigation.*
4. *Identify, monument and survey selected sites of bank erosion, assess their relative stability, and make prioritized recommendations for their treatment.*
5. *Monitor constructed stream restoration sites to document the projects' status and performance. Monitoring will include measurements and analysis of geomorphic form, rock structures, and vegetation. Monitoring will be performed in accordance with Army Corps of Engineers permit requirements as well as GCSWCD/NYCDEP annual assessments of the need for additional monitoring. Data will be collected to monitor project stability and vegetation establishment.*

STREAM ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Tributary Stream Inventory and Assessment	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	While existing SMPs cover the main stems of most major stream systems within the Schoharie Watershed, they do not address any tributaries to these systems. Therefore, less than 10% of total stream miles have been inventoried, assessed and planned. Stream Feature Inventories (SFI) of tributaries is an on-going priority to assess baseline conditions and identify potential projects. The Huntersfield Creek and Little West Kill SFIs will be conducted in 2016. Tributaries to assess in 2017 will be determined in winter, 2016.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD Schoharie SMP Contract	Active
Monitoring of Restored Stream Reaches	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Annual monitoring of restored stream reaches provides valuable information on the effectiveness of restoration practices in addition to fulfilling the permit requirements associated with these projects. Monitoring includes a visual inspection of the reach, photo documentation, pebble counts, and a survey of monumented cross sections and the longitudinal profile.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD Schoharie SMP Contract	Years 1, 2, 3 and 5 post-construction

Vegetation Monitoring	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Annually, the GCSWCD and project partners monitor the native riparian vegetation that has been installed along streambanks within the Schoharie watershed. Riparian plantings are completed in conjunction with the installation of natural channel designed (NCD) stream restoration projects and CSBI projects. Vegetation provides for increased stability as trees and shrubs continue to mature, and it is a critical component to the long-term success of these types of projects. Annual vegetation monitoring provides valuable information on the effectiveness of restoration practices in addition to fulfilling the permit requirements associated with these projects.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD Schoharie SMP Contract	Annually Schedule updated in January
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STREAM RESTORATION AND STABILIZATION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Identify locations where roads, bridges, or culverts and water quality may be threatened by SMP prioritized bank erosion, or are otherwise unstable or threatened, and make prioritized recommendations for their treatment.*
2. *Identify locations where improved or residential areas and water quality may be threatened by bank erosion, and make prioritized recommendations for their treatment.*
3. *Identify locations of stream instabilities contributing to water quality impairment and make prioritized recommendations for their mitigation or treatment.*
4. *Implement stream stability restoration projects that have been identified through field assessments or prioritized in management plans.*
5. *Governmental landowners in the Schoharie Creek watershed should manage their lands using natural channel stability concepts, and should serve as a model for other watershed landowners.*

STREAM RESTORATION AND STABILIZATION				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Schoharie Creek Stabilization and Riparian Restoration at Kozak	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Located along the Schoharie Creek, this project involves restoring 750 linear feet of erosion with clay exposures by grading the bank and stabilizing the toe with rock and bioengineering treatments. A 50-100 feet wide riparian buffer will be established by planting native tree and shrub species along 2,000 feet of streambank. Planning, assessment, permitting and design are complete. Project construction is planned for August 2016.	SMIP, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Active
Batavia Kill Restoration at Big Hollow Project Repairs	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, FEMA	Repair of damages sustained on the Big Hollow Stream Restoration project on the Batavia Kill are planned for 2016. Design, permitting and bidding were complete in 2013; construction has been postponed until landowner approval was recently obtained.	FEMA, NYCDEP/ GCSWCD Schoharie Contract	Active

Batavia Kill Restoration at Red Falls	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	A full-channel restoration project located on the Batavia Kill at the border of Ashland and Prattsville is in the assessment and design phase. This project will develop a plan to stabilize eroding streambanks and to protect water quality by reducing fine sediment sources along this high-turbidity producing reach of stream. The design will address over a mile of severely degraded stream. The assessment, design, permitting and implementation are in progress, and construction is planned for summer of 2017.	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP Schoharie SMP Contract	Active
West Kill Restoration at Shoemaker	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	General construction of this project was completed in 2015, but will have bioengineering installed in 2016.	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP Schoharie SMP Contract/ SEMO, FEMA	Active

STREAM STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION AND OUTREACH RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Collaborate with local and regional partners to enhance education and outreach efforts related to stream and floodplain management, sediment and erosion control, and other topics critical to sound watershed management.*
2. *Maintain a watershed website to provide information to watershed stakeholders.*
3. *Develop publications focused on stream management which can be provided to watershed stakeholders and/or used in training workshops.*
4. *Host a Schoharie Watershed Month with various events planned for watershed residents and visitors to promote awareness and stewardship.*
5. *Increase public and technical awareness about the importance of the Schoharie Creek watershed and ecosystem by providing educational workshops for a variety of stakeholders including, riparian landowners, municipal leaders, planning boards, code enforcement personnel, highway departments, local businesses, contractors, developers and educators.*
6. *Increase technical awareness about stream science, water quality protection and best management practices by providing educational workshops for a variety of stakeholders including, riparian landowners, municipal leaders, planning boards, code enforcement personnel, highway departments, local businesses, contractors, developers and educators.*
7. *Develop detailed, science based guidelines to stream management which are readily available to those entities responsible for stream activities in the Schoharie Creek watershed. Guidelines must emphasize natural channel stability.*

STREAM STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION AND OUTREACH				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Annual Education and Outreach Plan	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, SWAC	The GCSWCD continues to work with NYCDEP and others to develop and implement a comprehensive education and outreach strategy with goals submitted annually in January. The GCSWCD will help identify training needs and plan training activities for a wide range of audiences; training activities may be basin-wide or specific to individual sub-basins.	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP SMP Contract, WAP, CWC	Annually
Schoharie Watershed Month	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, local schools, TU, CWC, WAC, GCCCE, DEC, SWAC	Community involvement and awareness is important for promoting the protection of streams and their watersheds. Hosting a watershed-wide educational and recreational event (SWM) provides an opportunity for watershed residents, students, community groups, tourists, officials and others to get to know their stream and the resources available to help provide watershed protection.	SMIP	Annually
Schoharie Watershed Summit	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, SWAC	The annual conference, which began in 2007, is organized for local municipal officials, county and non-profit agencies, highway departments, regulatory agencies and engineering firms active in the Schoharie Basin, and offers training in relevant water resources management, regulations, land use, and stormwater management. Credits for planning board members are provided.	GCSWCD NYCDEP SMP Contract	Annually
Schoharie Watershed Tour	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, SWAC	The annual watershed tours are organized to provide public officials, watershed managers and landowners an opportunity to view project sites to see the range and diversity of completed and potential watershed projects. The tours offer training in relevant water resource issues and management. The next tour will be held in 2017.	GCSWCD NYCDEP SMP Contract	Biennial
Community Outreach	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Success of SMP implementation requires community awareness and involvement. In order to keep watershed communities and interested stakeholders informed of SMP implementation progress and activities, the GCSWCD and its partners may use a variety of outreach media including newspaper articles, an "e"-newsletter, program print newsletter, brochures, facts sheets, project announcements, media contacts, press releases and kiosks.	GCSWCD NYCDEP SMP Contract, CWC, GCSWCD-WAP	On-going

B. Floodplain Management and Planning

Floodplain management and planning may include: floodplain assessments; coordination of floodplain management efforts in the watershed; and outreach, education and technical assistance for floodplain management in the Schoharie Watershed.

LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS AND FLOODPLAIN ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Identify locations where roads, bridges, or culverts may be threatened by flooding, and make prioritized recommendations for their treatment.*
2. *Identify locations where improved or residential areas may be threatened by flooding, and make prioritized recommendations for their treatment.*
3. *Support flood hazard mitigation efforts to reduce the impacts from flooding such as impacts to public safety, homes and businesses, infrastructure and the natural environment.*
4. *Through LFA provide resources to help WOH municipalities: confirm that there is a significant flood hazard in the target area through engineering analysis; use engineering analysis to develop a range of hazard mitigation alternatives; the primary focus of the analysis is to identify the potential for reducing flood elevations through channel and floodplain restoration, as the first alternative to other hazard mitigation solutions; evaluate both the technical effectiveness and the benefit/cost effectiveness of each solution, and compare different solutions to each other for the most practical, sustainable outcome.*

LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS AND FLOODPLAIN ASSESSMENT				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Lexington Local Flood Analysis	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Town of Lexington	In 2014, the Town of Lexington began a Local Flood Analysis (LFA) to determine the causes of flooding, investigate and analyze the overall potential of specific projects, and projects in combination, in an attempt to mitigate flood damages and hazards. The analysis is complete and the LFA report is complete and pending final approval of the Town of Lexington in spring 2016.	SMIP	Active
Conesville Local Flood Analysis	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Town of Conesville, SCSWCD, SC Planning	The Town of Conesville has formed a Flood Advisory Committee (FAC) and will work with consultants in 2016 - 2017 on a Local Flood Analysis (LFA). The LFA will help to determine the causes of flooding, investigate and analyze the overall potential of specific projects, and projects in combination, in an attempt to mitigate flood damages and hazards.	SMIP	Active
Ashland Local Flood Analysis	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Town of Ashland	The Town of Ashland has begun to form a Flood Advisory Committee (FAC) that will work with consultants in 2016 - 2017 on a Local Flood Analysis (LFA). The LFA will help to determine the causes of flooding, investigate and analyze the overall potential of specific projects, and projects in combination, in an attempt to mitigate flood damages and hazards	SMIP	Active

Windham LFA Implementation	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Town of Windham	The GCSWCD will continue to support the LFA recommended project of relocating GNH Lumber to a site outside the floodplain in Windham. Their LFA was completed and adopted in 2015.	CWC	Active
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FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COORDINATION, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *The GCSWCD should support local municipalities in the use of FIRM maps.*
2. *Municipalities in the watershed should conduct a review of current floodplain ordinances and adopt revisions as appropriate. Revisions should reflect current building trends, new technologies, compliance and integrated broader community plans as appropriate.*
3. *Schoharie Watershed municipalities should evaluate participation in the FEMA Community Rating System.*
4. *Access to flood prevention/protection information should be established and supported throughout the Schoharie Creek Watershed.*
5. *Watershed municipalities, working with local and state agencies, should support periodic training sessions on flood related issues. Audiences should include municipal leaders, code enforcement staff, planning boards, landowners, realtors, lending institutions and others.*
6. *Watershed municipalities should facilitate development of a flood damage reporting system to track types of flooding, their location and the costs associated with flood damage.*
7. *Stream and floodplain management guidelines, which integrate stream form and function, should be developed for use during post flood response.*

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COORDINATION, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Flood Buyout Program	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, SEMO, FEMA, Watershed Municipalities, GC Economic Development, Tourism & Planning,	The GCSWCD is facilitating a FEMA flood buyout program for 23 eligible landowners in 8 Greene County towns following Hurricane Irene in 2011. NYCDEP is participating in the program by covering the 25% non-federal match for watershed properties that are not eligible for state assistance. Deed restriction and conservation easement for watershed properties are issued to maintain the property in perpetuity as open floodplain space, therefore eliminating future flood damage to the parcel. Demolition is complete on all but one property. The program will be fully complete in summer 2016 following demolition of the final property located in Prattsville. Once the DEP-funded buyout program starts, the District will facilitate four stream project related and erosion hazard buyouts.	FEMA, SEMO, NYCDEP	Active

C. Highway and Infrastructure Management in Conjunction with Streams

Highway and infrastructure management in conjunction with streams may include: best management practices (BMPs) to improve infrastructure and stream intersections; stormwater management; and outreach, training and financial assistance to infrastructure managers to demonstrate BMPs.

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Local municipalities, Greene County Highway Department and NYSDOT should place a priority on vegetation management on critical areas such as roadside ditches and steep slopes.*
2. *Watershed municipalities should evaluate winter road abrasive procedures to address abrasive quality, application methods and spring sweeping.*
3. *The Town and County Highway Departments and NYSDOT should integrate geomorphology principles in all new projects and routine maintenance activities related to the Schoharie Watershed.*
4. *Work with local highway departments to minimize the negative effects of bank armor through the use of vegetation within and above the armor. Replant existing rip rap. This will both increase the effectiveness and strength of the rip rap and cool water temperatures through shading and reducing the thermal effects of heated rock.*
5. *Work with the SWAC Highway Committee to identify opportunities to address infrastructure that is leading to stream instability and water quality degradation.*

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Critical Area Seeding and Slope Stabilization Program	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, County & Municipal Highway Departments	All of the SMPs and the SWAC Highway and Infrastructure subcommittee recommend that local municipalities, county highway departments and NYSDOT should place priority on vegetation management on critical areas such as roadside ditches and steep slopes. GCSWCD continues to partner with all highway departments to provide critical area seeding for roadside ditches and slopes using the district’s hydroseeder and power mulcher. In 2016, the program launched a slope stabilization fund through SMIP to address prioritized slopes with reinforced vegetative treatments for highway departments that attended a mandatory training in April, 2016.	SMIP, NYCDEP/ GCSWCD Schoharie SMP Contract	On-going
Kaaterskill United Methodist Church Stormwater/Rain Harvesting Project	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, Kaaterskill United Methodist Church	Several stormwater management practices are proposed to treat the water from the roof drainage and provide storm water infiltration. These include rooftop rain harvesting (gutter system), and above ground cistern to capture the runoff and serve as a water source for the community garden, and four rain gardens to provide stormwater filtration and infiltration. A detailed design is in progress and construction is planned for spring of 2017.	SMIP	Active

Glen Avenue Culvert Upgrade	Village of Hunter Highway Department, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The GCSWCD worked with the Village of Hunter Highway Department to design and properly size the culvert under Glen Avenue near the entrance of Camp Loyaltown. Installation was completed in 2015 with a buried bottom for improved habitat. Supplemental plantings are planned for the spring of 2016.	SMIP, ESD, FEMA	Active
Cranberry Road Culvert Upgrade	Town of Hunter Highway Department, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The GCSWCD worked with the Town of Hunter Highway Department to design, properly size and oversee the installation of this culvert. The existing culvert is undersized, contributing to flooding of the roadway during high flows. It is also substantially perched, which presents a barrier for fish passage. Survey, design and permitting are complete; construction is planned for 2016.	SMIP, ESD, FEMA	Active
Schoharie Watershed Stream Crossing/ Culvert Design	Highway Superintendents Subcommittee, NYCDEP, GCSWCD	To support local highway departments two SMIP grants have been awarded (\$50,000 & \$30,000) to fund engineering design services to ensure prioritized culverts/embankments are designed properly. Cranberry Road (Hunter), Glen Avenue (Village of Hunter), South Gilboa Road (Gilboa), Beech Ridge Road (Lexington) projects are being, or have been, designed using these monies. The culverts are being upgraded to reduce stream instability and associated pollutants, allow for proper conveyance and passage of aquatic organisms.	SMIP	Active
Mitchell Hollow Road (CR 21) Stormwater Sewer Upgrade	GCHD, GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Town of Windham	Install water quality treatment components associated with 370' of stormwater sewer with catch basins along Mitchell Hollow Road. Project will mitigate stormwater flooding in area along NYS Route 23.	SMIP, NYCDEP/ GCSWCD Schoharie SMP Contract	Active
Street Sweeper with Vacuum	Highway Superintendents Subcommittee, NYCDEP, GCSWCD	After the winter season, highway crews sweep road abrasives using different machines. Greene County owns a sweeper with a vacuum that is effective at collecting leftover sand material and cleaning out stormwater structures. Given its limited availability, purchasing another one for the mountaintop communities will allow more road miles to be cleaned and maintained across the mountaintop, thereby reducing the amount of abrasives washing into ditches and waterways.	CWC, SMIP	Active
South Gilboa Road Stormwater Mitigation Project	SC Department of Public Works, SCSWCD, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	This project will replace a culvert that conveys stream flow from an unnamed tributary to the Schoharie Reservoir under South Gilboa Road. In 2016, the SCSWCD will work with the Schoharie County Department of Public Works, NYCDEP and Milone and MacBroom to design and install a culvert that will provide for the appropriate alignment and structure to convey flow and reduce turbid discharges directly to reservoir.	SMIP, SCDPW, NYCDEP/ GCSWCD Schoharie Contract	Active

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS, STORMWATER MANAGERS, AND CONTRACTORS

- 1. Provide municipal highway departments and local contractors with hands-on training in various stream management activities. Conduct field days, workshops and demonstration projects to meet this goal.*
- 2. Educate and train municipal highway departments in stream process, and provide them with information about how maintenance of road systems and other public infrastructure may impact local waterways.*

3. Provide education and outreach to municipal highway departments, stormwater managers and contractors to improve their ability to recognize changes in stream stability and impacts to water quality that may be associated with infrastructure management activities and to understand the impact of any management action they may take.

