



2025 Annual Report

Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District



In 2025, GCSWCD continued to support Greene County landowners, municipalities, and partners in achieving their natural resource management goals. The District remains focused on delivering multi-benefit programs that balance community growth with environmental conservation. Over time, GCSWCD has established itself as a trusted resource, recognized for its ability to address complex natural resource challenges.

The District continues to expand its technical expertise and apply it to assist constituents across the County. While natural resource planning efforts have grown, the District maintains its core strength in implementing effective, on-the-ground conservation practices.

This report highlights the diverse projects and initiatives undertaken in 2025, showcasing our dedication to sustainable resource management and community resilience.

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Stream Restoration Projects

West Kill Streambank Restoration at Howard Road

Assessment and preliminary design have begun for the West Kill Streambank Restoration at Howard Road project in the Town of Lexington. The project site involves a mass slope failure affecting the stability of Howard Road and the water quality of the West Kill. In 2025, GCSWCD worked with consultants to complete base mapping, wetland delineation, and endangered and threatened species habitat assessment. Preliminary design is underway to **improve stream alignment, reduce lateral erosion rates, and stabilize the slope to allow for future reconstruction of Howard Road if the Town of Lexington chooses to proceed with that option.** Project construction is tentatively scheduled for the 2027 season and the project would **rehabilitate 1,300 feet of the West Kill.**



West Kill at Howard Rd. road failure.



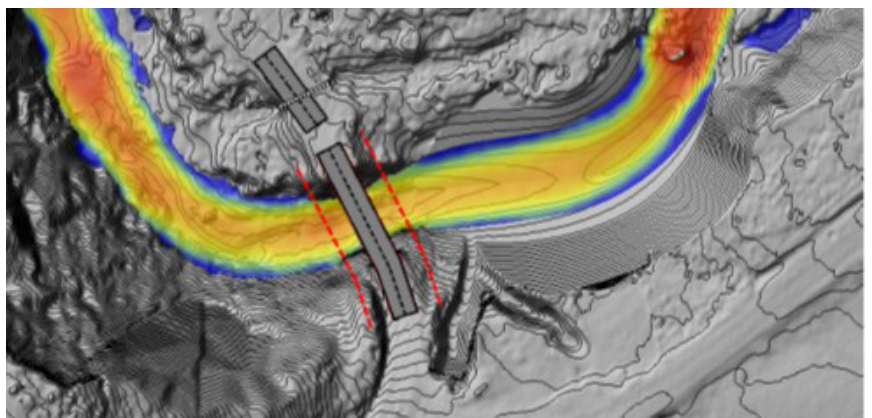
West Kill at Howard Rd. mass slope failure.

Manor Kill Streambank Restoration at Pangman Road

Preparations are underway for the construction of the Manor Kill Streambank Restoration at Pangman Rd project. With the project design completed, landowner agreements secured, and permits received, GCSWCD is now finalizing bid and contract documents with construction scheduled for the 2026 season. The project was initially recommended in the Town of Conesville Local Flood Analysis and will **rehabilitate 300 feet of the Manor Kill adjacent to critical infrastructure.**



Manor Kill high flow upstream of the Pangman Rd. bridge.



Batavia Kill Restoration at Red Falls

Project 4 of the Batavia Kill Restoration at Red Falls targets a highly unstable reach that has experienced persistent erosion with water quality impacts. Existing conditions include large geotechnical failures, channel incision, lateral migration, and toe erosion, contributing to ongoing suspended sediment loading. Assessment of hydraulic and geomorphic conditions found that most parameters (floodplain connectivity, sediment competency, lateral stability, riparian vegetation, etc.) are currently “at risk” or “not functioning,” but restoration offers the opportunity to return the reach to fully “functioning” hydraulic and geomorphic condition. Water quality (TSS and Turbidity) and aquatic habitat functions will benefit from these improvements.

In 2025, the District advanced Project 4 through permitting and approvals with NYSDEC, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and NYC DEP, along with updated wetland and wildlife assessments, and coordination with municipalities and landowners. The project reached 100% design and was publicly bid at \$5.9 million – significantly below the Project Engineer’s estimate of \$7.5 million.

