

Watershed Forestry Field Trip Program

Grant Funding for NYC Watershed Field Trips

Explore the source of New York City's drinking water and discover how healthy forests protect water quality.

Program Overview

- This competitive grant program awards funding to help pay for forestry-related trips to the NYC Watershed. [See website for current max funding.](#)
- Any organization, community group or 4-12th grade teacher working in municipalities wholly or partially within the East and West of Hudson Watersheds or the 5 boroughs of NYC may apply. Not sure if you are eligible? Email education@nycwatershed.org.
- All trips include a visit to a NYC drinking water reservoir.
- 2 rounds of funding each year. Applications due in early January & August. Partial funding often awarded primarily for transportation costs.
- Grantees receive half of the grant award up front and the second half as reimbursement after the trip.

4 Field Trip Options

1. **Environmental Education Center** – Investigate watershed forestry topics at Clearpool Education Center & Model Forest, Taconic Outdoor Education Center, Teatown Lake Reservation, Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation, or Frost Valley YMCA & Model Forest.
2. **Trout in the Classroom Trout Release** – Release your TIC trout along the forested banks of the Cross River at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.
3. **Trees for Tribs Tree Planting** - Help improve water quality by planting trees along tributaries (streams) that flow into NYC drinking water reservoirs.
4. **Adult Professional Development** – Visit a reservoir and Model Forest to discover how well-managed forests protect NYC water quality and support local economies.

Watershed Agricultural Council
Forestry Program
www.nycwatershed.org



"It's amazing to see our students get their hands dirty! Planting trees helps them see that they can really make a difference in the watershed."
– 2016 Teacher

"Using materials from the forest floor to create a water filter was a great opportunity for my students to practice engineering concepts."
– 2019 Teacher

"Seeing the sheer size of the dam and reservoir really put into perspective the magnitude of our drinking watershed. Students still point out runoff and pollution to me on other trips, so it really stuck in their minds where our water comes from and what impact our actions have on it."
– 2023 Teacher

Visit:
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HOW TO APPLY:

Visit nycwatershed.org/fieldtrips for:

- Budget and planning info for each bus tour option
- Application deadlines
- Downloadable application forms
- Excellent teaching resources

