

# Soil & Water Conservation District Announces Stream Grants Program Awards

The Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District Stream Corridor Management Program (SCMP<sub>r</sub>) has awarded over \$500,000 in grants to municipalities and not-for-profits for implementation of the East and West Branch Delaware River Stream Management Plans under the first round of a new grants program. A total of 10 grants were awarded for construction projects and non-construction programs which were reviewed and approved by a local Project Advisory Committee.

The Town of Hamden will remediate 160 feet of streambank erosion along Chambers Hollow and improve a culvert on Back River Road; Town of Harpersfield will address stormwater drainage along Odell Lake Road. Culvert improvement on Roxbury Mountain Road is the focus of a Town of Stamford grant, while the Town of Tompkins will receive funding to manage woody debris along Pine Swamp Road. A grant to the Town of Walton will address two streambank failures along Beers Brook and stream bed erosion at a culvert in Pines Brook. One program grant will fund the purchase of a hydroseeder by the Town of Walton to be shared among participating communities; another to the Water Discovery Center will support the development of a plan for improving recreational opportunities along the East Branch Delaware River.

This Stream Program is a partnership between the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and the Delaware County Planning Department. Program funding is made available by the Soil and Water Conservation District under a contract with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. This program is designed to implement the recommendations of the East and West Branch Delaware River Stream Management Plans. These recommendations were created by the Stream Program Project Advisory Committee, which is composed of municipal officials, representatives from county agencies and non-profit organizations, and other important stakeholders.

For more information on the Delaware Watershed Stream Management Grant Program, including announcements about how to apply for the next round, please contact the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District Streams Program (607-865-5223), the Delaware County Planning Department (607-746-2944), or visit <http://www.catskillstreams.org/Delawaregrant.html>