The Project 4 design follows a Rosgen Priority 3 approach, converting an unstable, incised channel (typically G or F stream types) into a more stable channel (B or C stream type). This conversion is accomplished by developing a multi-stage system with a new, consistent bankfull channel and a floodplain at a lower elevation. One- and two-dimensional HEC-RAS modeling identified the bridge as a hydraulic constriction generating high velocity, shear stress, and significant local scour in the bridge reach. This scour has significantly impacted adjoining reaches through channel degradation and stream bed lowering processes. Hydraulic design found heavy rock countermeasures would be an effective technique to address the conditions during flood events.

Construction is scheduled over two field seasons, with the bridge reach in 2026 and the upstream reach in 2027. Work will be phased and include winterization measures, with post-construction monitoring and supplemental planting planned to continue through 2028.

The District continued monitoring and maintenance at the downstream Project 2 and Project 3 sites. Due to drought conditions, staff implemented regular irrigation throughout the growing season using a rain reel system and targeted watering of ball-and-burlap trees and grass-cover deficient areas. Supplemental tree planting and overseeding was completed in the fall to improve vegetative cover, support site stabilization, and meet project permit and contract requirements. This included several hundred pounds of native grass seed and the installation of an additional 51 ball-and-burlap trees.

Looking ahead, the completion of Project 4 will address the restoration of the most impacted and complex sections of the Batavia Kill. The planned continued monitoring efforts, maintenance, and adaptive management will be essential to achieving long-term stream stability and water quality improvements.



Bridge within Red Falls Project 4. Photo taken in 2000.



Bridge within Red Falls Project 4. Photo taken in 2022, shows significant channel degradation and stream bed lowering



Geotechnical failure in the upper reach of Project 4



Lateral migration, down cutting, and toe erosion causing upgradient failures.

Stream Assessments

Stream Feature Inventories

In 2025, the District completed Stream Feature Inventory (SFI) assessments on Johnson Hollow Brook and North Settlement Creek to evaluate channel conditions, fine sediment sources, and geomorphic change.

Approximately **2.5 miles of Johnson Hollow Brook (JHB) were assessed across the Towns of Roxbury and Prattsville**. This stream's initial SFI was completed in 2021. The 2025 re-assessment was prompted by reports of erosion associated with Tropical Storm Debby in August 2024. Tropical Storm Debby caused significant flood damage in NYS, leading to a Major Disaster Declaration for several counties, including Delaware County. GCSWCD's Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program (SWSMP) staff are aware of at least two landowners along the JHB who applied for permits to repair storm damage.

The JHB re-assessment documented substantial increases in bank erosion, with total eroding length more than doubling from 4,798 feet in 2021 to 9,833 feet in 2025, and the number of eroding segments increasing from 40 to 83. Fine sediment exposures also increased by approximately 30%, from 3,630 feet to 4,704 feet, with lacustrine sediment remaining the dominant source. While average bank height decreased, the expansion of erosion suggests ongoing channel adjustment.

The District also completed a **5.1-mile assessment of North Settlement Creek in the Towns of Windham and Ashland**, the first since 2009. This re-assessment was informed by Digital Elevation Model (DEM) differencing, which compared 2009 and 2019 bare earth conditions. The DEM differencing identified several erosion "hot spots" that developed following major storm events, including Tropical Storm Irene. Field observations served to confirm geomorphic change – including the relocation of the mouth of the stream – and identify fine sediment sources.

These updated SFIs provide the foundation for future management and prioritization, and will help guide restoration, planting, and monitoring efforts within these basins.



Fine sediment exposed in an eroding stream bank and suspended in the water of Johnson Hollow Brook.



A large eroding bank on Johnson Hollow Brook.



Lacustrine sediment exposed in the stream bed.



North Settlement Creek SFI.

Bank Erosion Monitoring

Implementation of the Bank Erosion Monitoring Study (BEMS) continued at **16 sites** across the Schoharie Reservoir watershed in 2025. Initiated in 2023, the study includes detailed field assessments such as cross-section and longitudinal profile surveys, sediment characterization, Rosgen bank hazard evaluations, and repeat photo documentation.

