

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program 2014-2016 Action Plan



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Cover Photo: AWSMP stream assessment field crew in the Stony Clove Creek, fall 2013.



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Re: Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program 2014 - 2016 Action Plan

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCE), Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District (UCSWCD), and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have developed the 2014–2016 Action Plan for your review. The purpose of the Action Plan is to identify the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program’s planned activities, accomplishments, and next steps in support of recommendations derived from stream management plans and working group input. The current set of recommendations was updated and reviewed by our Advisory Council and stakeholders in 2013 and early 2014.

The Action Plan is divided into key programmatic areas:

- A. Protecting and Enhancing Stream Stability and Water Quality
- B. Floodplain Management and Planning
- C. Highway Infrastructure Management in Conjunction with Streams
- D. Assisting Streamside Landowners (public and private)
- E. Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic and Riparian Habitat and Ecosystems
- F. Enhancing Public Access to Streams

The Action Plan is updated annually and recommendations are fully revised biannually. This proposed plan will run from June 1, 2014 until May 31, 2016, at which time the recommendations will be revised based on new stream assessments and program needs.



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Purpose

The 2014-2016 Action Plan identifies goals and makes recommendations for implementation by the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program during the period 2014-2016. The Action Plan also provides a framework for reporting progress on planned activities to the public.

How to read this document:

The Action Plan is organized around key programmatic areas. For each topic area a list of recommendations, derived from Stream Management Plans and the program's working groups, are provided in *italicized text*. Under the list of recommendations, ongoing projects funded through the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP) are listed.

Background

In 1997, the NYC Watershed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was reached between New York State, New York City, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, watershed communities and counties, and several non-profit environmental organizations. The MOA included establishing a set of watershed partnership programs to help ensure that the NYC water supply watersheds were adequately protected.

The Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP) was established as a joint effort between Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County (CCE), the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District (UCSWCD), and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The three agencies work collaboratively to protect and restore the stability and ecological integrity of streams in the Ashokan Reservoir Watershed.

Action planning in the Ashokan Watershed began with the development of stream management plans for the Broadstreet Hollow Creek in 2003, Stony Clove Creek in 2004, and the Upper Esopus Creek in 2007. In subsequent years, AWSMP completed stream assessments of Woodland Creek, Beaver Kill, Warner Creek, Birch Creek, Bush Kill, Bushnellsville Creek, and the Stony Clove Creek was reassessed.

A Filtration Avoidance Declaration (FAD) granted to NYC in 2007 requires DEP and its partners to develop an Action Plan for the coming year to show how the findings and recommendations of the stream management plans will be implemented. The first post-implementation phase Action Plan for the Ashokan Watershed covered the period June 1, 2009 - May 31, 2011. This newest Action Plan covers the period June 1, 2014 - May 31, 2016 and spans completion of the current contracts for CCE and UCSWCD and the start of new five-year contracts in 2014.

The AWSMP moved its primary focus from planning to implementation in 2008. During that year the program staff, with input from local stakeholders, developed a process for distributing funding to watershed communities to help implement stream management plan recommendations (the "Stream Management Implementation Program"). To date, \$2,000,000 has been allocated to implementation projects throughout the watershed.

A. Protecting and Enhancing Stream Stability and Water Quality

Includes stream corridor assessments, stream stabilization/restoration projects with a goal to restore stream stability and reduce turbidity; monitoring of stream projects; and outreach, education and technical assistance to encourage stream stewardship.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2014-2016 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

STREAM CORRIDOR ASSESSMENTS

1. *Continue a program of multi-phased stream corridor geomorphic assessments including: Phase 1- GIS watershed scale assessments for most sub-basins in the watershed; Phase 2 - field-based stream feature inventories (SFI) for one to two streams per year; and Phase 3 - reach to site scale monitoring (e.g. BEHI, geomorphic surveys). The assessments are used to help diagnose stream corridor condition and identify stream erosion hazards and/or water quality impairment that may require treatment. The table below includes candidate streams for assessment in 2014 and 2015. One stream per year may be subject to a rapid Phase 2 reassessment if conditions appear to be degrading.*
2. *Support stream investigations by other organizations in the Ashokan Watershed, with an emphasis on turbidity reduction.*
3. *Review recommendations produced in previous reports on Large Woody Debris (LWD) and re-evaluate the need for LWD monitoring that focuses on debris accumulations that either threaten infrastructure, or that form beneficial stabilization and habitat features.*
4. *Develop an advanced conceptual model, applicable to the Ashokan Watershed, of Catskill stream channel and sediment processes that incorporates probable channel and sediment loading responses to expected climate change. The model will assist stream managers with planning for protection of water resources, and inform prioritization of stream channel stabilization practices.*
5. *Provide funding for study of stream condition and function, and monitoring of system condition and management practices through the Stream Management Implementation Program (SMIP).*
6. *Develop a strategy for consolidating existing and future Stream Management Plans and assessments into one Ashokan Watershed Plan.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED STREAM ASSESSMENT PROJECTS

Streams	Location	Current Status
Broadstreet Hollow	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	Completed 2001

Streams	Location	Current Status
Stony Clove	Towns of Shandaken, Woodstock, Hunter, and Lexington	Completed 2003
Esopus Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Olive	Completed 2007
Woodland Valley	Town of Shandaken	Completed 2008
Beaver Kill	Towns of Shandaken and Woodstock	Completed 2010
Warner Creek	Town of Shandaken and Woodstock	Completed 2010
Birch Creek	Town of Shandaken	Completed 2012
Bushkill	Towns of Shandaken and Olive	Completed 2012
Bushnellsville Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	Completed 2013
Stony Clove Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Hunter	Completed mainstem reassessment 2013
Fox Hollow Creek	Town of Shandaken	TBD
Peck Hollow	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	TBD
Little Beaver Kill	Town of Woodstock	TBD
Ashokan Reservoir Tributaries	Town of Olive and Town of Hurley	TBD

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING STREAM CORRIDOR ASSESSMENTS (ACTIVE 2014)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
USGS	Monitoring Turbidity, Suspended Sediment Concentrations, and Sediment Loads in the Beaver Kill and Warner Creek Watersheds	AWSMP-2011-27	155,750.00	Active	Extend Beaver Kill gage by 1 year and install gage on Warner Creek, collect and analyze sediment and turbidity samples, make streamflow measurements and develop a stage-to-discharge rating curve at both streamgages, and analyze how suspended sediment concentration and associated turbidity were impacted by stream restoration and stabilization projects.
SUNY - New Paltz	Role of Suspended Sediment on Warner Creek's Ecology	AWSMP-2011-59	5,000.00	Active	Covers the stipend of a SUNY New Paltz senior geology student to conduct Stony Clove Creek watershed characterization; extends work on Warner Creek.
Syracuse University	Bank Erosion Assessment and Analysis in Stony Clove Creek, 2001-2012	AWSMP-2011-61	45,000.00	Active	Resurvey 27 Bank Erosion Monitoring Sites (BEMS) along Stony Clove Creek and establish 10-12 new BEMS. Collect detailed measurements of elevation and calculate the volume of eroded material. Assess methodologies for suitability. Collect samples of stream bank material for physical characterization. Study streamflow data. Identify events most likely to have caused erosion.

