Agawamuck Creek Intermunicipal Watershed Management Plan

Photography Competition
Good Bad & the Ugly
in the Agawamuck Creek watershed

Watershed Advisory Committee

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The Village of Philmont, in partnership with Philmont Beautification, Inc., the collaboration of the Towns of Claverack, Ghent, Austerlitz, and Hillsdale, with the participation of community stakeholders, are developing a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) component as a watershed management plan for Agawamuck Creek. This plan will develop management recommendations for improving water quality and restoring critical natural resources throughout the watershed, as well as identify measures to address invasive species.

The watershed boundary includes towns and villages of Columbia County, including the Towns of Claverack, Ghent, Austerlitz and Hillsdale. The watershed is approximately 14,656 acres (22.9 sq miles) in size.

The Agawamuck Creed Watershed Advisory Committee is seeking photographs to be included in the **Watershed Management Plan** document.

All seasons' photos taken anywhere within the Agawamuck Creek watershed (e.g., forests, meadows, streams, wetlands, wildflowers, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, insects, rocks, etc., as well as stream-related infrastructure such as culverts and bridges, and people enjoying the outdoors. If anyone can or has captured streams in flood stages, or in highly turbid conditions, or trash in a stream, or a pollution outfall, or, say, a flooded meadow, that would be good too.

- Photos entered into the competition will be considered by the **Watershed Advisory Committee** for inclusion in the plan document.
- An exhibition of selected photos will be held at a local exhibition gallery space or local library at the time of the publication of the watershed management plan.
- Three prizes will be chosen by votes submitted by community members attending the exhibition.

1st Prize $250 2nd Prize $150 3rd Prize $75

Please complete the Entry Form below and upload the form with your entry photo to the secured Dropbox – Photography Competition
by December 31, 2026

Instructions:

1. Photos should be of a certain minimum size/resolution (e.g., 1200x1200 or larger) so that they will print well at a good size in the final document, but not so huge that they take up too much memory.

2. Each photo should be named with the subject and the photographer's name.

   For example:
   "Monarch, photographers name"
   "AgCrTributary, photographer name"
   "WoodTurtle in AgCr, photographer name"
   "FloodingCulvert@CtyRt11, photographer name"
   "CardinalFlower, photographer name"
   "Bridge@_____, photographer name"
   "Agricultural field@_____, photographer name"

Photos of all kinds from anywhere within the Agawamuck Creek watershed (e.g., forests, meadows, streams, wetlands, wildflowers, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, insects, rocks, etc., as well as stream-related infrastructure such as culverts and bridges, and people enjoying the outdoors. If anyone can capture streams in flood stages, or in highly turbid conditions, or trash in a stream, or a pollution outfall, or, say, a flooded meadow, that would be good too.

Personal Information

Name: _____

Organization (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Project Description

1. Photo Title: _____

2. Photo Location:_____

3. Date Taken:_____

Any other descriptive information:

Please fill out the above information and submit the completed form to the secured Dropbox – **Photography Competition** by December 31, 2026 for consideration.

Please add additional pages to the pdf for any additional information where you have exceeded the fillable textbox.

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the watershed management plan and our work in the Agawamuck Creek Watershed. .

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