Annual photo monitoring was completed at all sites to track visible changes in bank condition over time. In addition, Structure from Motion (SfM) photogrammetry surveys were conducted for the second consecutive year at five monitoring locations. These surveys generate high-resolution elevation models that allow for comparison of surface change between years.

Preliminary analysis of the two years of SfM data at three sites indicates measurable material loss, including approximately 32 cubic meters at the East Kill site, 155 cubic meters at the Schoharie Creek site, and 229 cubic meters at the West Kill site.



BEMS project team performing an SfM survey on the East Kill.

Support for Multi-Objective Stream Crossing Assessment Protocol (MOSCAP) SMIP Project

The District continued to support implementation of the Multi-Objective Stream Crossing Assessment Protocol (MOSCAP) as a tool for evaluating road-stream crossing infrastructure in the Schoharie Reservoir watershed. Initial application of MOSCAP along the Manor Kill in 2022 demonstrated its effectiveness in identifying management needs related to structure repair and replacement.

Building on this work, the Schoharie Basin Road-Stream Crossing Assessment: Towns of Hunter and Jewett project, led by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia-Greene Counties (CCE Columbia and Greene), was approved for funding in Round 30 of the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP). This two-year effort includes **assessment of approximately 73 crossings in the Town of Hunter in 2025**, with an additional 108 crossings in the Town of Jewett scheduled for 2026.

In advance of the 2025 field season, the District partnered with the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP) and NYSDEC to host a two-day MOSCAP training in the Schoharie Reservoir watershed. The training, led by AWSMP and NYSDEC, provided hands-on instruction for staff from CCE Columbia and Greene and NYSDEC, supporting consistent application of the protocol across the region.



MOSCAP training day.



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Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative

In June 2025, former Education & Outreach Coordinator, Amanda Cabanillas became the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI) Coordinator. The CSBI field season included **vegetation monitoring, invasive species management, mulching, and tree tube maintenance at 31 project sites** across the Schoharie Reservoir watershed. One riparian buffer project was completed in the fall. This project covered **0.1 acre along 100 feet of the Batavia Kill and included the planting of 85 trees and shrubs and the installation of 50 willow stakes**. The area was also seeded with six pounds of native wildflower and grass seed mixes.



2025 riparian buffer planting site.



Repurposed fencing used for tree protection.

Plant Material Center Upgrades and Hydroseeding

Several key improvements were advanced at the Plant Material Center (PMC) in 2025. These include completion of final design drawings and contract documents for the PMC irrigation system upgrades. These upgrades will modernize the system and improve water efficiency. Additionally, engineered septic plans for barn bathroom construction and electrical upgrades were approved by NYC DEP.

On-site improvements completed by District staff included:

- rebuilding the retaining walls along the storage barn access ramp;
- bringing a third greenhouse into operation – expanding propagation and growing capacity;
- installing three new willow beds (each measuring approximately 500 feet by 10 feet) to increase the availability of live staking materials for stream projects;
- creating a six-foot mowable buffer around the nursery fencing;
- advancing a stream realignment project to prevent erosion near the fence line; and
- clearing overgrown willows to accommodate new plantings.



Newly installed willow beds at the PMC.

These improvements will ultimately enhance operations and increase plant production capacity.

GCSWCD completed **four hydroseeding projects** in 2025, covering a total of **3.2 acres**.

Agricultural Programs

Agricultural Environmental Management

In 2025, GCSWCD expanded implementation of the Agricultural Environmental Management (AEM) program, completing its first Tier 4 projects and advancing on-the-ground improvements to water quality and farm infrastructure.

On one farm, a Water and Sediment Control Basin (WASCOB) was installed to improve drainage and reduce erosion.

On another operation, the District completed a suite of improvements including laneway stabilization and barnyard upgrades. A stone and concrete Heavy Use Area was constructed to minimize erosion and reduce nutrient runoff to a nearby stream. Additional stone was installed in farm laneways to prevent livestock from traveling through stream channels, reducing sediment disturbance and improving water quality.