STREAM RESTORATION/STABILIZATION PROJECTS TO RESTORE STREAM SYSTEM STABILITY AND/OR REDUCE CHRONIC TURBIDITY INPUTS

7. Identify locations in the Ashokan Watershed that are long-term, chronic suspended sediment/turbidity sources and evaluate the potential efficacy of restoration practices. Annually update and prioritize potential stream restoration and/or channel stabilization projects identified through the stream corridor geomorphic assessments.
8. A current emphasis is the Stony Clove Creek, which has been shown through water quality monitoring to be the predominant source of chronic turbidity in the Ashokan Watershed. Complete additional stream restoration projects in the Stony Clove watershed in 2014 and 2015. Utilize NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program funds for implementation.
9. The next round of SMIP funds, along with funds provided to UCSWCD for stream restoration projects (expected in 2014), will be used to implement additional projects expected to have a measurable reduction in turbidity. Support efforts to obtain additional funding to pursue this goal.
10. Coordinate with the Town of Shandaken and County DPW to identify potential stream restoration projects for the Esopus Creek at Oliverea. Consider developing a stream management plan for the Oliverea reach of the Esopus Creek.

ASHOKAN WATERSHED STREAM PROJECTS TO RESTORE STREAM STABILITY AND REDUCE CHRONIC SOURCES OF SEDIMENT (ACTIVE 2014)

UCSWCD	Stony Clove and Warner Creek Confluence	Costs to be Determined	Active
	<i>Protect transportation infrastructure and reduce potential future sources of chronic turbidity through grade control to mitigate headcut upstream migration.</i>		

Possible 2014-2015 projects (project selection is subject to change pending annual stream corridor geomorphic assessments and affected landowner support):

UCSWCD	Stony Clove at Wright Road	Costs to be Determined	2014
	<i>Protect vulnerable properties and reduce source of chronic turbidity</i>		
UCSWCD	Stony Clove at Stony Clove Lane	Costs to be Determined	2014
	<i>Protect vulnerable properties and reduce source of chronic turbidity</i>		
UCSWCD	TBD Stony Clove Basin Stream Restoration Project	Costs to be Determined	2015
	<i>Multi-objective project that includes goal of reducing chronic source of turbidity</i>		
UCDPW/ UCSWCD	Esopus Creek at Brown Road (Oliverea)	Costs to be Determined	2015
	<i>Reduce sources of turbidity and protect Cty Rt 47</i>		

MONITORING OF STREAM PROJECTS

11. *Annually monitor performance of stream corridor projects funded by the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program.*
 - a. *Stony Clove at Phoenicia Main Street Project – Continue survey monitoring to track sediment deposition fluctuations per DEC permit.*
 - b. *Stony Clove at Chichester Projects (#1, 2, 3, 4) – Monitor per requirement of ACOE permit.*
 - c. *Warner Creek Site #5 – Monitor per requirements of ACOE permit.*
 - d. *Stony Clove at confluence with Warner Creek Project – Monitor per requirement of ACOE permit.*

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ENCOURAGE STREAM STEWARDSHIP - RECOMMENDATIONS

12. *Update Stream Stewardship Principles and promote the principles to relevant entities.*
13. *Provide outreach to municipal officials, agencies, affected landowners, and the public about findings from stream assessments and planned stream restoration projects.*
 - a. *Encourage municipal adoption of stream management plans and principles.*
 - b. *Hold meetings with municipal officials, landowners, and agency officials to discuss planned projects (as needed).*
 - c. *Include information on projects in Esopus Creek News (newsletter).*
 - d. *Conduct project site visits with landowners, contractors, regulators, and public officials (as needed).*
 - e. *Engage legislators to highlight accomplishments and planned activities (annually).*
 - f. *Report progress to funders and the Stakeholder Council (quarterly and annually).*
 - g. *Hold meetings of the AWSMP Stakeholder Council (3-4 per year).*
 - h. *Engage landowners in review of stream assessment findings.*
14. *Develop an outreach tool for transferring stream assessment data to managers in a user-friendly format. Integrate and prioritize recommendations associated with the data. Consider a web-based platform.*
15. *Solicit participation of local community members and education-related organizations in overall education and outreach activities.*
 - a. *Organize meetings of the Education & Outreach Working Group of the Stakeholder Council (2 per year).*
 - b. *Participate in West of Hudson watershed program education & outreach meetings and contribute to coordinated initiatives (quarterly).*
 - c. *Coordinate with local and regional organizations to integrate stream stewardship principles into education projects, such as participate in the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Program (CRISP) (as needed).*
 - d. *Partner with the Onteora School District's Bennett Elementary School to teach stream and watershed science to 4th and 5th grade classes and through after school programs (annually).*

16. *Fund public education and outreach activities regarding stream and watershed management through the SMIP.*
17. *Develop general written education and outreach materials for streamside landowners and other stakeholders in the communities of the Ashokan Watershed. Use a variety of media (newsletters, fact-sheets, press, video, and website) to disseminate information about the program and encourage stewardship.*
 - a. *2 Stream Guides (fact sheets) per year. Potential topics include:*
 - i. *NYS Water Law*
 - ii. *Shandaken Tunnel Releases*
 - iii. *Agency Roles and Regulations (related to stream management)*
 - iv. *Landowner Easement Agreements for AWSMP Stream Projects*
 - v. *Floodplain Management*
 - vi. *Update of 'Guide to Large Woody Debris Management'*
 - b. *3 Editions of the Esopus Creek News (newsletter) per year.*
 - c. *12 Press releases per year.*
 - d. *Email events and meetings announcements.*
 - e. *Release of new AWSMP website and regular updates.*
 - f. *Regular updates AWSMP Facebook page.*
 - g. *Produce videos of stream BMPs being installed for use in future trainings. Edit and prepare for YouTube publication.*
 - h. *Update AWSMP program brochure*
 - i. *Produce an annual AWSMP Action Plan.*
18. *Offer training programs that promote an understanding of effective stream management strategies for local stakeholders.*
19. *Hold contractor trainings on emergency stream intervention protocols and best management practice installation procedures (1 in 2014).*
20. *Provide and participate in local community events to promote the goals of the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program.*
21. *Organize an annual Ashokan Watershed Conference to provide general education to watershed residents and train municipal officials in specific topics (1 per year).*
22. *Hold stream walks (approx. 2 per year) and Family Fun & Fish Day, or similar public engagement event (1 per year).*
23. *Participate in Shandaken Day, Olive Day, Woodstock Library Day, Ulster County Creek Week, Ulster County Fair, and Harvest Festival (5 per year).*
24. *Develop a local group of volunteers committed to ongoing stewardship efforts in the watershed.*
 - a. *Explore opportunities to co-develop stream stewards programs for adult and youth volunteers working with partner organizations.*
 - b. *Offer educational opportunities such as presentations, site tours, and workshops to the Stakeholder Council and working groups.*

