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## COUNTY-WIDE UPDATE



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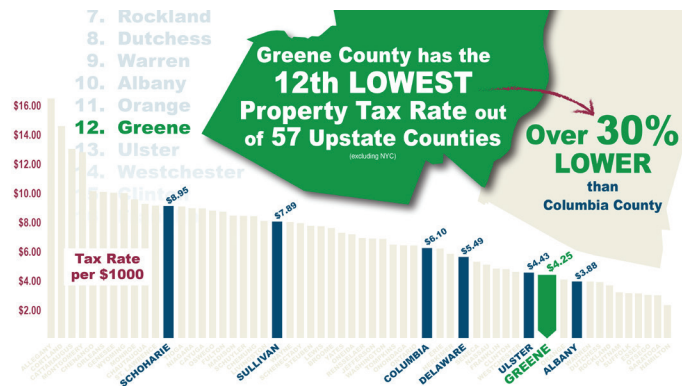
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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Greene Ranked as a NYS County Getting the Most Bang for Property Tax Bucks.



A new study from SmartAsset ranks New York's counties by who gets the most bang for their buck from their [property taxes](#). This ranking uses property tax rate, crime rates, local school ratings and other factors to create an overall value index for each county in the state.



### Greene County Ranked 2nd in NYS in Year Over Year Job Growth

The April Report for the NYS Department of Labor shows that Greene County had 400 more jobs located in the County in April 2018 than there were in April 2017. Total in-county, non-farm jobs are 14,500, up 2.8%. Likely employment generators are expanded tourism facilities and state prison employment. [Pasta manufacturer Sfoglini](#) began hiring in April. They project needing up to 20 new employees in their new Coxsackie facility.

### New Soccer Park to Open in Cairo

The Town of Cairo will be expanding the Town Park to accommodate new soccer facilities on land provided by the County for youth sports activities. The town worked with the Northern Catskill Youth Association (NCYA) to apply to the U.S. Soccer Foundation for a grant to install soccer fields on the parcel. They also received a matching grant from [Bank of Greene County](#).



**LEGISLATIVE NOTE:** RESOLUTION 203-13 Authorizing the Sale of County-Owned Property to the Town of Cairo for Youth Sports.

### REMINDER: Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) 2018 Round Closes July 27th @ 4pm

Businesses planning to apply can determine eligibility at <https://regionalcouncils.ny.gov/cfa> and are strongly urged to [contact our Economic Development Team](#) for assistance and insight as some funding categories require municipal sponsors in order to submit an application.

## TOURISM

### Owls and Cats and Bears – Oh, My



Main Street businesses across the county are supporting this annual summer tradition as the [Catskill Cats](#), [Coxsackie Owls](#), and [Cairo Bears](#) appear on a sidewalk near you. A great reason to visit each town, these art installations are auctioned each year to benefit local communities.



### After a Tough Winter, County Route 42 Gets NYS Funding

The mountaintop road that connects NY 28 in Shandaken with NY 23A in Lexington [received \\$1.5M](#) to smooth the ride connecting these [two Scenic By-Ways in Ulster and Greene](#). Visitors to Catskill Park and growing destinations like [West Kill Brewing](#) and the [Spruceton Inn](#) continue to spur increased traffic along this route.

### New Trail Draws Hikers to Austin's Glen

The Mawignack ('place where two rivers meet') Preserve is the 144 acre site where the Catskill and Kaaterskill Creeks converge. A new mile-long hiking loop is now supported by a trail head parking area at the [end of Snake Road in Catskill](#). The site is owned by [Scenic Hudson](#) and [managed by the Greene Land Trust](#).



## PLANNING

### Major Work Begun on 5 New Trails at Hunter Mountain

Blasting operations are currently underway on the rock face at the intersection of the Belt Parkway and White Cloud [where a new six-passenger high-speed chairlift will unload](#). In between blasting, engineers and construction crews will be removing and repurposing the discarded rock and debris as grading material for new trails.



### New Palenville Sidewalks Improve Accessibility

Construction to install sidewalks from Woodstock Avenue up to the red light at Route 23A has been completed in a joint effort between NYS DOT and the [Greene County Highway Department](#). Visits to [America's First Artist Colony](#) have been steadily increasing with the renewed interest in Thomas Cole, Fredrick Church, and the [Hudson River School of Art](#).



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