Program participation continued to grow, with six new farms enrolled in AEM, bringing the total to 26 participating operations. One farm also achieved New York State Grown and Certified status, reflecting a commitment to environmental stewardship and agricultural best management practices.

The District is also advancing planning and design for future projects. Efforts are underway on five farms, including a covered barnyard currently out to bid, additional barnyard improvements, drainage and irrigation upgrades on a vegetable operation, WASCOBs and drainage improvements on an eroding pasture, development of a composting facility, and installation of a riparian buffer. In addition, the District is coordinating with a private contractor to develop three Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs), which will position participating farms to pursue additional funding through NRCS and other programs.



Installing perforated drain tile and risers.



Heavy Use Area before construction.



Heavy Use Area during construction.

Soil Maps and Soil Group Worksheets

In 2025, soil maps and Soil Group Worksheets (APD-1) were completed for 32 properties in Ashland, Cairo, Coxsackie, Durham, Greenville, Jewett, Lexington, New Baltimore, and Prattsville – totaling 2,111 acres. Of the 32 parcels, 19 were included in Greene County's Agricultural District.

Education and Outreach

2025 educational offerings began with the 4-Hour DEC-Endorsed Erosion & Sediment Control Training in February. This training was **attended by 51 local contractors, subcontractors, consultants, and other individuals that will be involved with the implementation of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan on a construction site.**

On April 12th, we welcomed **69 community members to the Schoharie Watershed Summit** – the District’s flagship event. The Summit is a one-day conference that brings a variety of Watershed stakeholders together to network, learn from, and share interests with one another. 2025 presentations included:

- *Paleoclimatology – How We Know What Climate Was Like Before Direct Measurements* by Dr. John A. Rayburn, SUNY New Paltz
- *14,000 years of temperature and hydroclimate variability in the Catskill Mountains: New paleoclimate records from Perch Lake, Andes, NY* by Dr. William J. D’Andrea, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory
- *Drought Monitoring in the Northeastern U.S.* by Natalie Umphlett, Northeast Regional Climate Center



Lunch time at the Schoharie Watershed Summit.

Afternoon workshops included:

- *Hot Button Land Uses* with the NYS Department of State
- *DHSES: Brief Overview of the Public Assistance Program* with the NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services
- *NYS DEC Permitting 101* with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

In May GCSWCD hosted another successful event series as part of Schoharie Watershed Month (SWM). This series offers a diverse range of experiences that help participants gain a more holistic understanding of the role they play in the health of this living resource. 2025’s offerings included the:

• The Schoharie Reservoir Watershed BioBlitz

Community members were invited – and encouraged – to celebrate Schoharie Watershed Month with a biodiversity hunt across the Reservoir’s drainage basin. Observations could be uploaded to the Schoharie Reservoir Watershed project on the iNaturalist app.

58 people contributed observations to the project.

There was a total of 393 observations recorded – this total included 227 different species of plants, fungi, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and insects.

- **Watershed Wednesdays Webinar Series** – a weekly virtual program featuring a variety of speakers. Last year’s series included:
 - » *An Interactive Chat About Drought in New York State* with Sylvia Reeves, National Integrated Drought Information System;
 - » *How Biodiversity Protects Us from Infectious Diseases* with Dr. Felicia Keesing, Bard College;
 - » *Sustaining a Brook Trout Stronghold: Initiatives in the Upper Schoharie* with Steven Swenson, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation;
 - » *The “Deep Time” History of the Schoharie Watershed* with Dr. Chuck Ver Straeten, New York State Museum; and
 - » *A Streamside Guide to Catskill Mountain Geology* with Dany Davis, NYC Department of Environmental Protection



Wildlife show at the Mountain Top BioBlitz celebration.

In total, the four webinars were attended by 89 members of the community.

- **The Schoharie Reservoir Paddling Day** – **14 people joined us on the water** for the first paddling day of the 2025 season!

