

Stamford Town Board Hears Stream Management Plan

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HOBART - A public meeting was held at the Town of Stamford Board meeting on Wed, April 15 to discuss the details of the Delaware County Stream Management Plan. A representative from the Delaware County stream district was in attendance to answer any questions and inform the board of what kind of financial assistance the board could apply for through the plan.

Tom Mallory, a Stream Project Engineer of the county, presented the board with a packet of information regarding how the plan will operate and what kind of projects will qualify for funds.

The Stream Management Plan is funded by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) but all the decisions on how to spend the money will be done locally, Mallory said.

About \$2 million has to be spent by 2013, with \$500,000 allocated to be spent this year. Mallory said if a project were to overshoot the \$500,000 it wasn't a problem. That figure is just a guideline to-get started.

The applicant has to be a municipality or a not-for-profit organization. The projects also have to be located in the watershed. Money can be used in an array of ways, from highway infrastructure improvement to storm water management. Recreation/habitat enhancement and general restoration projects are also covered under the plan. There is also money available for flood managements, flood recovery assistance and flood repair.

The grant can be used with or supplemented by other grants as long as the projects meet qualifications. For information on the Stream Management Plan, contact town hall.

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