

**Program Highlights  
July and August 2005  
Esopus Creek Stream Management Plan  
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**1) Project Update**

Project Advisory Council (PAC)

The first PAC meeting was held on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Representatives on the PAC include public officials from the Towns of Shandaken and Olive, UC Planning, UC Highways, UC Soil & Water (USDA/NRCS), NYS DEC, SUNY Ulster, NYC DEP, CCEUC, NYS DOT Region 8, Trout Unlimited, Catskill Center for Conservation & Development, Catskill Mountain Railroad, Catskill Mountain Club, local kayakers, Broadstreet Hollow Landowners, Woodland Valley Landowners, Town Tinker Tubes, and others. The scope, purpose, and planning approach was presented and discussed. Stakeholder and public participation will occur via 4 working groups focused on: watershed assessment, education & outreach, hazard mitigation, and cultural resources.

Watershed Assessment Working Group

A meeting of the Watershed Assessment Working Group was held on July 11. The meeting was well attended. Craig Fischneck of the US Army Engineer Research Development Center - Environmental Laboratory (Vicksburg, MS) is under contract to perform a geomorphic assessment of the Esopus Creek. He briefed the Working Group on his study scope and purpose.

U.S. Army Engineer Research Development Center (Field Visit)

The field team walked a majority of the Esopus Creek and primary tributaries collecting data for the geomorphic assessment. I assisted the Field Team with data collection 3 days during late July. Preliminary data is expected this fall, and a final report next spring. I sent notice to all creek-side landowners of the Army visit and study via letter prior their reconnaissance.

**2) Hiring of Part-Time Community Educator:**

The deadline for applying was July 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 30 applications were received. We are still in process of selecting an acceptable group of final candidates.

**3) Public Outreach:**

- a. Ulster County Fair (8/7)
- b. Shandaken Day (8/27)

**4) Equipment & Supplies:**

- a. Satellite Office: The lease start date was officially July 15<sup>th</sup>, but no payment was given because the unit was not completed until August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Miscellaneous office equipment & supplies.