- **Catskill Mountain Nature Walk**
18 nature lovers joined us for a walk at West Kill Brewery. Led by Wild Hudson Valley, participants had the opportunity to learn all about wild native plants in springtime and their importance to Northeastern Native Peoples.
- **Mountain Top BioBlitz**
The third annual Mountain Top BioBlitz at the Mountain Top Arboretum – produced in partnership with the Mountain Top Arboretum and the NYC DEP – featured a full day of walks and activities led by local environmental professionals and naturalists. The day ended with a wildlife show featuring a variety of birds of prey.

Despite the cold and rain, the BioBlitz was attended by 34 people of all ages throughout the day.



Wild Hudson Valley leading the Catskill Mountain Nature Walk at West Kill Brewery.

New in 2025, the District offered **five additional opportunities to kayak the Schoharie Reservoir** – one session every month through the Reservoir's recreational boating season (May through October).



Dr. Chuck Ver Straeten showing root impressions at the Cairo Fossil Forest.

In June, we hosted a visit to the globally famous fossil forest (Earth's oldest known forest) near Cairo, NY. with Dr. Chuck Ver Straeten - one of the scientists who discovered the site in 2009. **33 guests** joined us for this special opportunity to observe the root impressions where large trees stood ~385 million years ago!

School Visits

The District brought watershed education to two school districts in 2025. **Visits to Windham-Ashland-Jewett and Greenville High School provided an introduction to stream processes and management with lessons tailored to the schools' existing curriculum.** Students gained an understanding of different watershed features and water quality issues.

In April, District staff attended the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Career Fair where they ran a macroinvertebrate observation table, and shared their academic and career experiences with 5th-12th grade students.

Fairs and Tabling Events

In May, we were set up at the Mountain Top Earth Day Celebration in Tannersville with outreach materials and wildflower seeds. The District also donated 40 saplings to be given out at the event.

In July, GCSWCD returned to the Greene County Youth Fair. Time at the Youth Fair was focused on distributing outreach materials that raise awareness about programs offered through the District and running demonstrations of stream processes using the Emriver stream table. In addition to bringing the stream table, we had the return of the Conservation Craft Corner. This youth-focused learning space offered an owl pellet dissection activity. The demonstrations at the Youth Fair reached approximately 500 people over the course of the four days.

In September, the District participated in Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia & Greene Counties' annual Environmental Awareness Days at the Siuslaw Model Forest. Over the course of three days, we provided Watershed Pollution Model demonstrations and watershed lessons to 252 fifth-grade students and their chaperones.

2025 Intern Support

Intern support continues to be an invaluable asset throughout the field season. In 2025, GCSWCD hosted one intern from the Student Conservation Association, Skye Robinson, and worked with four students from SUNY Ulster and three students from SUNY Delhi. These interns bring diverse skills and perspectives, assisting with fieldwork, data collection, and day-to-day project support. Their efforts significantly expand staff capacity, allowing the organization to advance priority initiatives and complete critical work more efficiently. Beyond their direct contributions, the program also provides meaningful hands-on experience for students – fostering the next generation of natural resource professionals.



Some of the 2025 intern crew.

Grant Funding

In 2025, the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP) **awarded a total of \$1,005,758.20 to a diverse array of projects.** SMIP is a grant program administered through the Schoharie Watershed Stream Management Program (SWSMP) at GCSWCD, in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Below is a list of the community projects that were funded in 2025.

Batavia Kill Splash and Learn: \$5,406.24 allocated to the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties

The program involved streamside educational programming along the Batavia Kill in Ashland, NY. The workshops provided hands-on activities to explore stream systems and promote stream stewardship. This program was originally awarded \$10,000 to provide four educational workshops. Ultimately, only two workshops were provided.

Jr. Naturalists Watershed Explorers: \$3,750 awarded to the Main Street Community Center

Through this project, SMIP funding will support a Watershed Explorers Camp along the Batavia Kill in Windham, NY for students in grades 3-6. The week-long summer camp will cover topics in ecology, watershed preservation, scientific inquiry, artistic expression and outdoor exploration while fostering a connection to their local watershed.