OUTREACH & TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS, STORMWATER MANAGERS & CONTRACTORS				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Schoharie Watershed Stream Crossing Workshop	GCSWCD, GCHD, NYCDEP, NYSDOT, Local Highway Departments	Develop, design and implement a culvert workshop for local highway departments that highlights the importance of proper design and installation of culverts for sediment transport, fish passage, and incorporates principles using natural channel design for long-term stability, protection of water quality and health of streams.	SMIP	Active
NYS DEC endorsed Erosion and Sediment Control Required Construction Activity Training	NYSDEC, NYCDEP, GCSWCD	This training targets contractors, engineers, local government and watershed residents and provides knowledge about why stormwater is a concern and information on the new GP-0-15-002 permit. The training also informs participants about the requirements of stormwater pollution prevention plans (SWPPP). Participants learn about erosion and sediment control practices and how to perform site inspections, and how to obtain technical assistance on erosion and sediment control problems. GCSWCD will host another training in 2017.	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Active
Highway Ditch Stabilization Workshop	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, SWAC, EJ Prescott	Develop, design, and implement a highway ditch stabilization workshop for local highway departments. Attendance will be mandatory for those interested in applying for funding through the Mountaintop Highway Ditch Stabilization Project (awarded by SMIP). This workshop occurred on April 18th, 2016 with presenters coordinated through EJ Prescott, and a field component to follow later in the year.	GCSWCD NYCDEP SMP Contract	Active

D. Assisting Streamside Landowners (Public and Private)

Assisting public and private streamside landowners may include: providing access to training and technical information to increase water resource knowledge, skills and capabilities of landowners; and providing technical assistance and programmatic support for stream issues and riparian restorations.

CATSKILL STREAMS BUFFER INITIATIVE

1. *Preserve and protect existing riparian buffers and provide for improved stewardship.*
2. *Efforts should be made to protect/enhance the stream corridor through the establishment of effective forested buffers. Stream buffers will offer some measure of protection against encroaching land uses and act to protect public and private property.*
3. *Assist landowners with their efforts to protect and maintain healthy riparian buffers, address invasive species, and improve the condition of unstable or degraded riparian areas.*
4. *Provide assistance with managing and preventing the spread of Japanese knotweed and other invasive species.*
5. *Provide assistance for streamside landowners to maintain diverse and healthy riparian buffers of at least 35-100 feet using native shrubs, trees and other woody vegetation.*

CATSKILL STREAMS BUFFER INITIATIVE				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Manor Kill Colangelo Riparian Planting	SCSWCD, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Riparian planting project on the Manor Kill in Conesville. Landowner has signed agreement and SCSWCD completed a Riparian Corridor Management Plan for this property. In 2009, 354 trees were planted, 150 willow stakes and 500 sedge plugs were installed along 546 feet of stream. In 2010, 340 additional trees and 200 stakes were installed. In 2012, potted stock was planted along 900 feet of the left streambank. An additional 319 feet of willow clump plantings are planned for installation.	CSBI	Active
Tompkins Riparian Project	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Ashland	Replant a large section of Batavia Kill streambank adjacent to Tompkins Quarry. Project was on hold due to a change in ownership from Tompkins Quarry to the Town of Ashland. A planting plan has been developed and GCSWCD will obtain landowner agreement with the Town of Ashland to proceed with planting in 2016 and 2017.	CSBI	Active
Benjamin Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Riparian planting project to restore approximately 300 linear feet of streamside vegetation along the East Kill. GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. The Greene County Highway Department restored the stream channel. GCSWCD installed willow stakes along 300 feet of streambank. Additional trees and shrubs will be planted on the site. Project site will be evaluated to determine vegetation needs in 2016.	CSBI	Active
Prattsville Ball Field	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Town of Prattsville	Riparian planting project to restore approximately 200 linear feet of streamside vegetation along the Batavia Kill just upstream of the confluence with the Schoharie Creek in Prattsville at the Everett Conine Memorial Field. Plant an additional 550 linear feet of streamside vegetation along the Schoharie Creek at the same property. Project is on hold due to park and trail construction.	CSBI	Active

Chase Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Riparian planting to restore approximately 200 linear feet of streamside vegetation along a Batavia Kill tributary in Hensonville in Fall 2016.	CSBI	Active
Grossman Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Riparian planting to restore approximately 300 linear feet of streamside vegetation along a Schoharie Creek tributary in Hunter. GCSWCD has surveyed the property and will design bioengineering and bank treatments prior to planting 180 native trees and shrubs in 2016.	CSBI	Active
Posch Riparian Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Restore approximately 300 linear feet of streamside vegetation along the East Kill. GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. GCSWCD will install willow stakes along 300 ft. of streambank to reestablish vegetation that washed out in Irene flooding. A riparian planting of 300 native trees and shrubs will be installed in spring 2016.	CSBI	Active
South Street Riparian Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Riparian plantings will be installed to a length totaling approximately 1,000 feet, with buffer widths varying from 45 feet to 100 feet, covering an area of 1.15 acre, along the Batavia Kill in Windham. This volunteer planting project will be included as a 2016 Riverkeeper Sweep event on May 7. Staff and volunteers will install 750 native trees and shrubs. To allow establishment of native trees, Japanese knotweed in the planting area will be treated.	CSBI	Active
Sawicki Property Grading and Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Restore approximately 4,500 square feet of streamside vegetation along a portion of the Schoharie Creek in Hunter. GCSWCD has conducted multiple site visits to develop planting recommendations. GCSWCD will obtain a permit from DEC to grade less than 300 ft. of eroding bank. Riparian trees and shrubs will then be planted along with willow stakes and fascines to establish riparian vegetation along the left bank of the Schoharie Creek.	CSBI	Active

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STREAMSIDE LANDOWNERS

1. *Provide streamside landowners detailed technical information on the establishment and maintenance of riparian buffers.*
2. *Provide stakeholders technical assistance that will guide restoration of stream system stability and help to maintain ecological integrity. Technical assistance can range from a landowner consultation to activities that will help meet the priorities of protecting water quality and establishing riparian buffers.*
3. *Provide long-term access to technical assistance to landowners and municipalities for assessment of their stream-related problems, and development of effective management strategies and to supervise stream project implementation.*
4. *Educate streamside landowners by providing a basic understanding of fluvial process, factors impacting streambank stability and water quality, and management decisions for the promotion of a healthy stream.*
5. *Characterize current riparian vegetation management in the watershed and make prioritized recommendations for changes that can improve ecosystem integrity.*
6. *Educate municipal leaders by providing a basic understanding of fluvial process, with an emphasis on how local decision makers can support stream health through their leadership and provide information on the multiple benefits which can be realized by protecting stream and watershed health.*

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STREAMSIDE LANDOWNERS				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Local Technical Assistance	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The GCSWCD and NYCDEP have worked cooperatively to develop program resources and policies to provide technical assistance for municipalities, planning boards, highway departments, developers, landowners and other interested parties. Technical assistance may include, but is not limited to, stormwater planning and retrofit, stream management activities, project permitting, and land use planning.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD Schoharie SMP Contract, WAP	On-going

E. Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic and Riparian Habitat and Ecosystems

Protecting and enhancing aquatic and riparian habitat and ecosystems may include: support for research and education programs that encourage protection of aquatic and riparian ecosystems; and support for comprehensive and community planning efforts that incorporate watershed protection.

STREAM AND RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Conduct a study to monitor summer season stream temperatures along the Schoharie Creek and associated impacts on fisheries. Study will assess if cold water fish communities are thermally limited, and locate areas where habitat improvements might mitigate these impacts, and areas of thermal refuge that may need protection.*
2. *Complete watershed assessments of tributaries within the Schoharie Creek watershed. During the studies, identify sediment sources, erosion hazards, and potential water quality impairments and associated treatment opportunities.*
3. *Review existing water quality data and identify, to the extent possible, the most significant water quality impairments.*
4. *Identify locations of potential water quality impairments including; sources of pollution from upland areas and within the stream channel, such as significant glacial lake clay exposures, and sources of contaminants from road runoff and households, and make prioritized recommendations for their mitigation.*
5. *Characterize the status of stream ecosystem health utilizing existing fish and insect population data, and outlining the general threats to ecosystem health and integrity.*
6. *Conduct a watershed aquatic habitat study including; mapping habitats and associated characteristics throughout Schoharie Creek, characterization of fish species presence or absence in those habitats, establish target fish community structure based on regional and historic fish community data, and make recommendations for improvement of habitat for target community.*
7. *A habitat assessment should be conducted in the Schoharie Creek and major tributaries, with particular attention paid to thermal refuge for cold water fish.*

STREAM AND RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Fisheries Assessment & Improvements Strategy	NYCDEP, NYSDEC, GCSWCD, TU, SWAC	During development of SMPs for the various sub-basins, the GCSWCD and NYCDEP identified the need for further evaluation of fisheries and the importance of developing a comprehensive strategy to improve fish habitat. Working through the SWAC Habitat and Recreation Subcommittee the GCSWCD will prioritize recommendations for fisheries improvements in 2016.	TBD	Active

WATERSHED PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY PLANNING RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Establish and maintain a comprehensive program that supports localized efforts and mobilization of the public for stream stewardship and the coordination of agencies, interest groups, municipalities, and stakeholders in community planning and watershed protection.*
2. *Watershed municipalities should evaluate their existing land use regulations, and adopt provisions which will protect stream corridor resources including wetlands, floodplains and floodways and provide additional local review for proposed development in these special areas.*
3. *A watershed-wide evaluation of regulations, including ordinances and zoning laws, should be undertaken. The evaluation should seek to identify regulatory gaps and determine if the current laws and ordinances adequately protect the watershed and encourage municipalities to update their regulations as needed.*
4. *Establish and support a Project Advisory Committee consisting of representatives of all significant stakeholder groups to coordinate the implementation of stream management plans.*
5. *Watershed municipalities should evaluate local ordinances such as comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, site plan review laws, subdivision laws and floodplain ordinances to determine if adequate consideration is given to riparian buffer impacts.*
6. *Watershed communities should integrate the evaluation of stormwater impacts on stream systems as they develop and implement comprehensive stormwater management plans which will protect water quality and reduce impacts on stream morphology.*

WATERSHED PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY PLANNING				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Town of Hunter Land Use Regulation Review & Development Guidelines	Town of Hunter, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Conduct detailed review of Hunter's current land use regulations with intent of adopting revisions, new regulations &/or guidelines promoting low impact design, climate smart and smart growth principles. A land use committee was formed to guide the process. They made recommendations for local code improvements and expect to complete the project in 2016.	SMIP	Active
Hunter Wetlands Leachate Treatment System Remediation Design Study	Mountaintop Towns, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Complete assessment and make recommendations to improve the treatment of landfill effluent. This landfill was previously used by most towns on the Mountaintop, but it is in Hunter.	SMIP	Active

F. Enhancing Public Access to Streams

Enhancing public access to streams may include: support for projects that improve the quantity and quality of public stream access and enhance stream-based recreational opportunities; and support for projects that provide water resource educational materials at public access points. These recommendations incorporate community development efforts into stream management.

ENHANCING PUBLIC ACCESS TO STREAMS RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Public access for fishing should be enhanced along the Schoharie Creek stream corridor. Additional public access, as well as improvements to parking and access trails, is representative of the type of activities that may be possible.*
2. *Investigate opportunities to develop multi-use, low impact trail systems along the stream corridor.*

ENHANCING PUBLIC ACCESS TO STREAMS				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Lexington Riverfront Access Park	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, Town of Lexington, SWAC, FEMA, NYDOS	The Town of Lexington plans to expand the Schoharie Creek Park (Lexington Pocket Park) by purchasing two additional parcels, along County Route 13a, through the FEMA Property Acquisition Program. The project aims to enhance public outdoor recreation and education along the Schoharie Creek. Components of the project may include a low impact path, a shade structure, and signage/informational kiosk. The Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee approved funding the riverfront access park contingent upon FEMA, and other regulatory, approvals for development of park-like amenities on the buyout parcels. Pending permitting, this project may proceed in 2017.	SMIP	Active
Conine Fishing Access	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, Town of Prattsville, SWAC	The project is a sub-component of the overall redevelopment and expansion of Conine Field Recreation Complex in Prattsville. This part of the project will focus on repairing and improving the fishing area and canoe launch at Conine Field.	SMIP	Active
Ashland Town Park	Ashland, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The project entails signage, seeding/riparian planting, and to support efforts to provide public access to the Batavia Kill.	SMIP	Active

STREAM ACCESS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Develop an interesting, hands-on display and accompanying presentation that could travel with staff or volunteers to public places. Include the definition of a watershed, how people affect the watershed in their daily lives, the importance of a healthy watershed and what they can do to help improve water quality.*
2. *At public stream access sites, provide educational materials, such as signage, that may lead to an increased stewardship ethic for the stream.*

STREAM ACCESS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Riparian Walk	Windham Path	As part of Schoharie Watershed Month, a guided riparian buffer walk and discussion will be held at the Windham Path.	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Active

Appendix A: Summary of Completed Projects May 2007 – May 2016

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Restoration Project Permits	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, NYSDEC	The GCSWCD and NYCDEP worked with NYSDEC to evaluate alternatives and to offer training to address the complexity of achieving turbidity control during construction. Two staff members have been trained as Certified Professional Erosion and Sediment Control Specialists, one has been trained as a Certified Professional in Stormwater Quality and the majority of staff were trained as part of the NYSDEC 4-hour erosion and sediment control certification. GCSWCD is also qualified to teach the 4-hour E/S control certification. GCSWCD purchased dewatering equipment for stream projects and routinely prepares stormwater pollution prevention plans for all size projects.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2007
Program Administration Staffing Plan	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	To manage the many projects and priorities in the action plan, the GCSWCD needs staffing and resources to provide overall project administration. In 2007, a staffing plan was developed along with a new intergovernmental agreement between GCSWCD and NYCDEP that began in January 2009 and will fund watershed activities through January 2014.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2007
Program Office	GCSWCD, GCWAP, NYCDEP	The GCSWCD and NYCDEP collaborated to establish a project office within the Schoharie Watershed. The GCSWCD and WAP identified and secured a Mountaintop project office in Tannersville. The office is used by various local, regional, and state committees working on watershed protection (e.g. Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee, subcommittees of the SWAC, Mountaintop Supervisory & Mayors Association, WOH Education & Outreach committee, etc.).	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Riparian Buffer General Permit	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, NYSDEC, USACOE	To successfully implement a multi-year riparian buffer program it was necessary to work with NYSDEC, USACOE, and NYCDEP to develop a general permit to allow for rapid planning and installation of riparian buffers. The general permit applies to minor (less than 300 ft.), short-term impacts such as, bank preparation and planting.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
General Contracting Specification	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Completed an RFP process to develop a list of "pre-qualified" contractors for work including but not limited to, installing stormwater management practices, drainage improvements, and stream projects.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Local Adoption of SMPs	Schoharie Basin Municipalities, Conesville, GCSWCD, SCSWCD, NYCDEP	All Greene County municipalities within the Schoharie Basin and sub-basins (Batavia Kill, East Kill and West Kill watersheds) and the Town of Conesville (Manor Kill) have adopted the relevant SMPs and signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with GCSWCD and SCSWCD, respectively. Annual reviews occur with the municipalities per the MOU and provide an update on current action items within the municipality, while also seeking input from municipal officials in identifying potential future projects based on local needs.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009, renewed as needed

Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee (SWAC)	Schoharie Basin Municipalities, Technical Advisors, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The organizational structure of the Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee (SWAC) was developed in early 2008. After the kick off meeting in May 2008, the SWAC has met regularly throughout the year, developed program materials to initiate a stream management plan implementation funding application process, and identified initial projects for implementation. Although administrative support for the SWAC remains an on-going activity, the effort to establish local representation and implementation of the SMP, coupled with technical agency support, has been accomplished.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Organized May 2008, meet 2-3x per year
Plant Materials Program: Greenbelt Plant Material	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	In 2014, there were 20,401 Greenbelt plants delivered to the GCSWCD Plant Materials Center; 14,571 of the plants were repotted. In 2015, approximately 5,830 plants were repotted.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2015

STREAM ASSESSMENTS AND MONITORING				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Batavia Kill Stream Walkover	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Collected erosion data along the Batavia Kill in the Towns of Windham, Ashland and Prattsville.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 1997
West Kill Stream Walkover	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Collected stream feature data along the West Kill in the Town of Lexington.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2004 & 2005
Schoharie Creek SFI	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Stream Feature Inventory (SFI) along the Schoharie Creek in the Towns of Hunter, Jewett, Lexington, and Prattsville.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2006
East Kill SFI	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Stream Feature Inventory (SFI) along the East Kill in the Town of Jewett.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2006
Manor Kill SFI	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Stream Feature Inventory (SFI) along the Manor Kill in the Town of Conesville.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Monitoring of Restored Reaches	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	2008: 5 sites; 2009: Conine, Ashland Connector Reach, Brandywine, Farber Farm; 2010: Conine, Ashland Connector Reach, Shoemaker, Lanesville, Sugar Maples, Long Road; 2011: Long Road, Sugar Maples; 2012: Ashland Connector Reach, Conine, Sugar Maples, Schoharie Street, Long Road; 2013: Vista Ridge; 2014: Ashland Well Head, Maier, Conine, Sugar Maples, Holden, CR 6, SR 42, Apple Hill; 2015: Ashland Well Head, Brandywine/Ashland Connector Reach, Maier Farm, Conine, Holden, Long Road, CR 6, SR 42, Lanesville, Vista Ridge, Apple Hill	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed Annually 2008-2015
Vegetation Monitoring	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	2009: Shoemaker, RAH Stables, Long Road, Ashland, Conine, Sugar Maples, Lanesville, Farber Farms, Carr Road; 2010: Shoemaker, RAH Stables, Long Road, ACR, Conine, Sugar Maples, Kastanis, Lanesville, Farber Farm, Carr Road; 2011: Dodson, ACR, Conine, Kastanis, Long Road; 2012: Dodson, Hensonville, North Settlement, Slutzky, Valenti; 2013: Kastanis, Hensonville, Slutzky, Cervini, Torsiello/Hegner, Valenti, Cole, Mayo; 2014: Conine, Holden, Vista Ridge, Apple Hill, Hensonville, Cervini, Torsiello/Hegner, Slutzky, Cole; 2015: Ashland Wells, Brandywine/ACR, Maier, Conine, Holden, Vista Ridge, Apple Hill, Long Road, Lanesville, Kastanis, Kane, McRoberts, Avella, Brunsdan, Valenti, Mayo, Hensonville, Benjamin Cole.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed Annually 2009-2015

Manor Kill Stream Management Plan	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, SCSWCD, SCPD	In 2008, a stream feature inventory, riparian vegetation mapping, and a significant portion of the stream management plan were completed. The Manor Kill Management Plan was completed in 2009, and the Town of Conesville adopted it and signed an MOU for implementation with the Schoharie County SWCD. This project offered an opportunity to expand our partnership and planning area, to include the Schoharie County Planning Dept. and SWCD.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Survey of potential SPDES stream restoration site	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	A site on the East Kill was selected as a potential SPDES stream restoration site due to its high contribution of fine sediments. One landowner was unwilling to grant GCSWCD permission for the required pre-design survey work. Survey is no longer planned for this site.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Dale Lane Survey and Hydraulic Analysis	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Site survey was completed in 2009 and hydraulic analysis using HEC RAS was completed in spring 2010.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2010
Mauro Residence Bank Stability	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Geotechnical assessment of a failing streambank in relation to a private residence. Engineer concluded that the residential structure was not currently threatened by the slope condition. Report provided to the homeowner and the bank was seeded and mulched.	SMIP	Completed 2010
Lexington Sill (Schoharie Creek)	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Upon assessment, it was determined that the removal of the sill would have little impact on the stream. No further action is expected.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2010
Tributary Assessment and Planning Projects	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Historical alignments, riparian vegetation mapping, watershed analysis, stream feature inventory, and Geodatabases have been completed for Batavia Kill Tributaries North Settlement Creek, Furnace/Red Falls Creek and Mad Brook.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2010

STREAM RESTORATION AND STABILIZATION				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Holden Stream Restoration	NYCDEP, GCSWCD NYSDOT	Windham- Batavia Kill: a NYS DOT Article 15 stream disturbance permit was flagged by DEC Region 4 for potential inclusion of a natural channel design approach. The project, designed and implemented by GCSWCD, established a geomorphically appropriate channel and floodplain bench and included riparian plantings which restored floodplain function.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, NYSDOT	Completed 2007
Conine Farm Stream Restoration	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Prattsville- Batavia Kill: GCSWCD/NYCDEP completed a full geomorphic based restoration of a +/- 1800 foot reach on the lower Batavia Kill. The project addressed severe slope instability, reduced sediment loading and protected private property.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Lanesville Stream Restoration Project Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Hunter- Esopus Basin: repairs were made on the Lanesville Demonstration Stream Restoration Project. Most adjustments were associated with gullyng on a high slope failure caused by poor drainage on the terrace above the slope, which had not been addressed as part of the restoration project. Other adjustments were made in rock vane elevations and additional bioengineering was added to mitigate gullyng.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008

Broadstreet Hollow Stream (BSH) Restoration Project Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Repairs to a restoration project GCSWCD implemented in 2000. The April 2005 flood damaged two dewatering wells which then failed to relieve artesian conditions and a mud boil returned, causing chronic turbidity. GCSWCD modified the damaged rock structures and hired a well drilling subcontractor to attempt to rehabilitate the dewater wells. The subcontractor found the well heads had broken and couldn't be rehabilitated. After reviewing all options, a decision was made to abandon the wells and monitor the projects stability.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Faber Farm Stream Restoration	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Jewett- East Kill: excessive erosion, following 2005 and 2006 floods, caused damage to project grading and rock structures, including 4 rock vanes and 2 cross vanes. The site was originally vegetated by Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), but the seedlings never became established, limiting project success. This restoration included: removal or modification of damaged rock and cross vanes, treatment of the back channel area to reduce frequency of flows in the back channel and promote use of primary channel, bank grading, vegetative stabilization to reduce erosion, and establishment of riparian buffer along restored reach. Also, a bankfull bench was added, 1,179 larger trees were planted, willow stakes and approximately 1,000 feet of willow fascines were installed, along with many shrubs, sedges, and herbaceous seed.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, ACOE	Completed 2008
Ashland Connector Reach	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Ashland- Batavia Kill: GCSWCD completed planting on the streambanks and floodplains at the lower end of the project reach. Also, compensatory wetland areas were planted with appropriate species. Limited site cleanup work on access/staging areas was completed, and the project was surveyed as part of routine project monitoring schedule.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Schoharie Street Stabilization	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Village of Hunter: stabilization of approximately 120 feet of high stream bank to protect infrastructure and private property. Project includes stacked and pinned riprap and vegetated beds. The GCSWCD and NYCDEP also added additional riparian buffer plantings on the opposite bank. Additional plantings including balled and burlapped river birch trees, were added fall 2009.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
West Kill Restoration Project, Long Road	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Lexington: completed a full geomorphic restoration of approximately 2,400 linear feet of stream on the West Kill in Spruceton Valley. The site had significant bank failure and clay exposures in bank and stream bed. Wetland delineation, archaeological investigation and final survey of site conducted.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Oakwood Pistol Club	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, CWC	Town of Prattsville: GCSWCD led the CWC Stream Program streambank projection project. Engineering services were contracted for this project; design plans and specifications have been submitted for permit, and construction completed.	CWC Stream Corridor Protection Grant	Completed 2009
Windham Golf Course Streambank Project	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, CWC	Primarily a CWC project with GCSWCD assistance. The project provided for the removal of failed sheet piling, armoring of the toe and sloping of the bank, and planting of approximately 155 feet of streambank.	CWC, NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009

Sugar Maples Stream Restoration	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Windham- Batavia Kill Tributary: removed mortared stone walls that confined a tributary and restored the stream to a natural shape and meander pattern. Floodplain grading was performed and the site was seeded with wetland and riparian seed mixes. GCSWCD hosted a student planting with three schools to install 1,584 herbaceous plugs, 340 willow stakes, 250 trees and shrubs, and 7 willow fascines. The project was designed to restore wetland functions and approximately 700 feet of stream that was historically channelized and confined by mortared stone walls.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, ACOE	Completed 2010
Wright Stream Bank Stabilization/ Riparian Project	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, SCA	A bankfull bench of approximately 1,200 feet was constructed and 3,127 feet of the streambank were re-vegetated. A rock installation was completed by the project contractor, while plantings were installed by GCSWCD staff and SCA service project hosted by GCSWCD.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, CWC, ACOE	Completed 2010
Wright Stream Bank Stabilization/ Riparian Project Enhancement	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	The previously constructed project was modified and enhanced with additional vegetative treatments in 2011 and monitoring initiated in 2012.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2011
Vista Ridge Floodplain Restoration	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	This project improved the immediate project area and the aggraded reach upstream, by reducing a backwater condition at the Vista Ridge bridge. The project also enhanced the riparian buffer, reduced the risk of failure of Vista Ridge and Colgate Lake Roads, reduced erosion of silts and clays, and provides for improvement of the habitat value of the reach.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, ACOE	Completed 2011
Holden Stream Restoration Project	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Phase 1 of the project was completed in 2011; continued construction was postponed due to Hurricane Irene. Project construction completed in 2012. The project included streambank and channel excavation to achieve stable geometry, installation of in-stream stabilization structures and a variety of bioengineering techniques along 3,500 feet of stream channel. Over 6,000 trees were planted along the restored stream channel.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2011-2013
Windham Country Club Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Windham- Batavia Kill: There were significant damages sustained at the Windham Country Club. Topographic data was collected to support cost, material and labor estimates for implementation of the repair work. GCSWCD provided technical support to the project due to the extensive damage that occurred along the stream corridor.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2012
East Kill Restoration at Apple Hill	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Project components included the realignment and resizing of 3,500 feet of channel, the installation of 23 rock structures, and installation of extensive bioengineering treatments and riparian plantings over the 11 acre site. These efforts will improve water quality, reduce risk to humans and property, reduce erosion and excessive sediment loading, restore floodplain function, and improve aquatic and terrestrial habitat.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, SMIP, ACOE, EWP	Completed 2012
NYS Route 42 West Kill Slope Failure	GCSWCD NYCDEP NRCS	Town of Lexington: The project addressed a large slope failure along a 1,400 foot reach of the West Kill, just downstream of the Pushman Bridge on NYS 42. The project included stream bank and channel excavation, and the installation of in-stream stabilization structures to achieve stable geometry. Practices include rock riffles, random boulder clusters, log boulder revetment and dry rock riprap with willow stakes to establish an armored flood plain bench at the toe of the slope, upper portions of the slope were hydroseeded and staked, and an as-built survey and plans have been prepared.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, EWP	Completed 2013

Conine Project Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Prattsville: The purpose of this work was to repair a project that was damaged during Irene in 2011. The repair project measured approximately 2,200 linear feet in length, with a disturbance area of 11 acres. Extensive earthwork required to restore original grades, and included excavation and placement of over 52K cubic yards of material. The project included the repair and reconstruction of 5 j-hook vane structures, two cross vanes, and a constructed riffle. Biotechnical measures taken included live staking and fascines, seeding native riparian and wetland seed mixes, and developing a 7.1 acre riparian zone.	FEMA NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2013
Maier Farm Project Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Ashland- Batavia Kill: The purpose of the project was to repair a portion of a project constructed in 1999 that sustained damage during Irene in 2011. Damages included streambank erosion, structural damage to rock structures, channel migration and land loss, and excess sedimentation. Earthwork was completed to restore original grades. The reconstruction of two j-hooks and repair of one cross vane provided channel grade control, stream bank stabilization, and habitat enhancement. Bioengineering, including live staking and fascines, along with the establishment of a one acre riparian zone was completed.	FEMA NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2013
Brandywine Project Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Ashland- Batavia Kill: The project addressed damages sustained to the Brandywine restoration site during Irene in 2011.	FEMA NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2014
Ashland Connector Reach Project Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Ashland- Batavia Kill: The project addressed damages sustained to the Ashland Connector Reach during Irene in 2011.	FEMA NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2014
Long Road Project Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Lexington- West Kill: The project addressed damages sustained to the Long Road restoration site during Irene in 2011.	FEMA NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2014
Lanesville Project Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Village of Hunter- Stony Clove: The project addressed damages sustained to the Lanesville restoration site during Irene in 2011.	FEMA NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2014
Ashland Well Heads Protection Project	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Town of Ashland- Batavia Kill: The project addressed damages sustained to the Ashland Wells Head restoration site during Irene in 2011.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, EWP, ESD	Completed 2014
Shoemaker Project Repairs	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Damages sustained on the Shoemaker Stream Restoration project on the West Kill were repaired in 2014 and 2015.	FEMA, NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2015
Manor Kill Stream Restoration	SCSWCD, GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Conesville	A full-channel restoration project was installed adjacent to the Conesville Town Park in order to stabilize eroding streambanks and protect water quality by reducing fine sediment sources along this reach of stream.	SMIP, NYCDEP/ GCSWCD,	Completed 2015

STREAM STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION AND OUTREACH				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
What is turbidity and why is it important?	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP	Workshop held that provided an overview of what turbidity is, and the impact it has on the Schoharie Basin.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2007
Watershed Tours	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP	Watershed tours provide an opportunity for local officials and interested basin residents to observe best management practices used in stream stewardship and management throughout the watershed. The tours foster and improved understanding of stream protection efforts and implementation projects.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed Annually 2007-2010
Batavia Kill Stream Celebration	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP	Annual event promoting the wise use of our natural resources as they relate to water quality and ecosystem functions. Interactive exhibits, educational displays, and activities promoting understanding of the environment engage those of all ages.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, Ashland, CWC	Completed Annually 2007-2011
Educational Workshops	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP	Education, built into Summits and Tours, target elected and appointed officials, planning boards, code enforcement officers, highway department staff, and streamside property owners.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed Annually 2007-2016
Watershed Summits	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP	Watershed conferences held to provide local decision makers and officials educational classes and networking opportunities around watershed protection. All eleven communities within the basin are represented by the vast and diverse number of attendees.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed Annually 2007-2016
Websites	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP	Although websites require continuous updating, the www.catskillstreams.org and www.gcswcd.com are established sites that are used to promote project updates and share information on watershed protection issues.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2007, 2010, 2014
Program Office	GCSWCD NYCDEP	GCSWCD and WAP secured a Mountaintop project office in Tannersville which is used by various local, regional, and state committees working on watershed protection.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP/ Watershed Municipalities	SWAC meets regularly throughout the year, developed program materials to initiate a stream management plan implementation funding application process, and identified initial projects for implementation. Establishment of local representation and implementation of the SMP, with technical agency support, has been accomplished.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
ESC Workshop	GCSWCD NYCDEP	GCSWCD sponsored three Construction Erosion and Sediment Control Training Courses that were attended by approximately 230 people from the Schoharie basin. Participants included watershed developers, planners, code enforcement officers, regulators and contractors. This course focused on the review of new state construction permit, the requirements of stormwater pollution prevention plans, and the proper installation of erosion and sediment control practices.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed Annually 2008-2010
Manor Kill Environmental Study Team, Stream Management Implementation	Schoharie River Center	Experimental, hands on environmental education and stream monitoring program for youth ages of 13 - 18. Youth members learn specific skills, develop and master abilities in environmental assessments, field research projects and community education activities. Members also participated in a riparian planting along Manor Kill in 2011.	SMIP	Completed Annually 2009-2011