- c. *Involve volunteers in stream buffer plantings and other stream stewardship projects or learning opportunities (5 per year).*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING EDUCATION, OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ENCOURAGE STREAM STEWARDSHIP (ACTIVE 2014)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Woodstock	Woodstock Watershed Education Project	AWSMP-2010-26	4,400.00	Active	Education and Outreach for Town of Woodstock Wetlands and Watercourse Law. Outreach and educational materials for town residents, local board members and businesses.
Ulster County Department of Public Works	Wildland Hydrology Course Training for UCDPW Staff	AWSMP-2013-76	\$3,186.00	Active	Funding to send Ulster County Civil Engineer, Andrew Emrich to Applied Fluvial Geomorphology Training (Rosgen Level I) in Shepardstown, WV.

B. Floodplain Management and Planning

Includes floodplain assessments; coordination with floodplain management efforts in the watershed; and outreach, education and technical assistance for floodplain management in the Ashokan Watershed.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2014-2016 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

FLOODPLAIN ASSESSMENT - RECOMMENDATIONS

1. *Assist communities with the review of flood studies and revisions to the existing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) produced by FEMA.*
2. *Provide SMIP funds for the identification of natural floodplain areas that enhance sediment, debris, and water storage; riparian and aquatic habitat; and flood elevation reductions in downstream areas. Work with local planners and landowners to identify and implement protection strategies for these critical areas.*

COORDINATION OF FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT EFFORTS IN THE WATERSHED - RECOMMENDATIONS

3. *Implement an agreement with the Ulster County Department of Environment to provide flood hazard mitigation coordination and raise capacity to deliver flood response in collaboration with county, state, and federal agencies within the Ashokan Watershed (beginning 2014).*
4. *Promote Town development of Flood Hazard Mitigation Plans in the Ashokan Watershed.*
5. *Coordinate with flood commissions and working groups (e.g., SAFARI, NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program) in the watershed. Encourage the prevention of inappropriate development in areas of high flood or erosion risk and foster uses that are compatible with the anticipated flooding and erosion conditions. Where existing communities, structures and facilities are in at-risk locations, encourage the application of flood-proofing measures or relocation.*
6. *Assist municipalities with identifying watershed areas that require further engineering and modeling analysis and public input to select projects that will lower flood elevations in populated areas of the watershed.*
7. *Provide \$2,000,000 in funds for local flood hazard mitigation analysis (LFHMA) and implementation projects starting in 2014, and assistance with obtaining additional state and federal funding for project implementation.*
8. *Encourage towns in the watershed without All-Hazard Mitigation Plans to develop plans. Work with the towns who adopted the County's all-Hazard Mitigation Plan to be prepared for use of state mitigation funding following declared state emergencies and to utilize the information in the plan.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING COORDINATION WITH FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT EFFORTS IN THE WATERSHED (ACTIVE 2014)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Shandaken	Floodplain Manager Training and Certifications	AWSMP-2013-71	\$1,455.00	Active	Send the Shandaken Town Supervisor, Code Enforcement Officer, and Highway Superintendent to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training; and sit for CFM exam.
Town of Woodstock	Floodplain Manager Training and Certification	AWSMP-2013-72	\$485.00	Active	Send Town of Woodstock Code Enforcement Officer to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training; and sit for CFM exam.
Town of Hurley	Floodplain Manager Continuing Education	AWSMP-2013-73	\$325.00	Active	Send Town of Hurley Code Enforcement Officer to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training.
Ulster County Department of Environment	Floodplain Manager Certification and Continuing Education	AWSMP-2013-75	\$810.00	Active	Send two Ulster County staff to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training; and sit for CFM exam.
Town of Lexington	NYSFSMA Annual Conference Attendance Plus CFM Test	AWSMP-2013-85	\$560.00	Active	Send Town of Lexington Code Enforcement Officer to the NYSFSMA 2014 conference and Certified Floodplain Manager training; and sit for CFM exam.
Town of Shandaken	Local Flood and Feasibility Analysis for Phoenicia and Mt. Tremper	AWSMP-2013-84	\$72,000.00	Pending	Analysis of flood conditions and identification of hazard mitigation projects in Phoenicia and Mt. Tremper.

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT IN THE ASHOKAN WATERSHED - RECOMMENDATIONS

9. *Provide training and assistance for local floodplain managers and municipal officials in using revised FIRMs (Flood Insurance Rate Maps) and other FEMA datasets, and understanding NFIP requirements.*
10. *Increase access to flood prevention/protection information in the watershed.*
11. *Establish a Flood Hazard Mitigation (FHM) Working Group for the Ashokan Watershed as a forum to provide technical assistance for a range of topics (at least 2 meetings per year): How to develop Flood Hazard Mitigation Plans; Review of floodplain ordinances; Participation in FEMA’s Community Rating System; Implementation of FHM recommendations; Access to funding; and Coordination between local, county, and state partners engaged in flood response and flood mitigation.*
12. *Provide funding for Code Enforcement Officers and Floodplain Administrators to attend training sessions on flood related issues and become Certified Floodplain Managers.*

C. Highway and Infrastructure Management in Conjunction with Streams

Outreach, training and financial assistance to highway departments to encourage the adoption of best management practices.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2014-2016 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION OF HIGHWAY BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO REDUCE WATER POLLUTION

