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GNC Receives Grant Extension for Coordinating Stormwater Management Planning

The Westchester Community Foundation has recently extended grant funding to the Greenburgh Nature Center, providing an additional \$10,000 to continue to facilitate a project for inter-municipal stormwater management and flood damage reduction planning in the Town of Greenburgh.

“The support of the Westchester Community Foundation has been and continues to be essential to the GNC's ability to pursue this critical inter-municipal work,” said GNC Executive Director Kurt Hundgen. “The project has evolved in response to the needs of the municipalities involved, and we’re grateful for everyone’s commitment.”

Last year, with funding from the Westchester Community Foundation and in partnership with Groundwork Hudson Valley/Saw Mill River Coalition and the Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, the GNC initiated an ongoing process between the municipalities of Greenburgh for cooperative stormwater management and the protection of drinking water.

During the coming year and working through the now-established Greenburgh Environmental Forum, the project will focus on four areas:

- A review of village codes and ordinances relating to stormwater, with a goal of revising and aligning them as necessary to support a regional watershed-management approach to development;
- Identification of site design elements and principles for incorporation into the code review process, with visits by planning and conservation board members to local demonstration sites;
- Public education to develop broad support for a regional watershed perspective; and
- Investigation of shared stormwater engineering consulting services for the municipalities of Greenburgh.

The Westchester Community Foundation (WCF) is a non-profit community endowment for the benefit of Westchester County. Its mission is to develop and manage philanthropic resources, and to distribute them in a way that is responsive to donor interests and community needs. The Foundation actively promotes charitable giving on behalf of the area’s non-profit organizations. WCF is a division of The New York Community Trust, one of the largest community foundations in the country with assets of approximately \$1.5 billion.

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The Greenburgh Nature Center is 33-acre nature preserve with trails, pond, orchard, and gardens. The Center contains a live animal museum, exhibit areas on nature and the environment, a greenhouse, and gift shop. The Center is located at 99 Dromore Road, off Central Park Avenue, in Scarsdale, NY. The center's grounds are open daily dawn to dusk throughout the year. The Manor House exhibits are open daily except Fridays and a few holidays, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on weekends. Parking is free, and handicapped parking is available. For further information, call (914) 723-3470 or visit the website www.greenburghnaturecenter.org.

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