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EAST BRANCH STREAM 2/18/11 CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The Water Discovery Center has been awarded a planning grant funded through a NYC DEP grant to the Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District to create a plan which will identify current and potential public access points, design, create and install signage for direction, education and conservation information and create a map to advance the use of these assets to both residents and tourism populations. Through the Stream Corridor Management Grant Program this effort will develop a comprehensive plan for recreation that will open new and improve current stream access along the East Branch of the Delaware River in the towns of Roxbury, Middletown and Andes and the villages of Margaretville and Fleischmanns.

The Enhanced Recreational Opportunities project will be conducted in two phases. In Phase 1 a consultant will research and create a comprehensive plan to revitalize existing public access points, create a draft marketing plan for materials, outreach and events and a plan to update current signage. Phase 2 will establish new public

access points, install new signage, launch of website and complete the final marketing plan with brochures, maps and special events that will introduce these new sites. A plan for business expansion based on recreational tourism will be created.

The project committee will expand its community-wide representation of residents, second homeowners, businesses and area organizations to insure that full participation from the communities will be achieved. The project will be coordinated and managed through a collaboration between the Water Discovery Center, the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce, the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development and The MARK Project.

To become involved as a volunteer committee member or to receive additional information or a copy of the Consultant RFP please contact Carol O'Beirne at the Central Catskills Chamber of Commerce at carol@centralcatskills.com, or 845-586-3300.