1. *Work with the Highway Manager's Working Group to identify roadway infrastructure best management practices that treat sources of turbidity and stream system degradation (e.g., under-sized and perched culverts, outfalls that are point sources of sediment discharge collected from diffuse sources of road runoff, etc.).*
2. *Encourage local municipalities, highway departments and NYSDOT, to prioritize vegetation management on critical areas such as roadside ditches and steep slopes to reduce sources of turbidity in the Ashokan Watershed. Develop programs to provide road maintenance crews with additional resources for seeding newly cleaned ditches with native ground-cover appropriate for reclamation. One such program may be an agreement to access machinery for seeding or mulching to be shared by Towns.*
3. *Continue working with Towns to reduce sediment loadings through application of best management practices for winter road abrasives, mined locally in the Ashokan Watershed, that have a high clay and silt content and are a source of turbidity in the streams in the Ashokan Watershed.*

REDUCING HYDRAULIC CONSTRICTIONS IN STREAMS: BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

4. *Collaborate with state and local highway departments and stream management personnel to develop specifications for applying natural channel design concepts to bridge and culvert rehabilitation and replacement.*

STREAM/ROAD STABILIZATION PROJECTS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON RIGHT OF WAYS

5. *Collaborate with local, county and state highway departments to apply natural channel design concepts to streambank stabilization along roadsides.*
6. *Seek opportunities to mitigate the impact of public infrastructure (road, railroad, and utility) encroachment on the riparian vegetation community and aquatic habitats by improved planning, management, supplemental plantings and the improved care of existing vegetation.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING IMPROVED STREAM/ROAD STABILIZATION AND IMPROVED RIGHT OF WAY (ACTIVE 2014)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
UC DPW	Esopus at Maben Hollow Bridge	AWSMP-2011-67	29,300.00	Active	Install a new abutment and bridge deck for the Maben Hollow Bridge which was damaged during tropical storm Irene. The new bridge is to have a 20 foot increase in the span length in order to increase the hydraulic capacity of the Esopus Creek.
UC DPW	Esopus at County Rt. 47 Bridge	AWSMP-2011-68	77,300.00	Active	Replace an 8-foot diameter culvert which failed during tropical storm Irene with a 60 foot span bridge.
Town of Olive	Dry Brook at Hillside Drive Bridge	AWSMP-2013-69	\$20,000.00	Pending	Engineering to install grade control downstream of the Fawn Hill Bridge to stop head-cut moving toward bridge.
Town of Shandaken - Highway Dept	Woodland Creek at Fawn Hill Rd. Bridge Grade Control	AWSMP-2013-78	\$10,000.00	Pending	Engineering to install grade control downstream of the Fawn Hill Bridge to stop head-cut moving toward bridge.
Town of Shandaken - Highway Dept	Fox Hollow Creek at Fox Hollow Rd. Bridge Grade Control by Panther Mountain Trail	AWSMP-2013-79	\$10,000.00	Pending	Conceptual design for project to stop head-cut moving toward the upper bridge on Fox Hollow Rd. across from Panther Mountain Park entrance. Retaining walls are falling and endangering the bridge and streambanks.
Town of Shandaken - Highway Dept	Fox Hollow Creek at Herdman Rd. Bridge Grade Control	AWSMP-2013-80	\$10,000.00	Pending	Engineering to install grade control to prevent headcut and scour endangering the Herdman Rd. bridge off Fox Hollow Rd.
Town of Woodstock - Highway Dept	Silver Hollow Creek at Silver Hollow Rd Culvert Replacement	AWSMP-2013-81	\$50,000.00	Pending	Replace flood-damaged culvert with precast concrete box culvert. Project at the Intersection of Silver Hollow Rd. and Lane Rd.

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HIGHWAY MANAGERS AND EXCAVATION CONTRACTORS

7. *Organize Highway Manager's Working Group meetings with all relevant local, county, and state highway personnel to identify shared stream/road concerns and evaluate opportunities to support coordinated effort to use best management practices. Provide guidelines for "repairs" of streams and drainage systems with best management practices advocated by the AWSMP to reduce risk of further instability (4-6 per year).*

8. *Hold a highway manager and contractor training on installation of stream best management practices (1 in 2014-15).*
9. *Provide SMIP funds for highway and infrastructure management projects with benefits to water quality and stream system integrity.*

D. Assisting Streamside Landowners (public and private)

Provide access to training and technical information to increase the knowledge, skills, and capabilities of landowners in the watershed. Also provide support for riparian buffer restoration.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2014-2016 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

ASSESSMENT OF STREAMSIDE PROPERTY ISSUES

1. *Work with towns and landowners to identify and document streamside property (public and private) where there are stream stability concerns. Provide this documentation to towns, agencies and landowners to help inform management decisions.*

STREAMSIDE LANDOWNER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

2. *Offer and encourage participation in landowner incentive programs to encourage voluntary participation in stream and riparian zone protection and enhancement.*

Ashokan Watershed CSBI Project

2012	13 Projects Totaling 2,590 linear feet
2013	8 Projects Totaling 3,350 linear feet, including planting, willow staking, and invasive control
2014-15	2014 TBD (to include one large bioengineering BMP installed) 2015 TBD (to include one large bioengineering BMP installed)

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STREAMSIDE LANDOWNERS

3. *Provide site visits and office consultations with local landowners, municipalities, contractors and others for designing and implementing best management practices to reduce erosion.*
4. *Identify educational products (fact sheets, guidebooks, videos, etc.) for future development that will educate landowners on best management practices, such as riparian planting design and maintenance, and guidelines for proper sizing of private stream crossings.*
5. *Develop reliable local sources of native plant material for stream and riparian improvement projects. Maintain the 2012 installation of 10,000+ live willow stakes to create cutting beds that will be used in future riparian restoration projects. These fields must be maintained for a 2-year period (2013-2015) before material will be available.*

E. Protecting and Enhancing Aquatic and Riparian Habitat and Ecosystems

Support for research and education programs that encourage protection of aquatic and riparian ecosystems.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2014-2016 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

STREAM ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT

1. *Identify riparian areas of particular environmental benefit or concern and create a database of targeted properties for riparian zone improvement programs.*
2. *Continue research, evaluation, and monitoring efforts on aquatic ecosystems in the Watershed to improve best management practices as they relate to habitat and ecosystems. Support further aquatic biomonitoring and studies of other wildlife, their habitats, and interactions in the watershed by public agencies and interest groups.*
3. *Provide funding for study of stream condition and function, and monitoring of system condition and management practices through the SMIP related to habitat and ecosystems.*

OUTREACH, EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR AQUATIC AND RIPARIAN HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEMS

4. *Work with the Catskill Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) and with the West-of-Hudson DEP Education and Outreach group to develop and disseminate outreach materials and offer public programs on critical invasive species for the West of Hudson Watersheds.*
5. *Work with watershed municipalities to evaluate local ordinances such as comprehensive plans, zoning regulations, site plan review laws, subdivision laws and floodplain ordinances to determine if adequate consideration is given to impacts on riparian and aquatic ecosystems.*
6. *Organize a Stream Integrity Research & Assessment (SIRA) science forum to advise the program on stream system assessment, research, and monitoring needs. Work with the group to coordinate research, assessment, and monitoring projects that benefit stream system integrity and aquatic and riparian habitat in the Watershed (1-2 meetings per year, or as needed).*
7. *Begin regular meetings of the Stream Ecosystem Working Group to update the Aquatic Ecosystem Research & Assessment Strategy for the Upper Esopus Creek.*
8. *Begin development of a technical publication to distribute results of stream channel and sediment processes modeling.*

9. *Participate on the Catskill Environmental Research and Monitoring (CERM) committee and work with this group to identify and prioritize studies and projects that support stream management in the Ashokan Watershed (2-4 meetings per year). Contribute to development of a bi-annual CERM conference (1 in 2014).*
10. *Participate in biennial inter-basin Riparian Buffers Working Group (previous meeting was held in Ashokan Watershed 2012).*
11. *Integrate recommendations made in the New York Natural Heritage Program’s report “Inventory, Classification, and Description of Riparian Natural Community Reference Types for Ashokan Watershed, New York” into riparian restoration designs.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING AQUATIC AND RIPARIAN HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEM ASSESSMENT (ACTIVE 2014)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
USGS Aquatic	Impact of Climate Change (floods) on Stream Ecosystems in the Catskills	AWSMP-2011-62	30,000.00	Active	Study to assess the impacts of historic August 2011 flooding on the Upper Esopus Creek ecosystem, quantify short and long term rates of ecosystem recovery, characterize the effects of emergency channel repairs on the stream ecosystem, and provide data needed to help mitigate negative ecosystem impacts that may occur more frequently than in the past.
The Research Foundation SUNY New Paltz	Assessing the Impact of Groundwater and Heterogeneous Glacial Deposits on Streambank Erosion in the Stony Clove Creek Watershed	AWSMP-2013-74	\$30,000.00	Pending	Study to determine the hydrostatic pressure along the Stony Clove Creek and Warner Creek at selected locations; perform more detailed characterization of the glacially derived sediments along the stream banks, which will aid in identifying preferential flow paths for groundwater; use bromide tracers to identify groundwater recharge areas; prepare a GIS-based map incorporating the above mentioned information, which will aid in locating vulnerable areas along the stream bank for future erosion. This information will also be helpful for Planning future stream restoration project(s) if needed; In addition, install piezometers for long-term monitoring of Chichester Site 2 to assess the effectiveness of the recently completed stream bank restoration project.

USGS	Long-Term Effects, Resilience and Recovery of Fish in the Upper Esopus Creek	AWSMP-2013-77	\$30,000.00	Active	Survey fish assemblages at six-to-nine previously sampled sites in the Upper Esopus Creek during summer 2014 to assess the factors affecting the long-term impacts and (or) recovery of local fish populations and communities after floods. Prepare a USGS web-based report (4-to-8 page factsheet) that summarizes important findings during 2014 and 2015. Continues work started under AWSMP-2010-19 and AWSMP-2011-62.
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F. Enhancing Stream-based Recreation and Public Access

Support for projects that improve the quantity and quality of public stream access and enhance stream-based recreational opportunities. These recommendations incorporate community development efforts into stream management.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS IN 2014-2016 ACTION PLAN AND ALLOCATION OF SMIP FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

ENHANCING PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE STREAMS

1. *Identify and assess potential stream access sites in the watershed. Investigate opportunities to develop multi-use, low-impact trail systems along the stream corridors. Trails for hiking, biking, cross country skiing and snowshoeing could provide multiple benefits, including drawing visitors to local resorts and increasing user awareness of stream management issues. Make improvements to existing stream access sites.*
2. *Explore opportunities for and impacts of operational adjustments of the Shandaken Tunnel to accommodate the needs of biota along with other stakeholders.*
3. *Work with Stream Access and Recreation Committee and other stakeholders on developing a plan of action to modify the policy related to recreational releases to the Shandaken Tunnel and ensure mutually beneficial results for all stream users that do no harm.*
4. *Determine a good area for either new trail construction or existing trail improvement that would provide greater public access to streams.*
5. *Monitor conditions at existing public access sites to determine need for repairs, enhancements and/or improvements*
6. *Utilize the Town of Shandaken Recreation Master Plan and recreation and access documents from all watershed towns when developing programs and projects. Work closely with Town of Shandaken Parks and Recreation Committee and their counterparts in other watershed towns to develop and execute projects.*
7. *Work with DEP, DEC, County, Town, and other entities to assess possibility of utilizing flood buy-out properties for recreational and educational purposes.*
8. *Explore possibility of creating educational opportunities alongside recreational areas such as interpretative nature trails, wildlife viewing areas, bird observation points, "photo safaris," hiking/biking/walking/running trails, kiosks and educational signage, etc.*
9. *Collaborate with chambers of commerce, tourism industry, and others to promote the area as a destination. This will help spread the message of good stream management to a wider audience and strengthen and improve the local economy.*

EDUCATION FOR RECREATIONAL USERS OF STREAMS

10. *Develop and host at least one major educational event/conference/meeting devoted to stream access and recreation issues. Past topics have included Shandaken Tunnel Recreational Releases. Potential future topics include: in-stream debris management, laws and policies relating to navigable waterways, and handicap accessibility issues.*
11. *Provide a forum that will give all stakeholders (anglers, whitewater enthusiasts, environmental conservation groups, et. al.) a place to safely let their voices be heard and to improve relationships between these important groups.*
12. *Advocate for and advance educational opportunities in recreational areas to improve knowledge of streams, stream management, and the watershed. Examples of this may include educational signage, kiosks, interpretative trails and photo safaris.*

ASHOKAN WATERSHED SMIP PROJECTS SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND OUTREACH FOR RECREATIONAL USERS OF STREAMS (ACTIVE 2014)

Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Phoenicia Library	Jerry Bartlett Memorial Angling Collection Improvement	AWSMP-2011-37	10,000.00	Active	Outreach and education to anglers of all ages and the general public about the links between robust fish and macroinvertebrate populations an water quality through workshops, presentations and events, digital exhibits and web design.
Town of Shandaken	Engineering Services for Pine Hill Trail Network	AWSMP-2013-70	\$5,000.00	Pending	Develop plans for an extensive hiking/ biking trail network with stream access and crossings interconnecting Smith Park (town owned) to Main St., the Morton Memorial Library (town owned), and the Town of Shandaken Historical Museum (town owned).