Schoharie Watershed Week	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP/ Watershed Municipalities	A number of events scheduled to educate and engage local community members in watershed programs and stewardship activities. Intended to be an annual event, but replaced with Schoharie Watershed Month in 2011.	SMIP	Completed 2010
Rain Barrel Workshop	CCE, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Workshop took place during Schoharie Watershed Week in May 2010 and Schoharie Watershed Months in 2011 & 2012. Watershed landowners took part in building their own rain barrels.	SMIP	Completed 2010-2012
Mountain Top Arboretum Wet Meadow- Interpretive Kiosk, Brochures, & Historic Pump House Repair	Mountain Top Arboretum	A kiosk was installed and brochures were developed to describe the wet meadow including the historical background of the historic pump house, an explanation of the site's hydrology, and other information about wetland plants and wildlife.	SMIP	Completed 2010
SWAC and Schoharie Watershed Week Logos	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP/ SWAC	Logos were developed for the Schoharie Advisory Committee and Watershed Week.	SMIP	Completed 2010
Schoharie Watershed Months	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, SWAC	Schoharie Watershed Month engages watershed communities and organizations in hands-on activities to learn about the watershed and its resources. Various activities, workshops and family events are organized each May by host communities and organizations that promote awareness and protection of streams and their watersheds.	SMIP	Completed Annually 2011-2016
CD Lane Family Day	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Community of Windham Foundation	Activities included Trout Unlimited fly fishing demonstrations, water quality testing activities with the Schoharie River Center, nature hikes, kayak demonstrations, and a water-focused craft activity. These activities encourage responsible use of water and nearby land areas. There were approximately 60 participants.	Community of Windham Foundation (COWF)	Completed 2011
Identify Existing Resources	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD identified and cataloged existing resources that are currently available. The website was revamped in 2011, to provide web-based documentation of existing resources and links to additional resources.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2011
Mountain Top Arboretum Outdoor Classroom Design	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Mountain Top Arboretum	An outdoor classroom was designed and constructed at the arboretum. It accommodates approximately 45 people for year-round outdoor programming on a range of ecological and natural history topics relating to the watershed.	SMIP	Completed 2011
Water Quality at Home Workshop	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, CCE	Two action-based educational workshops held during Schoharie Watershed Month to raise awareness about stewardship of water quality. The Holistic Pond Management Workshop provided tools and strategies to address pond problems without the use of chemical treatments. The rain barrel workshop discussed the impacts of stormwater runoff on water quality and taught participants how to build a rain barrel.	SMIP	Completed 2011
Environmental Film Series	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, SWAC	The film series was held at the Doctorow Center in Hunter during the Schoharie Watershed Month and highlighted watershed issues, pollution mitigation, and watershed, foodshed, and viewshed topics.	SMIP	Completed 2011 & 2012

Septic Workshop for Homeowners	CWC, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	As part of Schoharie Watershed Month, the Catskill Watershed Corporation provided an educational septic workshop for watershed homeowners held at the Windham Waste Water Treatment Plant. A tour of the state of the art treatment plant followed the workshop.	SMIP, CWC	Completed 2013
Earth, Wind & Water: The Seasons Student/Amateur Watershed Art Exhibit	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The artwork of local students and amateur artists was on display at the Kaaterskill Fine Arts Gallery in Hunter, NY. The artwork theme was Earth, Wind & Water: The Seasons. An opening reception was held and the exhibit was on display for the month of May.	SMIP	Completed 2013
Windham Path Stream Clean Up	Windham, GCSWCD, NYCDEP, WARF	The Windham Area Recreation Foundation (WARF), in coordination with NYCDEP and GCSWCD, held a Grand Opening of the Windham Path in May 2014. Volunteers who attended also participated in a stream clean-up along the property.	SMIP, WARF	Completed 2013
Greene Infrastructure at Work & Home	CGCCE, GCSWCD	As part of Schoharie Watershed Month, The Columbia-Greene Cornell Cooperative Extension and GCSWCD presented a workshop about green infrastructure. Topics included stormwater impacts, small scale treatment practices and a tour of the Mountain Top Library, and green infrastructure project supported by SMIP.	SMIP, GCSWCD, WAP	Completed 2013
Earth, Wind & Water: The Seasons Student/Amateur Watershed Art Exhibit	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The artwork of local students and amateur artists was on display at the Kaaterskill Fine Arts Gallery in Hunter, NY. The artwork theme was Earth, Wind & Water: The Seasons. An opening reception was held and the exhibit was on display for the month of May.	SMIP	Completed 2014
Invasive Species Workshop for Landowners	Catskill Center, SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development provided a workshop about invasive species. This workshop was for small and large landowners in the watershed and was held in Prattsville, NY during Schoharie Watershed Month.	SMIP, Catskill Center	Completed 2014
The City that Drinks the Mountain Sky	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The Arm-of-the-Sea Theater, presented <i>The City that Drinks the Mountain Sky</i> , an educational puppet show for the entire family, held in Prattsville, NY as part of Schoharie Watershed Month.	SMIP	Completed 2014
Rain Garden Workshop	CCE, SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Liz LoGiudice of Cornell Cooperative Extension provided the Rain Garden Workshop and site visit as part of Schoharie Watershed Month. The workshop was provided in Tannersville, NY and taught landowners about stormwater landscaping that will beautify your property.	SMIP	Completed 2014
Gilboa Dam Tour	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD partnered with NYCDEP to provide a tour of the Gilboa Dam as part of Schoharie Watershed Month.	SMIP, NYCDEP	Completed 2014
Water Workshop	Mrs. Puddle Duck's, GCSWCD, Catskill Center, Hunter Foundation, NYCDEP	As part of Schoharie Watershed Month, the Catskill Center for Conservation & Development and the Hunter Foundation supported a water workshop targeting preschoolers and their families. To workshop provided an opportunity for participants to discover what is in our stream and why it is important to protect them.	SMIP, Catskill Center, Hunter Foundation	Completed 2014

Windham Day of the Batavia Kill	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	As part of Schoharie Watershed Month, Windham Day on the Batavia Kill was held at the Windham Path property. Attendees had the opportunity to participate in the COWF Pat Meehan Memorial Scholarship Walk, plant identification walks, and learned about local organizations that promote outdoor and community resources.	SMIP, COWF	Completed 2014
The Gilboa Ancient Forest	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	During Schoharie Watershed Month, the Gilboa Ancient Forest lecture was presented by Kristen Wyckoff of the Gilboa Historical Society (GHS). Participants learned about the oldest known forest on earth and saw fossilized tree trunks.	SMIP	Completed 2014
Guided Bus Tour of the Schoharie Reservoir	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	As part of Schoharie Watershed Month, Gerry Stoner and Diane Galusha, area historians, presented a Guided Bus Tour of the Schoharie Reservoir. Participants took a scenic tour around the reservoir and explored this history of the former valley and the creation of the Gilboa Dam.	SMIP	Completed 2014
The Stream of Life Student/Amateur Watershed Art Exhibit	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	The artwork of local students and amateur artists was on display at the Kaaterskill Fine Arts Gallery in Hunter, NY. The artwork theme was The Stream of Life. An opening reception was held and the exhibit was on display for the month of May.	SMIP	Completed 2015
Trout Release	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	During Schoharie Watershed Month, a trout release and macroinvertebrate study were held at Dolan's Park in Hunter, NY. Participants also have the opportunity to learn about flycasting and tying.	SMIP	Completed 2015
Changing Trout Habitat in the Upper Schoharie Creek	TU, SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Platte Clove Community	As part of Schoharie Watershed Month, Trout Unlimited supported the workshop, <i>Changing Trout Habitat in the Upper Schoharie Creek</i> . Walt Keller, a fisheries biologist, and a panel of speakers explored the factors that influence stream health and fish populations. The workshop was held at the Platte Clove Neighborhood Center in Hunter, NY.	SMIP/CSBI	Completed 2015
Guided Paddle on the Schoharie Reservoir	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Catskill Outback Adventures	Catskill Outback Adventures led a guided paddle on the Schoharie Reservoir beginning at Snyder's Cove. This trip was part of Schoharie Watershed Month.	SMIP	Completed 2015
Aquatic Invertebrates Workshop for Children	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	As part of Schoharie Watershed Month, an Aquatic Invertebrates workshop was held in the Village of Hunter, NY. This after school program taught students about dragonflies, damselflies, and other aquatic insects and animals that play important roles in the watershed.	SMIP	Completed 2015
Interpretive Watershed Hike, Bearpen Mountain	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Peter Manning led a 7-mile interpretive watershed hike of Bearpen Mountain as part of Schoharie Watershed Month.	SMIP	Completed 2015
The Schoharie Basin and It's Ice Age History	SWM Committee, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	<i>The Schoharie Basin and It's Ice Age History</i> was presented by Bob and Johanna Titus. They told the story of how glaciers shaped the Schoharie Basin and created its most scenic views. This lecture was held at the Mountaintop Historical Society in Haines Falls, NY as part of Schoharie Watershed Month.	SMIP	Completed 2015

Town of Lexington Watershed Awareness Workshops	Town of Lexington	A series of four educational workshops for children in the Town of Lexington. The proposed workshops will teach local children, using hands-on experiences, about the insects and animals that play important roles in the watershed, and the role that streams play in the environment.	SMIP	Completed 2015
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LOCAL FLOOD ANALYSIS AND FLOODPLAIN ASSESSMENT

Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Prattsville Local Flood Analysis	Town of Prattsville, GCSWCD, NYCDEP, NYSDOT	The primary focus of the analysis was to identify the potential for reducing flood elevations through channel and floodplain restoration, as the first alternative to other hazard mitigation solutions and to evaluate both the technical effectiveness and the benefit/cost effectiveness of each solution, and compare different solutions to each other for the most practical, sustainable outcome.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2013
Windham Local Flood Analysis	Town of Windham, GCSWCD, NYRCRP, NYCDEP	The Flood Mitigation Analysis provided baseline hydraulic modeling, evaluated the mitigation alternatives, and a Flood Engineering Analysis Report. The work completed through the local flood analysis supported the efforts that were underway through the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program.	SMIP, NYRCRP	Completed 2015

FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COORDINATION, EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
2008 FEMA Flood Maps: What Every Planner Needs To Know	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, FEMA	Information regarding FEMA's Flood Maps, geared towards planners.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Greene County All Hazards Mitigation Plan	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, GCPD	The Greene County Planning Department, GCSWCD, and NYCDEP interviewed potential subcontractors and awarded the development of the hazard mitigation plan to Tetra Tech, Inc. Tetra Tech worked with various municipalities and partners to gather input for the plan, which was completed in 2009.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
National Flood Insurance Program: Intermediate Course	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, NYSDEC	NYSDEC, course focused on flood insurance maps and elevation certificates; DOS accredited course.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
National Flood Insurance Program	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, NYSDEC	Introductory course on floodplain management NYSDEC.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009 & 2010
What to do After the Flood	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, NYSDEC	Floodplain administrators' and community officials' guide to surviving a flood, NYSDEC.	SMIP	Completed 2011
Post Flood Emergency Stream Work Training	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, UCSWCD, UCCCE, TU, Shandaken Highway Dept.	Flooding and damage caused by Tropical Storms Irene and Lee led to emergency stream work training. Training content developed by contributors from DEP, UCSWCD, GCSWCD, CCE Ulster, Trout Unlimited, and Shandaken Highway Dept. One session was presented by Ulster County and two sessions were presented in Greene County. Over 200 attendees were trained in basic consideration that should be addressed when planning an emergency intervention in a stream system.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, UCSWCD	Completed 2012

Post Flood Stream Intervention Training	GCSWCD, UCCCE, NRCS, NYCDEP, UCSWCD, TU	The training, held in Ulster, Greene, and Dutchess counties, was tailored to local highway departments, excavation contractors, and others involved in stabilizing streams following flood events. The training focused on the basics of stream process and the limits of what should be targeted for repair in the immediate days follow destructive flooding.	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, UCSWCD, UCCCE	Completed 2012 & 2013
Manor Kill Acquisition (Town of Conesville)	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, SCSWCD	The Town of Conesville assisted a landowner by acquiring a floodplain parcel approved for FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation funding (75%) and demolishing and removing the home. The SMIP grant was used to assist the Town in meeting the required 25% match. The project, which involved demolition and site restoration, was completed with demolition and site restoration occurring in June, 2013.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, FEMA	Completed 2013
All Hazards Mitigation Plan Updates	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, GCPD	The Greene County Planning Department, GCSWCD, and NYCDEP and other stakeholder organizations updated the existing All Hazards Mitigation Plan.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2015

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Critical Area Seeding	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Schoharie Basin Municipalities	GCSWCD provided seeding assistance in the Towns of Hunter, Ashland, Tannersville, Jewett, and Lexington in 2007; the Towns of Windham, Ashland, Jewett, and Hunter in 2008; the Towns of Windham, Hunter, Ashland, Hunter, and Lexington in 2009; the Towns of Lexington, Windham, Tannersville and Hunter in 2010.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed Annually 2007-2015
County Route 13A Culvert Upgrade	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Lexington	Town of Lexington: GCSWCD/NYCDEP worked with Greene County Highway Department to upgrade a significantly undersized culvert that was the source of repetitive flooding in the Hamlet of Lexington. The project had excellent community and landowner support and demonstrated floodplain drainage concepts, proper conveyance sizing to allow fish migration and a riparian buffer component.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2007
Hunter Highway	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Hunter Highway Department	Provided Operation and Maintenance Plan and implemented stormwater maintenance and cleaning of the stormwater controls at the Hunter Highway Garage. Annual maintenance in 2008 captured 6.3 tons (3.6 cubic yards) of sand and salt from entering the downstream Schoharie Creek.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, CWC	Completed 2008
Hydraulic Analysis	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, GCHD	Provided technical assistance including hydrology and hydraulic assessment to better size culvert for Greene County Highway Department.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Driveway/Curb Cut Specifications	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, GCHD	Permit specifications were obtained from the Greene County Highway Department and given to the Highway Subcommittee in December 2009 in order to provide watershed communities with a model to consider when issuing permits. Each community will follow up based on their level of comfort. Some communities do not use driveway regulations, preferring to assess on sight and guide landowners.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Road Abrasives Program	GCSWCD	Upon further review with local and county highway departments, cost sharing for road abrasive was determined to be unfeasible due to limited funding available to support offsetting costs over time.		Completed 2009