Worms in Our Watershed: \$14,325.60 awarded to Columbia-Greene Community College

Through this program, SMIP funding will support Columbia-Greene Community College (CGCC) working with schools within the Schoharie Reservoir watershed, to survey streamside areas for earthworm species. Local teachers and students will learn how to identify earthworm species. The data that is collected during the events will be compiled and shared to iNaturalist.

Beaches Corner Culvert Replacement, Jewett, NY

Engineering Services: \$92,000 awarded to the Town of Jewett

Through this project, SMIP funding will support the Town of Jewett working with a consultant to assess site conditions at the culvert that conveys the flow of Town House Brook under Beaches Corner Road. Following the field assessments, the consultant will provide the preliminary design plans, advance detail plans, and final plan specifications along with a cost estimate for implementation of the replacement project.

Implementation: \$250,000 awarded to the Town of Jewett

This funding will support the implementation of the project described above. The goals of the project include improving the resiliency of flow conveyance infrastructure to future flood events, reducing flood damages to private and public infrastructure, and improving localized stream stability.

Lustig Road over Schoharie Creek Tributary Culvert Replacement, Hunter, NY

Engineering Services: \$90,500 awarded to the Town of Hunter

Through this project, SMIP funding will support the Town of Hunter working with a consultant to assess site conditions at a culvert that conveys flow of a Schoharie Creek tributary under Lustig Road. Following the field assessments, the consultant will provide the preliminary design plans, advance detail plans, and final plan specifications along with a cost estimate for implementation of the replacement project.

Implementation: \$250,000 awarded to the Town of Hunter

This funding will support the implementation of the project described above. The goals of the project include improving the resiliency of flow conveyance infrastructure to future flood events and improving localized stream channel stability.

County Route 2 over Little West Kill Culvert Replacement – Implementation: \$250,000 awarded to the Greene County Highway Department

Through this project, SMIP funding will support Greene County Highway Department efforts to replace a culvert that conveys flow of the Little West Kill under County Route 2 in the Town of Prattsville. The goals of the project include improving the resiliency of flow conveyance infrastructure to future flood events, improving channel stability impacts, and supporting aquatic organism passage characteristics of the structure.

Testing of Heritage Brook Trout in West Kill, Lexington, NY: \$28,960 awarded to the Town of Lexington

Through this project, SMIP funding will support a genetic study of the native brook trout population in the West Kill. The Town of Lexington will partner with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation staff and local volunteers to complete fish sampling efforts. A genetic analysis of the samples will be conducted to determine if the brook trout has a distinct and unique genetic background indicating a native (heritage) population.

Improving Brook Trout Passage through Hanging Culverts: \$12,921.30 awarded to SUNY Cobleskill

Through this project, SMIP funding will support research conducted by SUNY Cobleskill staff and students. The project involves the installation of fish passage structures on hanging culverts that currently pose barriers to upstream fish

passage. Project partners will conduct fish surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of the structures for improving upstream migration of native brook trout. If fish passage is improved, similar methods may be used in other areas to expand brook trout range within headwater streams.

Hunter Regional Trail Public Awareness Outreach: \$3,301.30 awarded to the Village of Hunter

Through this project, SMIP funding will support the Village of Hunter with the development and distribution of outreach material for the Hunter Regional Trail (HRT) system. The HRT provides low-impact outdoor recreation opportunities within and near the Schoharie Reservoir watershed. The outreach materials will be used to promote watershed recreation and trails through the Town and Village of Hunter and the Village of Tannersville.

SMIP Funding Overview Through 2025

Category	Funds Allocated to Date	# of Awards through 32 Rounds (8/1/09-10/29/25)
Education & Outreach	\$148,563.30	34
Stream Restoration*	\$2,051,214.40	18
Highway & Infrastructure	\$2,561,282.51	28
Planning & Assessment	\$244,594.96	11
Habitat & Recreation	\$205,848.99	20
Local Flood Analysis**	\$1,597,408.50	20
Stormwater & Critical Area Seeding***	\$168,488.36	5
Contingency Funding	\$26	
Total	\$6,977,401.02	139

Watershed Assistance Program

GCSWCD's Watershed Assistance Program (WAP) continues to support communities and landowners in Greene County and the Schoharie Reservoir watershed by advancing projects and securing funding that align economic development with watershed protection. In 2025, efforts focused on multi-use trail development and flood mitigation, with significant progress made across the mountaintop region.

