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Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance Receives Sierra Club Grant

Newburgh, NY

The Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance (“QCWA”) has received a \$2,000 grant from the local Ramapo-Catskill Group of the Sierra Club to fund the construction of a kiosk that will explain to the public the importance of protecting our water. This informational kiosk will be built by the Newburgh Free Academy’s Career Construction Academy and installed by QCWA volunteers next to one of the main tributaries of the Quassaick Creek in the Orange County Algonquin Park in the Town of Newburgh.

The Quassaick Creek watershed includes three principle tributaries: the Bushkill Creek that feeds Orange Lake, the Gidneytown Creek, and the main stem of the Quassaick Creek that flows through the Chadwick Lake Reservoir. John Gebhards, QCWA Coordinator, explained, “Chadwick Lake, along with Washington Lake and Brown’s Pond, are drinking water sources used by the City and Town of Newburgh and occasionally by the Town of New Windsor. They deserve the highest level of protection we can provide.”

The Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance is a group of individuals, municipal representatives and Orange and Ulster County agencies working to create a Quassaick Creek Watershed Plan. The efforts of this group focus on the protection of drinking water and the restoration of water quality and quantity, recreational values and the conservation of the biodiversity of the Quassaick Creek and its tributaries. The creation and implementation of a watershed protection plan will promote the health, safety and welfare of our communities by making recommendations for sustainable land use, flood and erosion control practices and relevant regulations in this watershed. To learn more about QCWA go to, http://waterauthority.orangecountygov.com/quassaick_watershed.html.

The locally based Ramapo-Catskill Group of the Sierra Club is using its Conservation Fund to acquire the material for the QCWA’s kiosk which will serve to better inform the public of the importance of protecting our watersheds and their natural environment. Stanley Mayer, Ramapo-Catskill Group

president said; “Our Sierra Club group feels that there is no higher conservation priority than helping protect drinking water sources.”

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