

September-December 2009:

Financial and personal assistance was given to Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District to hold a 4-hour contractor training workshop that is mandated in the NY SPDES stormwater permit. 75 people attended for certification. This certification is intended to protect water quality through training of individuals involved in earth-moving activities to reduce soil erosion on construction sites. Sediment is one of several pollutants threatening our waterways and contributing to flooding.

Personal and financial assistance continued for distribution of book, The Hudson River, A Living Classroom, to more areas of the state and other venues. The 40, K through 12, lesson plans are in a user-friendly format and include history, science, art, foreign language, geography, reading, art and literature, mathematics, social studies, and music.

Financial and personal assistance has been on-going with the Rockland County Water Quality Committee to develop, design and publish an educational information piece. During this past year, the design and layout has changed multiple times, with the anticipation of completion by year's end. The final edition has an 11x17 one-fold with adult information, and an 8 1/2 x 11 double-sided insert with kids information. This water quality educational piece will be used at various public events held in the county--Earth Day being a main one.