WAP initiated the Hunter Area Trail Committee – an outgrowth of the Kaaterskill Rail Trail Committee – to guide coordination of the Hunter Regional Trail (HRT), an 11-mile multi-use corridor connecting Kaaterskill Falls to the Village of Hunter. Key accomplishments included advancing design and permitting for accessibility upgrades to the Hunter Branch Rail Trail and facilitating Greene County's sponsorship of a \$1 million federal highway grant for ADA-compliant improvements, with construction anticipated in 2027.

On the western side of the mountaintop, WAP worked with the Town of Prattsville and NYCDEP to amend the land use permit - allowing for a 1.5-mile trail extension that will connect the business district of the hamlet to Pratt Rock. Trail blazing days are planned for summer 2026 in partnership with the Catskill Mountain Club.

WAP also continued to advance flood mitigation efforts. In Lanesville, collaboration with the Town of Hunter and the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program resulted in completion of a Local Flood Analysis (LFA) and secured funding for property-level feasibility studies. In the Village of Hunter, coordination with project partners moved the Fire House Relocation through final design and bidding, while additional funding opportunities are being pursued to reduce local cost share. WAP coordinated the three-party contract for the NYC DEP Flood Buyout Program to purchase the existing facility. Additionally, WAP has applied for Catskill Watershed Corporation feasibility study funding to find a relocation parcel for the Greene County Highway Building #3 in Ashland – coordinating with the Greene County Highway Department and LaBella Associates through that process.

Through these efforts, WAP remains a key partner in advancing locally supported projects, strengthening community resilience, and improving public access while protecting water quality.

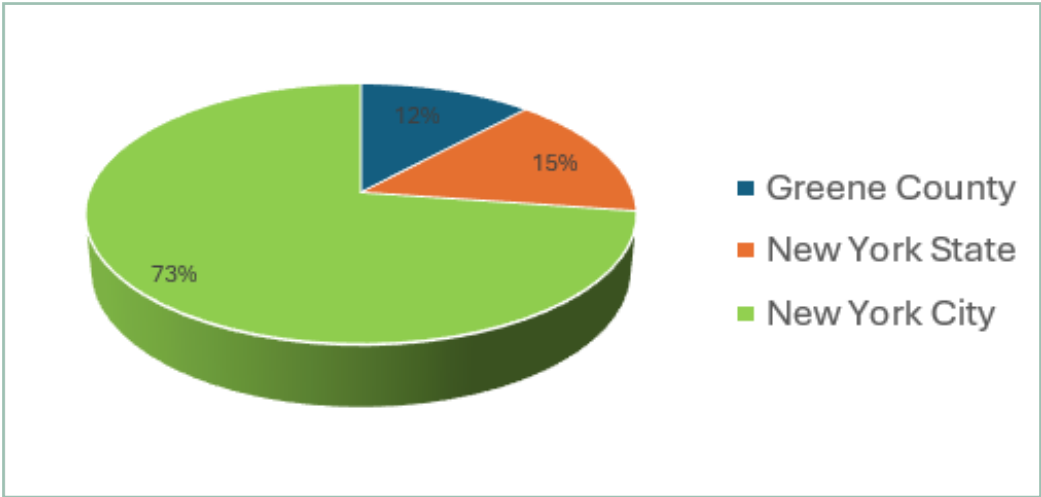


Fire House Relocation working group.

District Funding

In 2025, the District received \$2,146,973.39 in total funding. Included in that amount is \$331,386.52 from New York State for reimbursement of technical services and conservation projects, a \$254,538 allocation from Greene County, and \$1,561,048.87 through the District’s partnership with NYC Department of Environmental Protection.

The District’s allocation from Greene County has remained consistent at \$254,538 for the period spanning 2018 - 2026.



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