Appendix A: Summary of Completed Projects 2009-2014

STREAM ASSESSMENTS

Streams	Location	Status
Broadstreet Hollow	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	Completed 2001
Stony Clove	Towns of Shandaken, Woodstock, Hunter, and Lexington	Completed 2003
Esopus Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Olive	Completed 2007
Woodland Valley	Town of Shandaken	Completed 2008
Beaver Kill	Towns of Shandaken and Woodstock	Completed 2010
Warner Creek	Town of Shandaken and Woodstock	Completed 2010
Birch Creek	Town of Shandaken	Completed 2012
Bush Kill	Towns of Shandaken and Olive	Completed 2012
Bushnellsville Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Lexington	Completed 2013
Stony Clove Creek	Towns of Shandaken and Hunter	Completed mainstem reassessment 2013

STREAM RESTORATION/STABILIZATION PROJECTS

Town	Project	Goal	Construction Cost	Status
Shandaken	Woodland Valley Creek at Fawn Hill	Streambank stabilization to protect road.	\$125,000.00 Total: AWSMP/Local Share \$31,250.00	Completed 2010
Shandaken	Stony Clove Creek at Phoenicia (Main St. Bridge)	Post-flood emergency response.	AWSMP/Local Share \$70,819	Completed 2011
Shandaken	Stony Clove at Chichester (Site # 1)	Reduce stream corridor instabilities that lead to chronic turbidity from suspended sediment loading.	\$1,020,369 Total; AWSMP/Local Share \$352,785	Completed 2012
Shandaken	Stony Clove at Chichester (Sites # 2,3,4)	Reduce stream corridor instabilities that lead to chronic turbidity from suspended sediment loading.	\$1,636,255.70 Total; AWSMP/Local Share \$791,129.59	Completed 2013
Shandaken	Warner Creek (Site #5)	Reduce chronic turbidity source and protect Silver Hollow Rd. (Town of Shandaken).	\$495,465.68 Total; AWSMP/Local Share \$284,862.27	Completed 2013

STREAM BUFFER PROJECTS

Project	Town	Goal
2010	Multiple	3 projects installed totaling 452 linear feet of bank treated.
2011	Multiple	11 projects installed totaling 2810 linear feet of bank treated.
2012	Multiple	13 projects installed totaling 2590 linear feet of bank treated.
2013 Warner Creek Site 5	Shandaken	Project covered 45,000 sq. ft., or 1.2 acres re-vegetated. Approx 1500 trees and shrubs and 200 willow stakes.
2013 Phoenicia Main Street	Shandaken	Installation of 800 willows total extending 300' on both banks upstream of bridge.
2013 McKenley Hollow CSBI Site	Shandaken	Installed 130 trees and shrubs plus 225 willow stakes along 250 ft of McKenley Hollow Creek. Also utilized custom seed mix designed by Catskill Center for restoration of native riparian plant communities. 650 linear feet treated.
2013 Amy's Takeaway and Upper Esopus Rod & Gun Club	Multiple	Japanese Knotweed control sites using landscape fabric to cover and attempt to control knotweed at upstream source areas. 205 linear feet treated.
2013 Moran Repair	Olive	Repaired buffer planting damaged during Tropical Storm Irene/Lee. 400 linear feet treated.
2013 Chichester Site 2	Shandaken	Began buffer plantings on portions of the Chichester 2/3/4 restoration project. 260 linear feet treated.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROJECTS

Publications			
Type	Title(s)	Audience	Status
Stream Management Plans	Upper Esopus Creek Management Plan (2007)	Watershed residents, stream managers, municipal officials, project partners	Completed for mainstem of Esopus Creek and several tributaries; a combined Ashokan Watershed SMP is planned for the future
Newsletter	Esopus News	Streamside landowners and project partners	2009 (3 issues) 2010 (2 issues) 2011 (3 issues) 2012 (3 issues) 2013 (2 issues)
Fact Sheets	Large Woody Debris Stream Guide (2012) Flood Preparedness Stream Guide (2012) Native Plant Stream Guide (2012)	General public, municipal employees, and streamside landowners	3 fact sheets completed (2009-2013)
Program Brochure	Guide to the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program	General public	Brochure completed 2011 Updated annually 2012-2013
Action Plan	2009-2011 Action Plan 2010 Update 2011-2013 Action Plan 2012 Update 2013-2015 Action Plan 2014-2016 Action Plan	Project partners, municipal officials, applicants for funding, interested members of the public, FAD regulators	Updated annually; moved to calendar year in 2014
Website and Facebook	www.ashokanstreams.org www.facebook.com/AWSMPUIster	General public	2011 Website published 2013 Website redesign Updated weekly
Press Releases and Media	Per Project	General public	2011 (6)
Email News Alerts	Various	Streamside landowners, municipal officials and project partners.	Annually 2011-2013
Conferences and Training Programs			
Type	Title	Audience	Status
Annual Watershed Conference		Watershed residents, municipal officials, and project partners	Conferences held in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013
Research Symposium	Catskill Environmental Research and Monitoring (CERM)	Researchers, resource managers, project partners, interested members of the public	CERM conference held in 2010 and 2012
Fluvial Geomorphology and Engineering Trainings	Rosgen 5-day Training (2009) Rosgen Public Presentation (2009) Intro to ArcGIS Cornell Local Roads Training (2010) Aquatic Organism Passage Training (2012) Stream Restoration Practices (2011) Hydraulic Analysis Training (2013)	Highway and DPW staff, stream managers, contractors, and program staff	Held 2009-2012
Floodplain Management Trainings	Annual NYS Floodplain and Stormwater Manager's Conference Certified Floodplain Manager Training and Exam FEMA Community Rating System Training NFIP Educational Session (2013)	Code enforcement officers, planning board members, town board members, and program staff	Annually 2010-2013
Contractor Trainings	Post-Flood Emergency Stream Intervention (2012)	Local contractors, highway department staff, and project	Offered 2012