Community Stormwater Planning	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Schoharie Basin Municipalities	GCSWCD has initiated a series of projects to help develop Community Stormwater Management Plans for town and villages in the Schoharie Basin. GCSWCD has detailed information on stormwater structures, for the towns of Ashland and Prattsville, in GIS format. Community Stormwater Management Plans for Tannersville, Hunter, and Windham have been obtained.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Hunter Mountain: Village of Hunter	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Hunter, CWC	Following discussions between GCSWCD and Hunter Mountain, it was determined that Hunter Mountain had already received funding through the CWC Stormwater Program and completed stormwater retrofits for their parking areas.	CWC	Completed 2009
Sugar Maples Stormwater Project	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD installed stormwater treatments to serve approximately 4.7 acres of relatively high density commercial buildings and residential homes in the hamlet of Maplecrest, in the town of Windham. The components were initiated with an upgraded conveyance system and demolition of a single building to reduce impervious surfaces and allow for pervious grass parking area. Rain gardens (7), wetland (treats 4.7 acres of runoff), porous walkways and riparian planting beds were installed.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, ACOE, CWC	Completed 2010
Mountain Top Library & Learning Center	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Mountain Top Library	GCSWCD worked with Mountain Top Library Capital Campaign on a stormwater retrofit project. This project was initiated in conjunction with the rehabilitation of a building that will be used as the Mountain Top Library and Learning Center. Innovative methods were used to meet water quality treatment standards for runoff from roofs and parking.	SMIP, ACOE, CWC	Completed 2011
Windham Mountain	GCSWCD CWC ACOE- WRDA	GCSWCD worked with Windham Mountain Ski Center to evaluate, assess, design and install stormwater management practices. An on-site pond was converted to a stormwater facility; the pond was expanded and improvements were installed in order to route 27 acres of drainage area into the pond.	GCSWCD CWC ACOE- WRDA	Completed 2011
Village of Tannersville Highway Dept. Technical Assistance	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Village of Tannersville Highway Department	The Village of Tannersville requested assistance on sizing a culvert under Spring Street. GCSWCD inspected the existing culverts under the road and provided the village with a variety of culvert sizing options which would increase the flow capacity of the culvert system. The information was forwarded to the Village of Hunter Highway Department in March 2011.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2011
Partridge Road Culvert Replacement	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Ashland Highway Department	The culvert under B.G. Partridge Road, in the Town of Ashland, was undersized which contributed to roadway flooding during high flows. The culvert was also perched, which presented a barrier for fish passage. GCSWCD worked with the Town of Ashland Highway Department to design a properly sized culvert and oversee the installation of this culvert. A grant was approved by SWAC/SMIP to offset the costs of upgrading the culvert to a larger size. Design, permitting and construction were completed in the summer of 2011.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, SMIP	Completed
Flood Response	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Jewett	A site visit at an East Kill tributary that is frequently dredged under Griffin Road in the Town of Jewett was conducted. Hurricane Irene destroyed the crossing and GCSWCD assisted the Town in constructing a temporary crossing. The new three sided structure is durable, made of concrete, will pass flows above the 100 year runoff event, and will have limited impact on upstream and downstream reaches and aquatic habitat.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2012

Griffin Road Culvert Replacement	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Jewett	The existing culvert under Griffin Road in the Town of Jewett was undersized and washed out during the flooding caused by Hurricane Irene. GCSWCD and Delaware Engineering provided design plans, permits, specifications and contract documents for bidding, funding, construction management and administration for the culvert replacement. The new culvert was designed to withstand the 100-year runoff event and included a habitat friendly three sided precast concrete structure with wing walls at the inlet and outlet. Road improvements and stream enhancements, including an upstream cross vane, were installed.	FEMA NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2012
County Route 6 Slope Failure	GCSWCD GC Highway Dept. NYCDEP NRCS EWP	This project included stabilization of the slope failure along County Route 6 and the West Kill in Lexington. Practices installed included the use of rock riffles and sheet piling to elevate stream profile adjacent to the slope failure, to help buttress the failing slope and to provide grade control. The installation of rock revetment to protect the toe of the slope from erosion and stormwater drainage in the area of the failure to help maintain moisture levels in the soil profile was completed.	GCSWCD GC Highway Dept. NYCDEP NRCS EWP, ESD	Completed 2014
Hunter Foundation	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Hunter Foundation	The GCSWCD worked with the Hunter Foundation to design and implement a demonstration project integrating stormwater management in an area with limited space. Innovative methods including, porous gravel parking, bioswales and rain gardens, were used to meet water quality treatment standards for runoff from roofs and parking.	SMIP	Completed 2014

OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS, STORMWATER MANAGERS, AND CONTRACTORS

Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Impacts from Road Ditch Erosion	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP	Results of a field study on the impact of road ditch instability on erosion and sedimentation.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2007
DEP and DEC Stormwater Regulations and Updates	GCSWCD/ NYSDEC/ NYCDEP	Presentation of NYSDEC and NYCDEP stormwater regulations.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, CWC	Completed Annually 2008-2010
Roadside Ditch Maintenance Workshop	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	NYSDOT, Greene County Highway and most Greene County municipalities in the Schoharie Watershed attended the workshop which covered 1) Impacts from roadside ditches on water quality and municipal budgets, 2) General ditch maintenance and importance of proper erosion control, 3) Distinctions with topography, soils, slopes, and drainage, 4) Cost factors, different applications and lifespan, and 5) Selective ditching, how to prioritize to save money and minimize water quality impacts.	SMIP	Completed 2011
Mountain Top Highway Ditch Re-vegetation Program	GCSWCD	Program to encourage greater use of critical area seeding equipment that the GCSWCD has available for highway departments by offsetting the cost of seed and mulch. In 2011, GCSWCD worked with highway departments, seeding 3 miles of roadway ditches.	SMIP	Completed Annually 2011-2015

NYS DEC endorsed Erosion and Sediment Control Required Construction Activity Training	NYSDEC, NYCDEP, GCSWCD	This training targeted contractors, engineers, local government and watershed residents and provided knowledge about why stormwater is a concern and information on the new GP-0-15-002 permit. The training also informed participants about the requirements of stormwater pollution prevention plans (SWPPP). Participants learned about erosion and sediment control practices and how to perform site inspections, and how to obtain technical assistance on erosion and sediment control problems.	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	Completed 2015
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CATSKILL STREAMS BUFFER INITIATIVE				
Project Title	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Shadow Mountain	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Town of Jewett- East Kill: planted 124 trees and shrubs, hydroseeded and interplanted the riprap at the Greene County Highway Dept. bridge replacement in Jewett over the East Kill.	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Completed 2007
Riparian Buffer Implementation pilot	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	A protocol for identifying potential planting sites based upon stream management planning researched was evaluated. Also, GCSWCD approached five of the identified parcel owners and moved forward with the Carr Road riparian restoration project.	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Completed 2007
Carr Road Project	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Town of Jewett- Schoharie Creek: The project had three components including, stem injection treatment of Japanese knotweed to prepare location for re-vegetation with native species, planting of a 100 foot wide buffer along the streambank, and enhancing the existing buffer on the immediate streambank by tapering the bank and planting willow tublings and stakes.	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, ACOE	Completed 2007-2009
Riparian Program Development	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	In 2007-2008, the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI) was developed to educate and assist streamside landowners in order to provide for improved stewardship of riparian areas. GCSWCD & NYCDEP established guidelines, policies and protocols for the implementation of the program.	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Completed 2008
Plant Materials Program	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	This program supported enhancement and utilization of GCSWCD's own nursery at the Plant Materials Center, to supply plant material for various planting and seeding projects. The native seed program was initiated in 2008; A relationship with Greenbelt Center, in Staten Island, was established.	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Completed 2007-2016
Sugar Maples Riparian Buffer Project	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Town of Windham- Batavia Kill: Treated invasive Japanese knotweed and then planted approximately 800 feet of riparian vegetation.	ACOE (WRDA)	Completed 2008
Vegetation Enhancements	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Batavia Kill, West Kill, Schoharie Creek, and Manor Kill: Root Production Method (RPM) trees were planted at Big Hollow, Brandywine, and Ashland Connector Reach project sites. A certified herbicide applicator treated Japanese knotweed at Big Hollow, Carr Rd., Schoharie Ave. and Long Rd. project sites. DEP conducted monitoring of vegetative techniques on a majority of these projects. Vegetation enhanced projects in the developed with Greene County Highway, FEMA, at the County Route 13 culvert project, and a volunteer planting in Manor Kill behind the Conesville town hall.	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Completed 2008

County Route 6	GCSWCD Greene County Highway Dept.	Town of Lexington- West Kill: Implemented vegetation stabilization methodologies at a site on the West Kill that was previously scheduled for all riprap. Along this site, a short section of Vegetation Reinforced Slope Stabilization (VRSS) was installed, and trees and shrubs were planted on the upper bank; willows were interplanted with the riprap.	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Completed 2008
Deming Road Riparian Project	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	On this project, 723 trees and shrubs, along with 120 willow stakes, were installed on three contiguous parcels.	GCSWCD	Completed 2009
McRoberts Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 10 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. During this project, 50 trees and shrubs and 125 willow stakes were installed.	CSBI	Completed 2009
Manor Kill Grogan Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	SCSWCD has a 5 year agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. During this project, 54 trees and 500 sedge plugs were installed.	CSBI	Completed 2009
Kane Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 10 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. During this project, 116 trees and 250 willow stakes were installed.	CSBI	Completed 2009
Kastanis Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative Pilot: Obtained 5- year landowner agreement, completed a riparian corridor management plan and restored approximately 7.1 acres of streamside vegetation along the Batavia Kill, including hosting school groups in the effort and planting about 1,500 trees and shrubs.	CSBI	Completed 2009
Evergreen Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD/NYCDEP worked with the landowner to develop a planting plan and to obtain a landowner agreement for the property. Project is located in the town of Hunter.	CSBI	Completed 2009
Silver Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. GCSWCD removed fence, graded 60 feet of streambank, planted 25 trees and shrubs, and installed 30 willow stakes in May 2010.	CSBI	Completed 2010
Grossman Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. Installed a 50 foot riparian buffer and 198 trees and shrubs were plant along 300 feet in May 2010.	CSBI	Completed 2010
Brunsdan Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. Installed 54 herbaceous plugs, 22 willow stakes, 5 shrubs, and 2 trees in August 2010.	CSBI	Completed 2010
Avella Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. Installed 26 trees and shrubs in June 2010.	CSBI	Completed 2010
Rappleyea Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete and 150 trees and shrubs were installed in June 2010.	CSBI	Completed 2010
Dodson/McCloskey Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 10 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete and 300 trees, shrubs, and weed mats were installed in June 2010 to create a 100 foot wide riparian buffer along 300 feet of the East Kill. GCSWCD contracted Bevan Forestry to control a patch of Japanese knotweed; Aqua Master was used to inject 25 JKW stems.	CSBI	Completed 2010
Manor Kill Quinn Property Planting	SCSWCD, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	SCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete and 100 trees, 80 willow stakes/tubes, and 100 sedge plugs were installed in spring 2010. Also, approximately 50-100 JKW plants were removed from the site.	CSBI	Completed 2010

Manor Kill Brandow Property Planting	SCSWCD, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	SCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete and 50 trees, 100 willow stakes/tubes, and sedge plugs were installed in spring 2010.	CSBI	Completed 2010
Manor Kill Gentile Property Planting	SCSWCD, GCSWCD, NYCDEP	SCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. 292 trees, 50 willow stakes, and 500 sedge plugs were installed in November 2009. 100 additional willow stakes were installed spring 2010.	CSBI	Completed 2010
Hegner Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	This property is adjacent to Torsiello, where stream channel was repaired by the town highway department. GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property.	CSBI	Completed 2011
Torsiello Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Flooding, due to Tropical Storm Irene, caused woody debris jam on property. Stream channel was repaired by town highway department. GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. CSBI installed 275 trees and shrubs.	CSBI	Completed 2011
Cervini Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete and 275 trees and shrubs were installed.	CSBI	Completed 2011
Kelly Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 10 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. Project involved installation of 94 trees and shrubs along 250 feet to create a 25 foot riparian buffer in the spring of 2011.	CSBI	Completed 2011
Slutzky Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. Project involved installation of 793 trees and shrubs with 15 high school students from Gilboa-Conesville CSD. Planting area was 950 feet long and 50 feet wide.	CSBI	Completed 2011
Rivera Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. GCSWCD installed 506 trees and shrubs, 500 willow stakes, and 50 lbs in two areas along the East Kill. Most trees were lost to post-flood management activities in the fall of 2011.	CSBI	Completed 2011
Bardfield Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. Installed 432 trees and shrubs with 20 BYC students in a planting area of 700 feet long and 35 feet wide. Many of the trees were lost to post-flood management activities in fall of 2011.	CSBI	Completed 2011
Cole Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. The Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete. A subcontractor was hired to grade 300 feet of streambank along the West Kill prior to the planting and then 225 trees and shrubs, 200 willow stakes and 300 feet of fascines were installed along 350 feet of the right streambank.	CSBI	Completed 2012
Higgins Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has completed a Riparian Corridor Management Plan for this property and obtained a 10 year landowner agreement. Also, 60 willow stakes and 49 trees and shrubs were installed in the fall of 2013.	CSBI	Completed 2013
Mayo Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. Riparian Corridor Management Plan is complete and 300 willow stakes were installed along 200 feet of streambank, 94 native trees and shrubs were installed, and 0.23 acres of streamside habitat was seeded.	CSBI	Completed 2013
Enochty Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. GCSWCD installed 30 willow stakes and 25 native trees and shrubs along 100 feet of stream in the fall of 2013.	CSBI	Completed 2013

Donnelly Riparian Project	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. GCSWCD installed 125 willow stakes and 117 native trees and shrubs along 250 feet of stream in the fall of 2013.	CSBI	Completed 2013
Wilkie Riparian Project	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property. GCSWCD installed 75 willow stakes and 15 native trees and shrubs along 150 feet of stream in the fall of 2013.	CSBI	Completed 2013
Dodson/McCloskey Property Planting Phase 2	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD re-installed a 100 foot wide riparian buffer along 300 feet of stream including, 250 native trees and shrubs and 250 willow stakes in the fall of 2013.	CSBI	Completed 2013
Manor Kill Dahlberg Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	GCSWCD has a 5 year landowner agreement for this property and installed 50 native trees and shrubs and willow stakes along 150 feet of stream in 2014.	CSBI	Completed 2014
Police Anchor Camp (Windham Path) Riparian Project	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Riparian planting project at multiple locations along tributaries of the Batavia Kill and the Windham Path. GCSWCD completed a Riparian Corridor Management Plan and has obtained a landowner agreement for this property. GCSWCD hosted a volunteer planting in 2013, installing 1,028 native trees and shrubs along 1,375 feet of stream. 2.41 acres were restored at three planting locations. GCSWCD removed a gravel berm 223 ft. long x 10 ft. wide x 4.5 ft. high and relocated 371 cubic yards of berm material outside 100 yr. floodplain prior to installing 350 trees to create a riparian buffer. Project area was graded and seeded with riparian mix. With an additional planting along a tributary that bisects the parcel, 460 native trees and shrubs were installed along 820 ft. of stream. 1.23 acres were restored in 2015. Project is complete.	CSBI	Completed 2015
Former Kastanis Property Planting Phase 2	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Riparian planting project to reestablish a forested riparian buffer 100 feet wide along 1,200 feet of the Batavia Kill was planted in 2009, as a pilot project to restore approximately 7.1 acres of streamside vegetation. In 2015, GCSWCD obtained a land use and herbicide permit to reestablish a forested riparian buffer and treat Japanese knotweed. GCSWCD hosted a volunteer planting and installed 1,100 native trees and shrubs along 1,650 feet of stream, a total of 3.8 acres were restored. Japanese knotweed will require monitoring and follow-up treatment.	CSBI	Completed 2015
Saenger Property Planting	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	A riparian planting to restore approximately 4,500 square feet of streamside vegetation along a Schoharie Creek Tributary in Hunter. In 2015, a volunteer planting was hosted at the site; 120 native trees and shrubs and 20 willow stakes were installed along 137 feet of stream, 0.1 acre was restored.	CSBI	Completed 2015

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STREAMSIDE LANDOWNERS				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Riparian Program Development	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	CSBI developed to educate and assist streamside landowners in order to provide for improved stewardship in riparian areas. Program guidelines, policies, protocols, and other items required to offer a riparian buffer program to watershed landowners were developed. A protocol was developed that utilizes stream feature inventory and vegetation mapping to identify potential riparian planting sites.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Where Infrastructure & Streams Collide: How to Manage Both Responsibly	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	How infrastructure and streams are influenced by each and what potential strategies exist for prevention and mitigation of problems where stream instability has impacted infrastructure and vice-versa.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008

Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative Education Materials	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	CRSR, Inc. conducted a needs assessment, developed a marketing strategy, and developed initial program roll-out with above mentioned educational materials. Streamside Assistance Program was renamed the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI) based on the assessment. The marketing strategy, program slogan, logo, introduction language, program brochure, and application for funding have all been developed.	CSBI	Completed 2009
Conduct Watershed Survey	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP/ SWAC	It was decided by the SWAC E/O subcommittee to focus on surveys on events; that enough watershed surveys have already been done. No larger survey is expected.		Completed 2009
Dream Homes & Ditch Nightmares	GCSWCD	A skit involving landowners learning about permit requirements when building their dream home- volunteer role playing by audience NYSDEC, DOS approved course.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Japanese Knotweed Mailing	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP	GCSWCD printed 1,000 copies of a revised JKW prevention brochure for distribution to landowners in knotweed prevention areas identified by stream feature inventories. The brochures were mailed to 286 streamside landowners and distributed to 11 municipal town halls (15 copies each).	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2010
Riparian Buffer Workshop	GCSWCD/ NYCDEP	GCSWCD CSBI sponsored Healthy Buffers, Healthy Streams: A Landowner Workshop in July 2010. The interactive workshop was held at the Spruceton Community Center in West Kill and showed participants the characteristics of healthy vs. degraded buffers and different management practices to maintain healthy buffers.	CSBI	Completed 2010
Mountaintop Mapping	GCSWCD	Workshop participants learned how environmental mapping software can assist local communities in site planning and subdivision reviews.	SMIP	Completed 2011
Riparian Buffer Workshop	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, TU	A workshop was held for streamside landowners to highlight the importance of riparian buffers. The workshop included a demonstration of management practices used to maintain healthy stream buffers.	CSBI	Completed 2015

STREAM AND RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Catskill Riparian Reference Study	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, NYNHP	NY Natural Heritage Program completed a final report "Inventory, Classification, and Description of Riparian Natural Community Reference Types for West Kill Watershed, New York" and appendix "West Kill Restoration Guide to Planting."	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Restoration Project Wetland Mapping	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	C.T. Male Associates was hired to remap the wetlands on the Ashland and Conine restoration sites to assure ACOE's wetland mitigation requirements were being met. Wetland mapping and reporting was completed by C.T. Male Associates.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Japanese Knotweed Management Project	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Hudsonia	Hudsonia sampled Japanese knotweed management plots for several years. The results of their research are shown in the final report "Experimental Management of Japanese Knotweed on the Batavia Kill, Greene County, New York", which was submitted to GCSWCD in December 2009.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009

Organize Repository of Stream Ecosystem Data	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Habitat & Recreation Subcommittee	SMPs included a recommendation to characterize the current health of stream ecosystems using food web dynamics, the presence or absence of indicator species and primary producers, and the status of fish populations, among others. Under guidance of Habitat/Recreation Subcommittee, GCSWCD has organized a master repository which integrates existing data and published documents and may help determine where additional field studies are warranted.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2013
Water Temperature Impacts on Fisheries Study	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Habitat & Recreation Subcommittee, USGS	GCSWCD and NYCDEP worked with USGS and RIT to determine the location of thermal refugia, which are important to cold water fish communities during the summer months. The study was conducted to inform and guide entities whose activities may impact cold water inputs. In 2012, RIT conducted imagery collection flight and submitted report, in 2013, USGS analyzed and summarized the data, and in 2014, USGS submitted report.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, USGS	Completed 2014

WATERSHED PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY PLANNING				
Project Title	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Implementing SEQRA, basics & determinations	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Participants were provided a basic understanding of the SEQRA process.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed Annually 2008-2010
Federal & NYS Wetland Protection & Regulation	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Presentation of regulations.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Schoharie Watershed Strategy	GCSWCD, NYCDEP	Engaged multiple watershed partners and agencies, municipal officials, and departments (highway, planning, and code enforcement) in the strategy's development which focused on landscape sources that contribute to water quality impairments. Some recommendations were identified as implementation activities in 2009-11 action plan and Schoharie Watershed Advisory Committee reviewed proposals to allocate funding in 2009.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Low-Impact Development	NYCDEP, GCSWCD	An overview of an alternative approach to site planning, design, and building that minimizes landscape impacts and preserves the natural hydrological cycle.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Mountaintop Recreation Master Plan	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, WAP, Schoharie Basin Municipalities	GCSWCD WAP worked with numerous public and private sector partners to develop a comprehensive master plan that focuses on recreation, and also includes open space, scenic quality and cultural resources. Two implementation subcommittees are working on marketing and coordinating projects and outdoor resource improvements that promote access to, and appreciation of, the mountaintop's natural environment including stream systems.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2009
Low Impact Development Made Local	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, WAP	How improved site planning can achieve multi-objectives for Schoharie basin communities.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2010
Town of Hunter Corridor Regional Planning Study	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, WAP	GCSWCD worked with the Town of Hunter and the Villages of Tannersville and Hunter to undertake a Corridor Study that entailed comprehensive assessment of potential future development along the State Route 23A corridor. The study was in effort to evaluate foreseeable development and environmental mitigation associated with future development.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2010

State and City Stormwater Regulations	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, NYSDEC	Workshop participants were informed about the permit requirements of NYSDEC, NYCDEP and what triggers a permit.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2011
Mountaintop Better Site Design Plan Workshops	GCSWCD	GCSWCD's WAP, Kendall Stormwater Services, and Morris Associates worked with Ashland, Jewett, Lexington, Windham, Hunter, and Tannersville. For each community, there was a comprehensive code review against model development principles, helped identify which principles to address for local government, developed LID manual for communities to use in site planning, and to share with landowners and developers. Also, an education packet, for easier reference, was developed.	SMIP, LTAP	Completed 2011-2012

ENHANCING PUBLIC ACCESS TO STREAMS				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Prattsville Conine Park	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Prattsville	GCSWCD worked with the Town of Prattsville on a master plan for redevelopment of Conine Field. Key conservation issues included fishing access point, knotweed management, a riparian buffer planting and a conservation easement on sections of the property adjoining the Batavia Kill and Schoharie Creek and a stormwater pollution prevention plan retrofitting the site to meet current standards for new construction.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2008
Windham Creamery Pond	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Windham	GCSWCD assisted the Town of Windham with the development of a public access area on a NYCDEP owned parcel in the hamlet of Windham. The GCSWCD completed a site design, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and other documents. The design included the construction of parking area and athletic fields and was left to the town to complete.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, Windham	Completed 2008
Town of Windham (Police Anchor Camp)	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Windham	GCSWCD provided conceptual plans to the Town of Windham to assist with assessment and planning for public use of a 65 acre parcel located in the Batavia Kill watershed.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, Windham	Completed 2010
Ashland Fishing Access Enhancements	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Ashland	GCSWCD and NYCDEP completed a parking area and access to an existing public fishing area on the Batavia Kill at the Ashland Connector Reach Restoration Project. The access includes an information kiosk.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2010
Promote Increased Recreational Use of Watershed Streams	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Recreation & Habitat Subcommittee	All stream management plans recommend enhancing public access of the streams for fishing. Along many of the streams within the Schoharie Watershed, there are public fishing access points; existing access locations have been mapped. Through the Recreation and Habitat category, multiple stream access parks have been and will continue to be supported by SWAC.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD	Completed 2010
Prattsville Stream Access Parking	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Prattsville, SWAC	The Town of Prattsville was approved for SMIP funding October 2009; this grant was closed in August 2012, due to site constraints and significant flood damage throughout Prattsville during Hurricane Irene in 2011.		Completed 2012
Windham Path	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, WARF, Windham	GCSWCD and NYCDEP assisted Town of Windham and the Windham Area Recreation Foundation with installation of a public, non-motorized, multi-use trail along a 65 acre parcel located along the Batavia Kill. SWAC/SMIP funds were used to cover the cost of materials for a boardwalk and footbridges. The path is used almost daily by local residents and visitors of Windham.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, WARF	Completed 2013

Schoharie Creek Park (Town of Lexington)	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, Town of Lexington	The GCSWCD assisted the Town of Lexington with the development of a small “pocket park” located on the Schoharie Creek. The project included the removal of a derelict house (completed 2007), cleaning up weedy growth, enhancement of riparian vegetation and installation of low impact improvements such as demonstrative plantings, informational signage and stream access. Plantings were installed in 2010 and repaired in 2012 following flood damages. In 2012, split rail fencing was installed. In 2015, signage was installed.	SMIP	Completed 2015
Windham Path Phase 2	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, WAP, WARF, SWAC	The Windham Area Recreation Foundation is working on expanding the Windham Path, a 1.3 mile non-motorized, multi-use recreational trail in the Town of Windham near the Batavia Kill. Phase 2 extends the trail over the Batavia Kill on a pedestrian bridge to the Route 296/South Street business district. A second SMIP grant was awarded in 2014 for two small wooden footbridges that cross wet areas along the path's phase 2 extension, and a trailhead sign and kiosk on Route 296.	SMIP, Windham, NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, WARF	Completed 2015
Conesville Town Park Walking Path	NYCDEP, GCSWCD, SCSWCD	The SCSWCD, GCSWCD, NYCDEP and the Town of Conesville worked together to rehabilitate the existing walking path in the Conesville Town Park. A SMIP grant was awarded in 2014; the design, permitting and construction of the path were combined with the Manor Kill Stream Restoration Project.	SMIP	Completed 2015

STREAM ACCESS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH				
Action Item	Partners	Description	Funding	Status
Manor Kill Information Kiosk	GCSWCD, NYCDEP, Conesville, SCSWCD	A Kiosk for Conesville was provided by GCSWCD, and a general Schoharie Watershed/Schoharie SWCD educational panel was produced in conjunction with GCSWCD's kiosk series.	NYCDEP/ GCSWCD, SCSWCD	Completed 2011

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Introduction:

A comprehensive Stream Corridor Management Plan (SCMP) for the West Branch Delaware River was completed in 2005 and the East Branch Delaware River (EBDR) was completed in December 2007 by the Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District (DCSWCD) Stream Corridor Management Program, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP), and Delaware County Planning Department (DCPD). Since their adoption, DCSWCD in partnership with DCPD and NYCDEP have been implementing the 36 recommendations contained in the two plans following priorities established in the Action Plan for each basin. This Action Plan update for the period 2016-2018 combines the previously separate Action Plans for each basin into a combined Action Plan for the entire upper Delaware Watershed within the New York City water supply watershed.

During the development of the West and East Branch Delaware River SCMPs, a Project Advisory Committee (PAC) was formed to represent the interests of local officials, residents, businesses, and agencies living and working in the Cannonsville and Pepacton Reservoir watersheds. The PAC assisted in the preparation of the SCMP recommendations and is now working collaboratively to guide the Stream Corridor Management Program (SCMP_r) in the implementation of the recommendations. The PAC is assisted by four sub-committees with the following focus: Fisheries and Recreation, Education and Outreach, Highway Infrastructure, and Floodplain Management. These sub-committee contribute their expertise to furthering the fulfillment of the relevant recommendations of the SCMP.

The implementation of the recommendations are accomplished through the following program elements;

- ❖ Delaware Watershed Stream Management Implementation Program Grant (SMIP)
- ❖ Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Program (LFHMP)
- ❖ Catskill Stream Buffer Initiative (CSBI) Funding
- ❖ Demonstration Project Funding
- ❖ Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Assistance
- ❖ Stream Corridor Management Program Technical Assistance and General Support

1. Delaware Watershed Stream Management Implementation Grant Program (SMIP)

The Delaware Watershed Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP) Grants, established in 2010, fund eligible stream and floodplain water quality protection construction projects and programs that advance the Stream Management Plan recommendations for municipalities that have adopted the Stream Corridor Management Plan and signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District.

The SMIP grant funds are offered through an annual application process with grants targeted to fulfill the SCMP priorities and the recommendations of the stream management plans. The following section reviews the proposed Action Items related to the administrative aspects of the SMIP.

A. SMIP Administrative Action Items:

- 1. Update the grant application, review and award process for SMIP. (SCMP Staff, NYC DEP, PAC)**
 - Develop an open enrollment for Local Flood Analysis projects**
- 2. Maintain information on the status of awarded grants and future grant rounds through the Catskillstreams.org website (SCMP Staff, NYC DEP)**
- 3. Regularly prepare and distribute press releases on the accomplishments of the recipients of SMIP grants. (SCMP Staff, grant recipients)**
- 4. Expand the scope of the SMIP grant funding to support flood hazard mitigation projects identified through the Local Flood Analysis (LFA) under the LFHMP**
- 5. Create opportunities for the delegation of project design tasks to grant recipients, their consultants or consultants to DCSWCD.**
- 6. Award additional grants in 2016 and 2017**

SMIP grants to be completed in 2016-2018 are listed below:

Education and Outreach			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
Walton School Gravel Study	Village of Walton	Completed	\$9,000
Recreation and Habitat Improvements			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
East Branch Recreation Access Plan	Water Discovery Center	Completed	\$55,750
Town of Walton River Access Boat Launch Hamden, Boat Launch Hoyt's Park	Catskill Development Foundation, Village of Walton & Hamden	November 2016	\$62,000
Village of Delhi River Walk Design	Village of Delhi	Completed	\$39,750
Highway/Infrastructure			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
Little Delaware Streambank stabilization	Town of Bovina	November 2016	\$138,672.50
Medium Hydraulic Structure Study	DCDPW	November 2016	\$197,996
Holiday Brook Stream bank stabilization	Town of Andes	Completed	\$37,742
Gulf Brook Stream bank stabilization	Town of Andes	Completed	\$62,664
Planning and Assessment			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
Ballantine Park Master Plan	Town of Andes	Completed	\$24,800
Flood Hazard Mitigation			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis	Village of Fleischmanns	2016	\$77,250
Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis	Town of Middletown	2016	\$92,500
Walton Rt. 206 Study	Walton Flood Commission	Completed	\$194,840

SMIP grants to be completed in 2016-2019 are listed below:

Recreation and Habitat Improvements			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
Village of Delhi River Walk Design Phase II	Village of Delhi	November 2016	\$60,534.24
Highway/Infrastructure			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
County Rt. 22 East Brook	DPW	2018	\$285,522
Stockton Ave/South St.	Village of Walton	2019	\$398,545
Miller Ave. Culvert Replacement	Town of Bovina	2019	\$268,188.55
East Brook Streambank Stabilization	Town of Hamden	2018	\$66,366.60
Beers Brook Streambed Stabilization	Town of Walton	2018	\$31,645.24
Town Brook Stream Restoration	Town of Stamford	2018	\$31,527.58
Grant Brook Streambank Repair	Village of Hobart	2018	\$22,910.75
Planning and Assessment			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
Carrol Hill Culvert Replacement	Town of Tompkins	2018	\$30,000
John Tuttle Culvert Replacement	Town of Middletown	2018	\$30,000
Flood Hazard Mitigation			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Funding Awarded</u>
Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis	Walton	Completed	\$171,275
Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis	Arkville	2016	\$58,000
Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis	Walton Tributaries	2016	\$119,415
Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis	Town of Hamden	2016	\$70,000
Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis	Town of Andes	2016	\$79,758
Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis	Village of Delhi	2016	\$96,758
Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis	Village of Fleischmanns	2016	\$72,400

SMIP grant funds are offered to stakeholders to implement recommendations of the stream management plans and to further the evolving priorities of DCSWCD, NYCDEP and the watershed communities. The following sections detail activities supported by the SMIP grant to implement plan recommendations.

