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## Catskill Conservation Corps Targets Litter at Kaaterskill Falls Parking Area and Trail

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Eight volunteers representing three outdoor-oriented groups with activities in the Catskills and one unaffiliated "concerned citizen" worked alongside the recently appointed Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Backcountry Steward at Kaaterskill Falls and other DEC staff to pick up litter in the Kaaterskill Falls area. The Sunday, October 5 event was organized by the Catskill Conservation Corps and was also an event in the 2014 Catskills Lark in the Park.

The group scoured the parking area at the end of Laurel House Road, then headed to the Molly Smith parking area on Route 23A (and main parking area for the Kaaterskill Falls Trail), where they filled more than a dozen large garbage bags full of trash before hauling them, along with several tires and other large, discarded items, up steep slopes for removal and disposal. They also picked trash up along the busy highway between the parking area and the Kaaterskill Falls trailhead and along the Kaaterskill Falls Trail. The volunteer effort was supported by the DEC, which provided trash bags and removed and disposed of the collected trash.

The groups represented in the cleanup included the Catskill Fire Tower Project, Catskill 3500 Club, and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

The Catskill Conservation Corps will be leading a number of litter pickup events in Kaaterskill Clove, Platte Clove and at other locations on State lands throughout the Catskill Mountains region in the future.

Following the cleanup, volunteers headed to the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic hosted by the Catskill Conservation Corps for all who have volunteered on state lands within the Catskill Mountains region at the North and South Lake State Campground. There volunteers were thanked by Kathy Moser, DEC Assistant Commissioner for Natural Resources and Jeff Senterman, the Director of the Catskill Conservation Corps. Volunteers enjoyed great conversations, food and the opportunity to explore and enjoy the trails and views around the North and South Lake area.

The Catskill Conservation Corps is a partnership between the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, whose volunteers maintain a network of more than 2,000 miles of trails, including more than 200 miles in the Catskills. The Catskill Conservation Corps aims to increase and support volunteer contributions on projects that protect natural resources and enhance outdoor recreation opportunities in the Catskill Mountains. All Catskill Conservation Corps events are open to the public

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