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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Five New Projects Receive Funding through Invest In Greene Programs

Greene County closed on five new projects last month using its New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. These new investments include:



The Woodhouse Lodge

New owners have re-opened the long-vacant former Rainbow Lodge in Greenville and making the property a 21st Century model

for a small resort. Funding will help restore the café/restaurant to active use for resort and community events.

The Tasting Lab

The Main Street of Greenville will be getting a new anchor property with the opening of this restaurant featuring New York State food and brews. Funding will help outfit and launch this destination. The building is getting a substantial rehabilitation as part of the project. The Tasting Lab is under the same ownership as the Greenville Craft Beverage producer- Hop Barn Brewing.



HiLo/The Avalon Lounge

Successful Catskill business owners Liam and Laura Singer are branching out with the purchase of the former Doubles II, turning the former weekend night club into a full-week, all-purpose restaurant and music venue. Funding will assist the re-outfitting and expansion of the Church Street building in Catskill.



A Clear Run LLC

This start-up business will haul cement and other product throughout the Hudson Valley and beyond from a base in Athens.

Funding will help this women-owned business to purchase the equipment needed to get rolling.



Cairo Development Foundation

The recently-formed Cairo Development Foundation will be using CDBG funding under the slums and blight category to remove a condemned building on the hamlet's Main Street in order to create a pocket park, as well as stabilizing a neighboring building for commercial and residential activity. The neighboring Cairo Garage building will return to active use with the renovation of commercial space and two apartments catalyzing development on the Cairo Main Street.

Did You Know:

- Greene County home sales continue to rise with 96 closings in January & February at an average price of \$211,000.
- Unemployment fell from 1,300 to 1,100 (Feb. 18 vs. Feb. 19) and our in-county labor force grew from 20,800 to 21,200.
- In-County jobs grew by 700 (a 4.6% rise from February 2018) & Sales Tax Collections rose 2.09% over the same period.

TOURISM

Annual Orville Slutzky Spring Tourism Seminar

Greene County Tourism in partnership with the Greene County Chamber of Commerce, will host the Annual Orville Slutzky Spring Tourism Seminar on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 beginning at 2PM at the LUMBERYARD located at 62 Water Street in Catskill. Speakers to include TripAdvisor, Upstate Alliance for the Creative Economy, and NYS Tourism & Hospitality Association. Topics to include Marketing in the Great Northern Catskills, Manage Your Presence on Customer Review Platforms, Cultural Tourism, and Understanding NYS Legislation that Impacts Tourism & Hospitality Businesses. The seminar is followed by a Business After Hours. To RSVP call 518-943-4222 or email info@greencountychamber.com

1st Annual Hunter Mountain Film Festival MOVIES IN THE MOUNTAINS

The First Annual Hunter Mountain Film Festival (HMFF) will take place from Thursday, May 16th through Saturday, May 18, 2019, in Hunter & Tannersville. The HMFF honors the skill of filmmaking by connecting ambitious independent artist to share, learn, communicate, and network over a three day festival. Setting out to create a one-of-a-kind film experience, HMFF is not only a celebration of film, but an interactive mountain adventure. In tandem with the films, the festival will present industry panels, concerts and

parties all while being surrounded by some of the most beautiful scenery upstate New York has to offer. For more information visit <https://www.catskillmtn.org/events/special-events/2019-05-16-first-annual-hunter-mountain-film-festival-1023.html>

Promoting Greene County as a Summer Vacation Destination

In February, Greene County Tourism together with various tourism partners showcased Summer Travel to Long Island residents at the Newsday Travel Expo. Over 500 residents participated in mini-golf, provided by Sunny Hill Resort, for a chance to be 1 of 5 lucky winners who received vacation packages to lodging properties in Greene County. Attendance for the 2-day show garnered over 5,000 people in attendance and generated 500 names to be included in our monthly tourism newsletter.



Bernadette Gavin Palmieri & Mary McMahon (Gavin's Resort), Nancy Petramale (Greene County Tourism), Tim McCann (Windham Mountain Resort), Joseph & Wendy Hasenkopf (Crystal Brook Resort) Taylor & Lenore Whitcomb (Winter Clove Resort)

PLANNING



DEC Adds 50-Acre Parcel to Catskill Forrest Preserve

New York State has acquired 50 acres of property in the town of Catskill, Greene County. The lands will become part of New York's Forest Preserve. DEC acquired the

property for \$1 from Edward Maby. The property had been in the Maby/Mabie family since 1896. The acquisition of this Catskill property will improve public recreational access in the area and includes remnants of the historic Rip Van Winkle House.

Read the official press release at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/116572.html>

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