

DELAWARE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
STREAM CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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**2016 – 2018 Action Plan for the  
East and West Branch of the Delaware River**



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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<sub>r</sub>) 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 SCMPr 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. (SCMPr 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 (SCMPr Staff, NYC DEP)**
- 3. Regularly prepare and distribute press releases on the accomplishments of the recipients of SMIP grants. (SCMPr 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:**

<b>Education and Outreach</b>			
<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
<b>Recreation and Habitat Improvements</b>			
<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
<b>Highway/Infrastructure</b>			
<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
<b>Planning and Assessment</b>			
<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
<b>Flood Hazard Mitigation</b>			
<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:**

<b>Recreation and Habitat Improvements</b>			
<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
<b>Highway/Infrastructure</b>			
<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
<b>Planning and Assessment</b>			
<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
<b>Flood Hazard Mitigation</b>			
<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)**

<b>CSBI Education &amp; Outreach Events</b>		
<b><u>Project Title</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Scheduled for completion</u></b>
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)