		partners	
Landowner Workshops	Native Plant Training (2009, 2010) Raingarden Training (2011) Stream Erosion Class (2011)	Streamside landowners	Offered 2009-2011
Public Programs			
Type	Title	Audience	Status
Volunteer Events	Knotweed Pulls (2009, 2010) Stream Clean-Up (2010, 2011, 2012) Family, Fun & Fish Day (2011, 2012) Master Watershed Steward (2012)	General public, streamside landowners	Held 2009-2013
Volunteer Buffer Plantings	Various locations	General public, streamside landowners, students/interns	Annually 2010-2013 2010 (2 plantings)
Booths and Displays	Shandaken Day Olive Day Woodstock Library Day Ulster County Creek Week Ashokan Hoots Ulster County Fair Ashokan Watershed Conference Emerson Festival	General public, streamside landowners	Annually 2009-2013
Public Meetings	Town Board Meetings; Other Meetings Elected Officials	Municipal officials	Annual presentations to Town Board of Shandaken, Olive, Woodstock, Hunter 2009-2012; meeting with Town officials, as needed
NYC Watershed Partner Meetings	Grant Outreach Meetings Stream Project Meetings NYC Watershed Education & Outreach Meetings Riparian Buffer Working Group Meetings CRISP Meetings FEMA Meetings NYC Watershed Partner Meetings CWT and CWC Meetings	Project partners	Program coordination and reporting annually, as required or needed
Public Talks and Events	Trout Research (2012) Rochester Hollow Stream Walk (2012) Arm of the Sea Theater (2012) Birch Creek Stream Walk (2012) Rochester Hollow Stream Walk (2013) Kanape Brook Stream Walk (2013) Trout Unlimited Meetings (2009-2013)	General public	Annually, as available
Youth Education			
Type	Title	Audience	Status
Presentations and Trainings	4-H Stream Team Stream Table Demo (2013) CCE Centennial Celebration Stream Table Demo (2013) Bennett Elementary Earth Day (2011-2013)	Youth multiple ages	Annually, as available
After-School Activities and Classroom Education			

PROGRAM COORDINATION

Program Coordination			
Type	Purpose	Audience	Status
Stakeholder Council (formerly the Advisory)	To provide overall guidance and oversight to the program	Project partners, municipal officials, streamside landowners and other	Meeting 3-4x per year

Council)		community members	
Flood Hazard Mitigation Working Group	To exchange information and identify opportunities to improve floodplain management and mitigate flood hazards	Municipal officials, project partners	Meet 4x per year
Stream Access & Recreation Working Group	To make recommendations for stream access/recreation improvements in the Ashokan Watershed	Project partners, recreation groups, municipal officials, local business owners	Meet 3-4x per year
Highway Managers Working Group	To exchange information and identify opportunities for technical or financial assistance to improve stream management	Highway managers, project partners	Meet 4-6x per year
Education and Outreach Working Group	To engage local educators in delivering educational programming and incorporate stakeholders into decision making	Project partners, watershed educators	Met 2x per year through 2011; Committee inactive 2012-2013
Aquatic Ecosystem Working Group	To advise on development of a program research, assessment and monitoring agenda	Researchers, resource managers, project partners	Meet 1-2x per year
Grant Review Committee	To review grants to the SMIP and make recommendations for funding	Project partners	Meet based on need

SMIP PROJECTS

Education and Outreach					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Catskill Center for Conservation and Development	Catskill Kiosk Panel Project	AWSMP-2010-12	5,000.00	Complete	Interpretive kiosk along Route 28 in the Town of Shandaken, NY discussing the role and importance of the Catskill Park and the NYC Watershed. The kiosk is located near the site of the proposed Catskill Interpretive Center in Mount Tremper. The kiosk serves as a way to inform visitors to the area about what the Catskill Mountain region has to offer as well as issues facing the watershed and local ecology.
UC Soil And Water Cons. District	Rosgen Level 2 - UC SWCD	AWSMP-2010-2	2,235.00	Complete	The Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District requested \$6,586 to send staff member James Wedemeyer to attend River Morphology and Assessment training (Rosgen Levels II and III) in Shepherdstown, WV.
Ulster County Cornell Coop. Extension	Cornell Local Roads Program, Roadside Drainage Class for Highway Staff	AWSMP-2010-23	874.00	Complete	Training for Ashokan Watershed Highway Departments on ditch and culvert best management practices.
UC Soil And Water Cons. District	Rosgen Level 3 - UC SWCD	AWSMP-2010-3	4,097.00	Complete	The Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District requested \$6,586 to send staff member James Wedemeyer to attend River Morphology and Assessment training (Rosgen Levels II and III) in Shepherdstown, WV.

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter-Trout Unlimited	Leaping Trout Art Project	AWSMP-2010-4	925.00	Complete	The Leaping Trout Art Project was used to stimulate local awareness of Trout Unlimited and conservation issues in the Ashokan Watershed. The funds were used to cover the cost of printing a brochure containing the Leaping Trout Trail Map, a 4" x 9" rack card and maintaining the project website.
UC Soil And Water Cons. District	Rosgen Level 4 - UC SWCD	AWSMP-2010-51	5,000.00	Complete	The Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District requested \$5,000 to cover the costs associated with Rosgen Level IV trainings for James Wedermeyer. The trainings are to be held in October of 2011 at Pilot View, Inc. Dobson, North Carolina. They were awarded the full \$5,000 requested.
Bennett Elementary School	Watershed Detectives Program	AWSMP-2011-1	4,500.00	Complete	Expand the Scientist in Residence Program at Bennett Elementary School located in Boiceville, NY with the addition of a new Watershed Detective's program for the 2011/2012 school year. Hands-on program that introduces students to watershed topics: basic watershed morphology, hydrologic cycle, where their drinking water comes from, learning about negative impacts from overdevelopment, pollution, erosion, etc.
Ulster County Dept. of Public Works	Rosgen Level 1 - UC DPW	AWSMP-2011-52	3,000.00	Complete	Ulster County Department of Public Works requested \$2,980 to send a stormwater specialist, Brendan Masterson, to Applied Fluvial Geomorphology (Rosgen Level I) training.
Ulster County Cornell Coop. Extension	Floodplain Manager Association Training Grant	AWSMP-2011-65	2,447.71	Complete	Provide five scholarships for Town Floodplain Law administrators to attend the NYS Watershed Association Conference
Infrastructure					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
UC Soil and Water Cons. District	Bradkin Road Culvert Replacement	AWSMP-2010-31	107,479.81	Complete	Replace undersized culvert that was washed out in Oct 2010 flood with appropriately sized culvert.
Ulster County Cornell Coop. Extension	Raingarden Project	AWSMP-2010-25	43.00	Complete	Construct a demonstration rain garden in an appropriate site in the Ashokan Watershed. Demonstrate that through proper landscaping, areas can be used to intercept rainwater and slow down its passage through the soil to prevent it from becoming run-off. Built with only native plants.
UC Highways And Bridges, DPW	Woodland Valley at Fawn Hill	AWSMP-2010-41	35,075.00	Complete	Stabilize a failing hill slope that endangers a road. Provides matching funds to a FEMA HMGP grant received by the Town of Shandaken.
Town of Woodstock Hwy Dept.	Van Hoagland Road Bridge Replacement	AWSMP-2011-29	200,000.00	Complete	Extend Van Hoagland Bridge by 20' to remove hydraulic constriction.
Town of Woodstock Hwy Dept.	Van Hoagland Bridge Hydraulic Study	AWSMP-2011-57	5,000.00	Complete	Engineering services to conduct a hydraulic analysis prior to replacing the Van Hoagland Bridge.