Prioritization of Identified Stream Intervention Projects Action Items:

- 1. Implement Floodplain Reclamation projects in collaboration with Municipalities. These project will be identified in the Local Flood Analysis plans. (SCMPPr Staff)**
- 2. Complete approved Delaware Watershed Stream Management Implementation Grant Program projects within the East and West Branch of the Delaware River watershed. A complete list of SMIP grants can be found on catskillstreams.org website. (SCMPPr Staff and Sponsor)**

B. Enhance Recreation Opportunities Action Items:

- 1. Provide technical assistance to communities to enhance streamside recreational opportunities. (DCPD, SCMPPr staff, NYC DEP)**
- 2. Continue to work with the East Branch Recreation and Fisheries subcommittee in the development and implementation of the East Branch Recreation Access Plan. (DCPD, SCMPPr staff, NYC DEP)**
- 3. Continue to work with West Branch communities and stakeholder groups on improving recreation access on the West Branch Delaware River (DCPD, SCMPPr staff, NYCDEP)**
- 4. Continue to provide technical assistance to the West Branch Recreation sub-committee for the boat launches in Delhi, Hamden and Walton.**

C. Enhancement of Watershed Fisheries Action Items:

- 1. Provide technical assistance and general direction to local grass-roots efforts, watershed associations and fisheries organizations to enhance existing fisheries. (DCPD, SCMPPr staff, NYC DEP)**
- 2. Work with the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, and the Recreation and Fisheries sub-committees to promote recreational fishing in the Cannonsville and Pepacton Reservoirs and support the new boating program through outreach promotional activities such as sponsored fishing days, boating safety and fishing safety courses, etc. (SCMPPr Staff, DCPD, NYC DEP, EBDR Recreation and Fisheries sub-committee, CWC, DC Chamber of Commerce)**
- 3. Encourage groups to work with municipalities to apply for funding through SMIP for projects that improve fish habitat, angling opportunities and an understanding of and appreciation for the aquatic ecosystem (SCMPPr Staff, DCPD, NYC DEP, PAC)**

2. Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Program

In response to major flood events in 2006 and 2011, the Delaware Stream Corridor Management Program partners have advanced the proposal for a watershed wide flood hazard mitigation effort that will identify the most beneficial projects for reducing flood related losses and water quality impacts and provide funds to implement those projects. In coordination with the CWC and at the request and direction of municipal government, the program will assist with the analysis, planning, funding, design and construction of hazard mitigation projects beginning during this Action Plan period. This effort will require the cooperation of all relative government entities, utilize the support of consultants and rely on the local knowledge of community leaders and residents. Funds will be made available for projects through the SMIP.

A. Flood Hazard Mitigation and Flood Recovery Action Items:

- 1. Provide assistance to the Delaware County Planning Department and Delaware County Emergency Services through steering committee meetings for the regular updates of the Multi-Jurisdictional All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. (DCSWCD SCMPr Coordinator)**
- 2. Provide documentation of completed flood hazard mitigation projects to the Hazard Mitigation Coordinator. Enhance the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan through the development of Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Plan (LFHMP) by the implementation of the All Hazards Mitigation Plan. (SCMPr Staff)**
- 3. Provide assistance as requested by the Director of Emergency Services to the Emergency Operations Center during flood related events. (SCMPr Staff)**
- 4. Maintain a list of historic problem areas where streams impact infrastructure during flood events and correlate to stream gage stage heights. (SCMPr Staff)**
- 5. Work with communities to understand, utilize and revise FEMA floodplain maps. (DCPD, NYC DEP Project Manager, NYSDEC, SCMPr Staff)**
- 6. Provide scholarship for training opportunity for Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM) and Code Enforcement credits**
- 7. Work with communities to update local ordinances, laws and comprehensive land use plans to incorporate elements of the Stream Corridor Management Plan its recommendations and stream stewardship principles. (DCPD, SCMPr Staff)**
- 8. Provide technical assistance to municipalities with emergency stream intervention measures during flood recovery. (SCMPr Staff)**
- 9. Support educational programs for the public and school students that promote a better understanding of meteorology, hydrology, hydraulics and flood issues. (DCPD, SCMPr Staff)**
- 10. Design and implement flood mitigation practices including but not limited to floodplain reclamation, scientific channel dimensioning, and natural stream design techniques throughout the Delaware Watershed. (SCMPr Staff, DEP)**

- 11. Implement the Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Program including the development and refinement of program rules, guidelines, procurement documents as well as providing guidance and outreach to participating communities, support of the consultants, and input on the identification and prioritization of projects. Provide assistance with the acquisition of grant funds and technical support for project design and construction (implementation). (DCSWCD staff, DC Planning staff, NYC DEP)**
- 12. Provide funds for the Local Flood Analysis process and recommended flood hazard mitigation stream projects through the SMIP.**
- 13. Complete work with the following Flood Commissions currently involved with the LFA process:**
 - **Walton Flood Commission**
 - i. **West Branch Delaware River Tributaries (East Brook, West Brook, Third Brook)**
 - **East Branch Delaware Flood Commission including:**
 - i. **Fleischmanns**
 - ii. **Middletown**
 - iii. **Clovesville**
 - iv. **Arkville**
 - **Delhi Flood Commission**
 - **Trout Creek Flood Commission**
 - **Hamden Flood Commission**
 - **Andes Flood Commission**

3. Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI) funding

Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI), established in 2009, provides a mechanism whereby streamside landowners, with property within the New York City Watershed, can receive technical assistance, educational materials, planning assistance, and funding to improve and maintain their riparian (streamside) areas. CSBI is a part of the overall Stream Management Program, and is a compliment to other existing stream management programs. The CSBI program focuses on improving riparian buffer protection for private, non-agricultural landowners who are not covered or supported through other riparian protection programs within the East and West Branch Delaware River watersheds.

The overall goals of CSBI are to inform and assist landowners in better stewardship, and to work with landowners to identify practices to improve their riparian (streamside) areas, through proper management, protection, restoration, or enhancement. To achieve these goals, CSBI will assist riparian landowners throughout the Delaware Watershed by providing:

- 1) Access to technical assistance through their DCSWCD concerning their streamside property.
- 2) Development of Riparian Corridor Management Plans (RCMP) to create awareness about riparian management issues specific to individual properties.
- 3) Development of Best Management Practices (BMP) and prescriptive measures to improve landowner management of their riparian buffer in order to enhance the function and condition of the riparian buffer.
- 4) Assistance with installation of riparian buffer improvement measures, such as native plantings, and other prescriptive projects.
- 5) Educational materials and activities as needed by landowners to understand the critical role of their buffer and how to maintain it in optimal functioning condition.

The Action Items associated with these goals for the years 2016 – 2018 are identified below.

A. Stream Corridor Management Plans for Non-Agricultural Riparian Landowner Stewardship Action Items

- 1. Continue the implementation of the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI) through the DCSWCD Stream Corridor Management Program Contract funded by NYC DEP. (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator, NYC DEP CSBI Coordinator)**
- 2. Periodically review and update the protocol for prioritizing the implementation of the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative and strategies for soliciting participation in the program. (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator, SCMPr Coordinator, NYC DEP CSBI Coordinator)**
- 3. Development of a minimum of 10 Riparian Corridor Management Plans (RCMP) per year. (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator, DCSWCD SCMPr Staff)**
- 4. Implement a minimum of 5 Riparian Corridor Management Plans per year by means of contractual planting services (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator).**

CSBI Riparian Corridor Management Plans/Projects		
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>
Beech Hill Knotweed Control Year 4	Town of Andes	2016
Third Brook Planting-DCMO BOCES	Town of Walton	2016
Depot Street Restoration	Fleischmanns	2016
Oliver Farm Restoration	Town of Meredith	2016
Willow Drive Stabilization	Arkville	2016
Vly Creek Restoration	Fleischmanns	2016
Peakes Brook streambank stabilization	Town of Delhi	2016
Beech Hill Post IS Control Planting	Town of Andes	2016
Thomson Hollow Stabilization Repair	New Kingston	2016
East Platner Brook Knotweed Control & Planting	Town of Delhi	2016
Delhi Riverwalk Knotweed Control & Riparian Restoration (3-4 year project)	Village of Delhi	2016-2018
Chambers Hollow Riparian Restoration & Knotweed Control (3-4 year project)	Town of Hamden	2016-2018
Bussey Hollow Knotweed Control (3-4 year project)	Town of Andes	2016-2018
Lower Meeker Hollow Knotweed Control (3-4 year project)	Town of Roxbury	2016-2018
Bryants Brook Stabilization	Town of Andes	2017

5. Implement 1 demonstration or educational Riparian Corridor Management Plan per year. (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator)

- a. Educational RCMP implementation:
- b. Conduct a volunteer plantings & educational workshops with community groups and local student.
- c. Conduct a volunteer potting-up educational workshop with local high schools students, SUNY Delhi college students and BOCES students.

CSBI Student/Educational Projects			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>	<u>Project Type</u>
Nursery Set-up, Walton Central School Agriculture Students	DCSWCD Office	Completed April 14-15, 2016	Student Project
Nursery transplanting DCMO-BOCES Conservation Students	DCSWCD Office	Completed April 20 & 21, 2016	Student Project
Third Brook Student Planting DCMO-BOCES Site 1 & 2	Town of Walton	Completed May 3-4 2016	Student Planting

Third Brook Student Planting DCMO-BOCES Site 3	Town of Walton	Completed May 5, 2016	Student Planting
Nursery Transplanting Activity – DCMO BOCES Special Education Students	DCSWCD Office	Completed May 17, 2016	Student Project
Camp Shankitunk Counselor Planting	Town of Delhi	June 29, 2016	Student Planting
SUNY Delhi Outdoor Education Center Fall Planting	Town of Delhi	October 2016	Student Planting
Nursery transplanting DCMO-BOCES Conservation Students	DCSWCD Office	2017	Student Project
Nursery transplanting DCMO-BOCES Conservation Students	DCSWCD Office	2018	Student Project
DCMO-BOCES Student Planting	West Branch Watershed	2017	Student Planting
DCMO-BOCES Student Planting	West Branch Watershed	2018	Student Planting

6. Education and outreach for CSBI shall be accomplished by facilitating at least one riparian workshop for landowners per year. Education and outreach shall also be accomplished by active participation at relevant local events, direct mailings, web site usage, and local media. (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator)

CSBI Education & Outreach Events		
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheduled for completion</u>
Walton Knotweed Pull-Delaware Ave – Walton 4H	Village of Walton	Completed April 23, 2016
Forestry Festival – Stream Table / Riparian Buffer Display	Village of Margaretville	July 2016
Cauliflower Festival – Stream Table / Riparian Buffer Display	Village of Margaretville	September 2016

7. Secure landowner license and maintenance agreements for long-term access by DCSWCD and NYCDEP to facilitate ongoing maintenance and monitoring. (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator)

8. Develop planting plans as requested for applicable stream program projects in coordination with stream program staff. (DCSWCD SCMP Staff and DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator)

9. Develop and implement a monitoring program for riparian buffer projects to identify project success and effectiveness. (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator, NYC DEP CSBI Coordinator)

- a. **Monitoring protocol developed for all implemented CSBI (and supplemental) projects.**
- b. **Monitoring scheduled for CSBI planting projects.**

CSBI Yearly Project Monitoring	
<u>Year Monitoring Scheduled</u>	<u>Number Projects Sites</u>
2016	23
2017	22
2018	16

- c. **Monitoring protocol developed for invasive species monitoring of CSBI planting project locations.**
10. **Develop local resources to maintain availability of native vegetation planting stock as needed. (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator)**
 - a. **Conduct bare-root transplant to containers events with Walton Central School and DCMO BOCES to secure supplemental plants and species for CSBI planting projects.**
 - b. **Work with SUNY Delhi summer interns to maintain nursery plant stock for planting projects.**
 11. **Provide technical assistance to streamside landowners through ongoing coordination with the West-of-Hudson Riparian Buffers Working Group.**

B. Implement a Variable Width Riparian Buffer Pilot Program Action Items

1. **CSBI will initiate a process defining eligible sites and for implementing variable width buffers. (DCSWCD CSBI Coordinator and NYC DEP CSBI Coordinator with NYC DEP and DCSWCD staff input)**
2. **Identify potential sites for demonstration of a variable width riparian buffer pilot project. Implement one demonstration project. (SCMP staff, DEP Staff, WAP Staff)**
 - a. **Produce planting and riparian buffer plan for the More Stream Restoration Project in the Town of Hamden along the West Branch of the Delaware River. The reach is approximately 1000 linear feet and construction is scheduled for 2016.**

C. Invasive Species Management Action Items

1. **Continue to work collaboratively with Delaware County Solid Waste Facility to compost Japanese Knotweed. (SCMP staff, DCDPW)**
 - a. **Continue to treat invasive species such as Japanese knotweed on CSBI project sites with a variety of methods including herbicide application and monitor the effectiveness of methods.**
 - b. **Conduct a Japanese Knotweed pull and clean up educational workshop with local community groups and SUNY Delhi college students.**

CSBI Invasive Species Control Projects		
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheduled for Completion</u>
Beech Hill Knotweed Control	Town of Andes	2016
Walton Knotweed Pull-Delaware Ave – Walton 4H	Village of Walton	Completed April 23, 2016
Delhi Riverwalk Knotweed Control	Village of Delhi	2016
Chambers Hollow Planting & Knotweed Control	Town of Walton	2016
Lower Meeker Hollow Knotweed Control	Town of Roxbury	2016
East Platner Knotweed Control	Town of Delhi	2016
Bussey Hollow Knotweed Control	Town of Andes	2016

2. Continue to participate in Catskill Regional Invasive Species (CRISP). (SCMP staff, DCPD)

3. Working with program partners and local agencies on developing Japanese knotweed control focus group.

D. CSBI Projects and Education & Outreach Completed in 2015

CSBI Riparian Corridor Management Plans 2015		
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Completed</u>
East Brook (CR22) Riparian Restoration	Village of Walton	2015
Terry Clove Brook Planting	Delancey	2015
Beech Hill Knotweed Control, Year-3	Town of Andes	2015
Trib to Little Delaware Post IS Control Native planting	Town of Delhi	2015
Thomson Hollow (Norton) Invasive Species Control Year-4	New Kingston	2015
Thomson Hollow (Norton) Post IS Control Native Planting	New Kingston	2015
Beech Hill Knotweed Control Year 3	Town of Andes	2015
Roxbury School Garden Planting	Town of Roxbury	2015
SUNY Delhi OEC Spring Planting	Town of Delhi	2015
Third Brook Planting-Supplemental	Town of Walton	2015

CSBI Invasive Species Control Projects 2015		
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Completed</u>
Thomson Hollow Knotweed Control	New Kingston	October 2015
State Route 28 Knotweed Control	Town of Delhi	October 2015
Beech Hill Knotweed Control (Year 3 treatment)	Town of Andes	October 2015
Walton Knotweed Pull-Delaware Ave – Walton 4H	Village of Walton	May 2015
Delhi Knotweed Pull & Cleanup – Hoyt Park – SUNY Delhi	Village of Delhi	May 2015

CSBI Student Projects 2015			
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Completed</u>	<u>Project Type</u>
SUNY Delhi Outdoor Education Center Spring Planting (NYC Students)	Town of Delhi	May 2015	Student Planting
Roxbury Elementary School Planting.	Town of Roxbury	May 2015	Student Planting
Third Brook Student Planting	Town of Walton	April/May 2015	Student Planting
Potting-Up Activity – DCMO BOCES	DCSWCD Office	April 2015	Student Workshop

CSBI Education & Outreach Events 2015		
<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date completed</u>
Roxbury Elementary School Planting Workshop & Stream-walk	Town of Roxbury	April 2015
Walton Knotweed Pull-Delaware Ave – Walton 4H	Village of Walton	May 2015
Delhi Knotweed pull & Cleanup – Hoyt Park – SUNY Delhi	Village of Delhi	May 2015
Forestry Festival – Stream Table / Riparian Buffer Display	Village of Margaretville	July 2015
Cauliflower Festival – Stream Table / Riparian Buffer Display	Village of Margaretville	September 2015

4. Demonstration Project Funding

Demonstration projects utilize new and innovative stream management techniques with educational value. These projects make use of fluvial geomorphic principles and the scale of the project may vary from localized activities such as stream bank stabilization to more extensive stream restoration projects.

