

Watershed Forestry Bus Tour 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 matching grant program awards up to \$3,090 to help pay for forestry-related tours to the NYC Watershed.
- 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 tours 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 tour.

4 Bus Tour 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
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"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

"Our students learned so much science and had so much fun. Now they feel connected to nature and want to improve the ecosystems in NYC and around the globe."
– 2018 Teacher

Visit the Bus Tour website:
nycwatershed.org/bustours
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HOW TO APPLY:

Visit us online at
nycwatershed.org/bustours for:

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