Planning					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Woodstock	Habitat Mapping for the Town of Woodstock	AWSMP-2010-24	29,000.00	Complete	Develop a large-format habitat map and a report describing terrestrial, wetland, and stream habitats; their relationship to maintaining groundwater and surface water resources; the plants and animals of conservation concern that may use the habitats; and detailed conservation recommendations. Maps to aide the town with Planning, development and conservation decisions.
RCAP Solutions Community Resources	SAFARI Coordination with Mitigation Plan	AWSMP-2011-34	10,000.00	Complete	Assist the Town of Shandaken with research and assembly of documentation of elevation certificates, repetitive loss areas, and information to support plan development, information meeting Planning, advertising and coordination, other public outreach as needed.
Town of Shandaken	Phoenicia Mitigation Phase 1	AWSMP-2011-55	32,770.80	Complete	Develop a design to reduce flooding from Stony Clove in Phoenicia at Rt. 212 bridge.
Town of Shandaken	Phoenicia Flood Resiliency Planning and Outreach	AWSMP-2011-56	92,500.00	Complete	Hire a consultant to develop a flood hazard mitigation plan for the Town of Shandaken that provides overall coordination and improves communication of flood risks, develops flood mitigation measures and strategies, and materials for an application to FEMA's Community Rating System.
Research and Monitoring					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
USGS Aquatic	Quantitative Assessment of Water Quality in the Upper Esopus Creek	AWSMP-2010-10	27,080.00	Complete	Sample fish communities and habitat conditions at sites throughout the Esopus Creek Watershed in the summer of 2010.
NY State Museum/Geological Survey	Applied 3-Dimensional Geologic Mapping in Ulster County, NY	AWSMP-2010-13	38,037.00	Complete	Conduct geological mapping in the Ashokan Watershed area.
Ulster County Cornell Coop. Extension	Trimble	AWSMP-2010-14	8,375.00	Complete	Purchase a Trimble GPS for watershed-related data collection efforts.
USGS Aquatic	Quantitative Assessment of Fish, Macroinvertebrate, and Periphyton Communities in the Upper Esopus Creek	AWSMP-2010-19	79,700.00	Complete	Conduct water quality quantitative assessments in the Upper Esopus Creek. Assess fish and algae populations in the Upper Esopus, the effect of the Shandaken Portal on aquatic organisms, the potential effects of Phoenicia water quality on aquatic organisms, and quantify water quality, sediment load and turbidity throughout the Upper Esopus and in the seven major tributaries to the Esopus for 1-3 years. Characterize temporal and spatial trends in biological indices and water quality. Work conducted in 2011 and 2012 (2011 field survey).

USGS Aquatic	Use of Telemetry to Assess Effects of Shandaken Tunnel on Trout	AWSMP-2010-20	86,800.00	Complete	Study the effects of discharges from the Shandaken Tunnel on trout populations in the Upper Esopus Creek. Define the effects turbidity and sedimentation have on the local economy, trout populations, and quality of drinking water in the Upper Esopus Creek and Ashokan Reservoir.
USGS	Quantitative Assessment of Water Quality in the Upper Esopus Creek	AWSMP-2010-22	90,990.00	Complete	Study of water quality on the Upper Esopus Creek. Conducted sampling to characterize fish and other aquatic organisms as well temperature, hydrology, turbidity, sediment and other variables. Work conducted in 2010 and 2011 (2010 field sampling water quality parameters).
SUNY New Paltz	Rock Snot in Sick Rivers	AWSMP-2010-8	4,984.00	Complete	A research project on investigating the causes of the invasive algae didymosphenia geminate, "didymo" (colloquially known as "rock snot"). In particular this project sought to find the causes of algae blooms in streams infested with didymo and whether certain factors such as climate, land use, water chemistry or hydrology play a role in the growth and spread of didymo. Funds were used to purchase field supplies for experimentation and sampling and decontamination equipment.
USGS Aquatic	Use of Telemetry to Assess Effects of Shandaken Tunnel on Trout	AWSMP-2010-9	8,159.00	Complete	Purchase telemetry equipment used by USGS, DEC, DEP, CCE, and Cornell University to research river trout movements.
SUNY - New Paltz	Characterization of Suspended Sediment in Warner Creek	AWSMP-2011-58	5,000.00	Complete	Study the effects of suspended sediment on Warner Creek including ecological function and geomorphic condition. Hire a certified bio-assessment professional.
SUNY New Paltz	Didymo in Esopus Creek: Identification of Bloom	AWSMP-2011-60	7,400.00	Complete	Study of didymo algae blooms in the Esopus Creek. Continues work done in 2011 to identify locations of didymo, measure water chemistry (a precursor to didymo infestation), test cleaning agents to determine functionality, and continue public Education and Outreach on techniques to prevent the spread of didymo.
Restoration					
Organization	Proposal Title	Proposal Number	Amount	Status	Purpose of Grant
Town of Woodstock Hwy Dept.	Beaverkill Channel Protection	AWSMP-2011-16	5,700.00	Complete	Repair a breached section of steam bank on outside stream bend. During medium and high flows, this section diverts into a channel behind the streambank which leads in behind the Van Hoagland Bridge. Repair a stacked rock wall constructed in the void on both sides of the stream and channel and fill of cobble for the center of the stream.
Town of Shandaken Hwy Dept	Stony Clove at Phoenicia	AWSMP-2011-18	234,000.00	Complete	Implement a stream restoration project to reduce Phoenicia flooding from the Stony Clove.

Appendix A: Completed Projects | 2014-2016

UC Soil And Water Cons. District	Stony Clove at Chichester Site 1	AWSMP-2011-21	431,337.00	Complete	Implement a stream restoration project to improve channel stability and water quality on the Stony Clove Creek (Chichester #1).
UC DPW	Maltby Hollow Brook Restoration - Post Irene	AWSMP-2011-66	10,474.65	Complete	Maltby Hollow Brook's main channel was altered during tropical storm Irene. In order to mitigate potential dangers of flooding from future rainfall events, the county is going to remove the trees, excess sediment and debris in the Maltby Hollow Brook at the described location. The county will also armor the banks of the stream either with rocks placed at a 3:1 slop or by using the root wads of the fallen trees.