A. Debris Management Action Items

- 1. Develop a Delaware County protocol for municipalities to manage woody debris in stream systems. (DCSWCD SCMPr Coordinator, NYC DEP Project Manager, DCDPW)**
- 2. Design and implement two demonstration projects that utilize the woody debris protocol developed by the SCMPr. (SCMPr Staff)**
- 3. Undertake a periodic review of the woody debris protocol developed by the SCMPr. (SCMPr Staff, NYC DEP Staff)**

B. Stream Gravel Deposition Issues Action Items

- 1. Develop and implement an educational and outreach program to teach municipal leaders and community members about the specific stream processes involved in the mobilization and transport of gravel and debris. Continue to promote training in Post-Flood Stream Intervention practices. (SCMPr Staff)**
 - a. Continue to support the Walton Central School students with the gravel study that was funded with a SMIP grant to study sediment issues in streams near the bridges in the Village of Walton. The SMIP grant was completed in 2015, but the program will continue the gravel study in the Environmental class curriculum.**
- 2. Encourage one or two municipalities to apply for grant funding through the SCMPr to scientifically study stream reaches with identified gravel deposition issues for potential case studies to be used in Item 1. This could be accomplished through the Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis process. (SCMPr Staff)**
- 3. Design and implement two demonstration projects that utilize the existing gravel management protocol developed by the SCMPr. (SCMPr Staff)**
 - a. Continue to photo monitor the Post-Flood Emergency Stream Intervention project located in the Town of Hamden on Launt Hollow stream that was completed in 2009. The Hamden Highway Department maintains the stream channel to the proper width and depth for approximately 100 linear feet whenever the stream capacity is compromised with gravel.**
 - b. Continue to photo monitor the Marvin Hollow at State Route 10 culvert to remove excessive gravel upstream of the culvert for approximately 100 feet. Gravel was removed in November 2011 and two straight vanes were installed by LaFever Excavating. The Town of Walton received FEMA funding.**
- 4. Undertake a periodic review of the gravel maintenance protocol developed by the SCMPr. (SCMPr Staff, NYC DEP Staff)**

C. Utilize Existing Funding Sources Action Items

- 1. Continue to explore opportunities for utilizing grant funding sources to match SCMPr funds for implement recommendations. (DCSWCD SCMPr Coordinator)**
- 2. Train staff and others within the watershed on how to prepare grant applications for obtaining additional funds for matching SCMPr funds.**

D. Demonstration Projects for Construction in 2016 and 2017

- 1. More Stream Restoration Project, WBDR Hamden**
 - a. This project consists of repairing streambank along agricultural fields that is eroding and gravel deposition along the West Branch Delaware River. To protect the streambank from further erosion the proposed project include the re-alignment of the stream channel to a better alignment and size the channel to the proper stream channel dimensions. Installation of riprap along the toe of the left and right streambank to a height of bankfull elevation (same elevation as the ordinary high water mark), 2**

hardened riffles to protect the stream from future downcutting and the old stream channel will be filled in to floodplain elevation. The stone fill mix will be placed on top of the rip rap to allow for vegetation to establish with willow live stakes planted in the rip rap joints. The floodplain will be planted with riparian vegetation with a variable width buffer along both sides for the entire length of the project.

2. Water Street Floodplain Restoration, WBDR Walton

- a. This project is a recommendation from the Local Flood Analysis Plan on the West Branch Delaware River main stem written by a consultant, Milone and Mac Broom Inc., for the Walton Flood Commission. The project consists of reclaiming floodplain 9 ½ acres along Water Street and vegetate the floodplain with grass and riparian shrubs.

3. Mill Street Floodplain Restoration, EBDR Fleischmanns

- a. This project is to complete Phase 2 of the Natural Resource Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Protection projects that was built in 2013. Reclaiming the floodplain along the right streambank and the removal of Mill Street bridge was put on hold until the property completed the flood buyout. The project will consist of regrading a bankfull bench that is 3 foot higher than streambed with a slope of minimum 2% towards Vly Creek stream. Place topsoil and vegetate bankfull bench with grass and riparian shrubs and place willow stakes in the joints of rip rap. Rip rap will be placed upstream and downstream of the project to match existing top of bank.

4. Hardscrabble Streambank Restoration, EBDR Roxbury

- a. This project was recommended by the PAC members to fund as a demonstration project for stabilization of steep embankment. Erosion located on the outside bend of a steep cobble embankment will be stabilized with a toe revetment, stream channel dimensions, and bioengineering.

5. Close Hollow, EBDR Andes

- a. This project was recommended by the PAC members to fund as a demonstration project for streambed restoration. To stabilize the erosion of the streambed that is causing the road shoulder to fail by elevating the streambed with grade control structures.

6. Mill Brook Streambank Stabilization, EBDR Hardenburgh

- a. This project was recommended by the PAC members to fund as a demonstration project for streambed restoration. Erosion located on the outside bend of a steep cobble embankment will be stabilized with a toe revetment, stream channel dimensions, and bioengineering.

5. Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Assistance

Provide assistance for the implementation of Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) in agricultural areas where streambank stability issues make those lands ineligible for buffer enhancement under the CREP's guidelines.

A. Integration of the Stream Corridor Management Program and the Watershed Agricultural Program Action Items

- 1. Provide stream assessment training to Watershed Agricultural Program planning and technical staff to identify and classify impaired stream segments during the development or revision of individual Whole Farm Plans. (SCMPr and WAG Staff)**
- 2. Continue to implement the MOU between DCSWCD and the WAC and its protocols for providing technical assistance to the Watershed Agricultural Program. (DCSWCD SCMPr Coordinator, DCSWCD Executive Director, and DCSWCD Technical Coordinator, NYCDEP Project Manager)**
- 3. Provide assistance to the WAP Planning Staff in techniques for proper placement and planning of stream related agricultural Best Management Practices. (DCSWCD SCMPr Staff)**
 - a. Complete work on the following CREP streambank stabilization projects**
 - i. Steve Boyd Farm**
 - ii. Laura Phoenix Farm**
 - iii. Willard Frisbee Farm**
- 4. Provide engineering approval, technical support, and individual project design assistance to Watershed Agricultural Program engineers and technicians as per the Protocol identified in action item #2 above. (DCSWCD SCMP Coordinator, SCMP Professional Engineer, and DCSWCD SCMP Staff)**

B. Provide Technical Support to the USDA Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) Action Items

- 1. Continue to develop the prioritization process for providing technical and financial assistance to the WAP on CREP projects. (SCMPr Coordinator, NYC DEP Project Manager, WAP Program Managers)**
- 2. Provide stream evaluation and assessment assistance to the Watershed Agricultural Program planners to determine if stream instability issues will preclude CREP enrollment. Training and ongoing assistance. (SCMPr Coordinator, SCMPr PE, SCMPr technicians, and NYC DEP as needed)**
- 3. Provide design assistance and engineering approval to the Watershed Agricultural Program engineers and technicians in the preparation of approved stream stabilization designs and projects that facilitate CREP enrollment. (SCMPr Coordinator, SCMPr PE, SCMPr technicians, and NYC DEP as needed)**
- 4. Continue to provide funding to the Watershed Agricultural Program for stream stabilization projects that facilitate CREP enrollment. (SCMPr Staff)**

5. In cooperation with the Watershed Agricultural Program, evaluate stream instability issues for remediation on existing CREP sites. (SCMPr Coordinator, SCMPr PE, and SCMPr Technicians)
6. Provide funding to the Watershed Agricultural Program for stream projects that stabilize existing CREP sites. (SCMPr Staff)
7. Continue to monitor and evaluate the success of the bank stabilization projects. (SCMPr Staff)

C. Enhance the Implementation of CREP on NYC Watershed Cropland and Explore Long – Term CREP Contracts Action Items

1. Develop an interagency working group to prepare a white paper requesting USDA / FSA to enhance rental payments for CREP riparian buffers on cropland. (WAP Staff, DEP Staff, SCMPr Staff)
2. Explore options to maintain riparian buffers after CREP contract expiration and submit written recommendations. Development of an interagency advisory committee with Delaware County. (WAP Staff, SCMPr Staff, DEP Staff, DC Staff)

6. Stream Corridor Management Program Technical Assistance and General Support

Stream Corridor Management Program staff from each of the partnering agencies (the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, New York City Department of Environmental Protection and Delaware County Planning Department) provide technical, planning and educational support for a range of stakeholders on water quality related issues such as floodplain management, flood response and recovery, debris and infrastructure management, property protection, aquatic habitat and recreation concerns. Support can include assessments, plans, designs, training workshops and general advice to stakeholders.

A. Provide Assistance to Community Watershed Groups/Associations and Government Entities Action Items

1. Provide technical assistance and general direction to community watershed groups/association and government entities. (DCPD, SCMPr staff, NYC DEP)
 - a. East Branch Delaware Flood Commission
 - b. Walton Flood Commission
 - c. Trout Creek Flood Commission
 - d. Delhi Flood Commission
 - e. Hamden Flood Commission
 - f. Andes Flood Commission
 - g. Coalition of Watershed Towns
 - h. Recreation Access groups (Catskill Foundation and Water Discovery Center)

B. Participation with the Delaware County Action Plan (DCAP) Action Items

1. Attend regular meetings of the Delaware County Action Plan (DCAP) and advocate for inclusion of Stream Corridor Management Plan and its recommendations into all relevant components of the DCAP. (DCPD Director, DCSWCD Executive Director, SCMPr Coordinator)

C. Participation with the Catskill Watershed Corporation Action Items

1. Provide technical assistance as requested for stream related CWC funded projects. (SCMPr Staff, NYC DEP Staff, CWC Staff)
2. Explore ways to coordinate stream related education and outreach efforts (such as Catskill Streams and Watershed Education Program) with CWC. (SCMPr Staff, CWC Staff)
3. Coordinate with CWC on Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Program including the analysis of flood problems, identification and funding of potential mitigation projects. (Executive Directors and staff of DCSWCD, NYC DEP, DC Planning, and CWC)

D. Provide Annual Floodplain Development Permit Training for Municipal Officials Action Items

1. Provide opportunity for annual floodplain development permit training for local municipal officials. (PAC, SCMPr Staff, NYC DEP, NYS DEC)
2. Development opportunity for Municipal Officials to obtain credits for participating in educational activities. (DCPD, SCMPr Staff)
3. Support training of Floodplain Administrators (Code Officers), Planners and Stream Managers in various aspects of floodplain management through State and Federal programs to enable them to achieve and maintain Certification as Floodplain Managers through the Association of State Floodplain Managers. (DEC, FEMA, ASFM)

E. Enhance Local Land Use Laws and Ordinances Action Items

1. Provide assistance to local municipalities in development of stream components in local comprehensive plans, local laws and local management practices. (PAC, DCPD, SCMPr Staff, NYC DEP)
2. Provide technical assistance to local municipalities to enhance local laws and local management practices. (PAC, DCPD, SCMPr Staff, NYC DEP)

F. Streamline Stream Work Permitting Action Items

1. Work in cooperation with NYS DEC, US Army Corps of Engineers, NYC DEP, and DCDPW to enhance the authority thresholds of the DCSWCD General Permit as delegated by the NYS DEC for approved stream management practices within the County. (SCMPr Staff, NYC DEP RRE and SMP staff, US Corps of Engineers, DCDPW, Highway Subcommittee)

G. Provide Technical Assistance to Local Highway Departments Action Items

- 1. Provide technical assistance and support on the Medium Hydraulic Structure Study SMIP contract to evaluate watershed culverts for hydraulic capacity and prioritize them for upgrade through the SMIP. (DCDPW, SCMPr Staff)**
- 1. Provide technical assistance and educational support to municipalities for sizing and the design of routine culvert replacements. (SCMPr Staff, DCDPW)**
- 2. Enable municipalities to apply for funding through the SMIP grants for infrastructure projects causing stream instability and/or water quality issues. (SCMPr Staff, DCDPW)**
- 3. Attend regular meetings of Municipal Highway Superintendents and keep them up to date on status of SWCD projects, training opportunities and flood recovery efforts.**
- 4. Advise and assist WBDR and EBDR communities and the DCPD with updates to the local Highway Management Plans to address best management practices as they relate to roadway and stormwater infrastructure improvements. (SCMPr Staff, DCPD, DCDPW and EBDR communities)**
- 5. Provide technical assistance to highway departments and DCDPW by reviewing potential stream crossings including; large culverts and bridges. (SCMPr Staff, DCDPW and EBDR communities)**
- 6. Continue to support best management practices for construction of stream crossings through the SMIP by allowing the acquisition of necessary equipment (i.e. dewatering pumps, hydro-seeder, etc.) (SCMPr Staff, DCPD, DCDPW and PAC)**

H. Geomorphic Assessments at Bridges and Culverts Action Items:

- 1. Support the completion of DC DPW's evaluation of Medium Hydraulic Structures (culverts) funded through the Delaware Watershed Stream Management Implementation Program grants. (SCMPr Program Coordinator, DCSWCD Engineering staff, DEP Project Manager and DEP Stream Engineering Coordinator and DCDPW)**
- 2. Continue to advice and/or fund municipalities through the grants program for the replacement of publicly owned stream crossing structures that are causing stream instability and/or water quality issues. (SCMPr Staff)**

I. Continuation of Geomorphic Research / Assessments Action Items

- 1. Perform Rosgen Level II assessment of Steele Brook in Delhi. (SCMPr Staff, Delhi Flood Commission)**
- 2. Identify other river segments requiring geomorphic assessment and management plans. As needed, procure consulting services for the completion of this action item.**

J. Adopt Principles of Stream Stewardship at the Municipal Level Action Items

1. Adoption completed for the following:

Towns:

Andes
Bovina
Deposit
Franklin
Halcott
Hamden
Harpersfield
Kortright
Masonville
Meredith
Middletown
Roxbury
Sidney
Stamford
Tompkins
Walton

Villages:

Delhi
Hobart
Margaretville
Fleischmanns
Stamford
Walton

2. Promote and secure plan adoption and extension of MOUs within East and West Branch Delaware communities. (DCPD, SCMPr Staff)

3. Encourage municipalities to continue to develop stream stewardship requirements in their local comprehensive plans and land use regulations. (DCPD, SCMPr Staff, NYCDEP)

4. Encourage municipalities to continue to participate in the PAC and Sub-committees. (SCMPr Staff, NYC DEP, DCPD)

K. Develop a Process for Updating the East and West Branch Delaware River Stream Corridor Management Plan Action Items

1. Work with the Project Advisory Committee and its Sub-Committees to initiate a comprehensive review of the East and West Branch Delaware River Stream Corridor Management Plan and initiate a process to update the plan as required. (PAC, DCPD, SCMPr Staff, DEP staff)

L. Expand Public Education and Outreach Efforts Action Items

1. Fund and implement education and outreach activities identified and prioritized by the Project Advisory Committee Education and Outreach sub-committee. (PAC, SCMPr Staff)

2. Continue to educate municipalities and communities on the importance of floodplain function and the benefits of preserving floodplains, and opportunities for improving flood protection and reducing flood damages through the refinement and use of digital flood insurance rate maps (DFIRMs), the participation in the LFHMP, and other State/Federal programs such as the Community Rating System. (DCPD Staff, SCMPr Staff, NYSDEC)

3. Develop and implement an education and outreach effort to support the LFHMP for a range of involved and affected stakeholders including community officials, involved outside government agencies, landowners, residents and not for profit groups. (DCSWCD staff, DC Planning Department staff, Department of Watershed Affairs, NYCDEP, CWC)
4. Work with area schools and BOCES programs to educate students and promote awareness of stream process, floodplain preservation and streamside vegetation. Develop and promote a stream awareness program that can be used in area schools and with youth groups. (SCMP Staff, DCPD staff, NYCDEP, CWC, BOCES and area schools)
5. Provide training and outreach to area real estate agents and bankers about the importance of preserving floodplains and the required disclosures of floodplain development permitting requirements. (SCMP Staff, DCPD staff and NYCDEP)
6. Provide up-to-date information to the catskillstreams.org website as well as support for the revision and maintenance of the Catskill Streams website.
7. Participate in the West-of-Hudson watershed-wide education and outreach efforts.
8. Maintain an up to date project status and education outreach information on the DCSWCD website.

M. Scientifically-Based Post-Flood Emergency Stream Intervention Action Items

1. Provide Post-Flood Emergency Stream Intervention training to contractors, local municipalities, and agencies on an as needed basis. (Workshop, SCMP Staff, NYC DEP Project Managers)
 - a. Provide technical assistance to the State wide Emergency Stream Intervention, on an as needed basis.
 - i. Post-Flood training has become a widely accepted practice that is being recognized throughout the State as the preferred practice for stream mitigation after the flood. Many agencies have requested training, which is being provided through Soil and Water Conservation District across New York State as well as through NYS DEC.
2. Continue to provide technical assistance to municipalities with emergency stream intervention measures during flood recovery. (SCMP Staff)
3. Continue to provide technical review assistance to local planning and town boards when working on projects that include streams, culverts or floodplain infringements. (DCPD, SCMP Staff)