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COUNTY-WIDE UPDATE



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New Creative Economy eBook Released by Invest In Green

"*The Growing Creative Economy in Greene County, NY*" is a new resource for businesses and individuals seeking investment opportunities in this dynamic industry sector. The [Invest In Greene initiative](#) promotes Greene County communities through online advertising & marketing to attract new businesses.



Cairo Development Foundation (CDF) Receives NYS Technical Assistance

With a support resolution passed by the Town of Cairo, the [New York Main Street program](#) is providing the CDF with \$20,000 in technical assistance. Funds will enable the assessment and potential redevelopment of several Main Street properties in the hamlet of Cairo. This effort is intended to result in a NYMS grant application for community development.



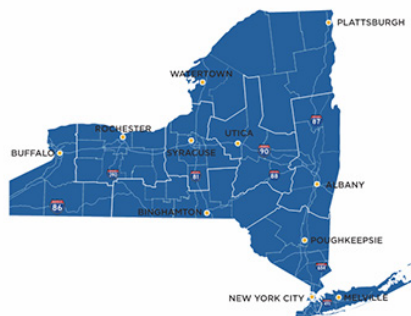
NYS Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) 2018 Round

Economic development and job-creating projects that may be eligible for this 8th Round of NYS funding may apply through the CFA beginning May 1 and closing July 27 at 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.

View Projects

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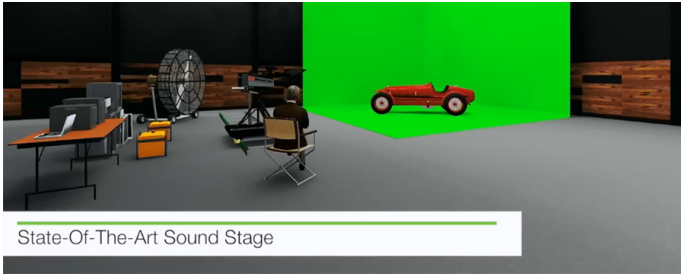
- [Greene County Ranks 1st in the state for buying a home](#) (26th in the US out of 3,100 counties surveyed).
- [New Baltimore Thruway Rest Area leads all other rest areas](#) in food & fuel sales revenue.
- [Greene County has 700 more in-county jobs than this time last year](#) (2nd in the state in % job growth).

OVER

TOURISM

Lumberyard Designated as a Qualified Production Facility (QPF) by NYS

[Lumberyard Contemporary Performing Arts Studio](#) is now a QPF enabling film producers to realize the advantages of the NYS Film Tax Credit Program. The NYS Film Tax Credit Program offers up to 40% off labor (45% on post-production) for production taking place upstate. According to Empire State Development, the \$420 million program offers the production industry the nation's most stable and successful production and post-production tax credits. Since 2011, officials say, it has generated an estimated \$19 billion in spending and created more than 1.1 million jobs.



State-Of-The-Art Sound Stage

Catskills Beverage Trail Receives Official NYS Designation

The NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets officially designated the [Catskills Beverage Trail](#) as a destination for craft-beverage enthusiasts opening the way for road signage promoting the route. Stops include; Rip Van Winkle Brewing Co.; Hudson Chatham Winery (Tannersville); West Kill Brewing; Hop Barn Brewing; Honey Hollow Brewery; Crossroads Brewing Company and Crossroad Brewing Company Catskill Taproom.



The Greene County Historical Society

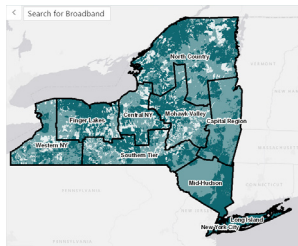
The Greene County Historical Society launched a new website, www.gchistory.org, featuring the Bronck Museum, Vedder Library, and Heritage Barn Project.

LEGISLATIVE NOTE - Departmental Annual Reports are available at www.GreeneGovernment.com/reports.

Interested parties may review the activities and achievement of each Greene County Department on-line.

PLANNING

NYS Broadband Program Releases Interactive Coverage Map



With all three phases of the NYS Broadband awards completed, NYS residents can now locate local Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and find broadband availability by address. ISPs serving Greene County have received over \$20MM in funding to now make high speed Internet available to an additional 19K structures in Greene County an increase of 61% coverage out of a total of 31K structures county-wide. To find out whether your address is located in one of the Census Blocks that received funding, [Greene County has published a map](#) that depicts the areas where the local ISP's were awarded state funds. Questions regarding broadband availability can now be directed to the local ISP's as listed for that address on the [NYS Broadband Map](#).

NYS DOS Training for Planning Officials

The Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning in cooperation with Columbia County Planning and NYS Department of State is sponsoring training events on Wednesday, June 13th at the Greene County Emergency Services Training Center, 25 Volunteer Drive, Cairo, NY 12413. Registration for sessions on; record keeping; enforcement of

zoning and other laws; and Hot Button Land Issues is due by June 8th. More information is available on GreeneGovernment.com.

GCEDT&P Releases Skywalk Economic Impact Analysis

The Hudson River Skywalk is expected to enhance the local tourism industry by attracting new visitors to Greene and Columbia Counties. A summary of the analysis is available at www.GreeneGovernment.com/skywalk-impact.

- 47,000 to 82,000 new "visitor days" to the two counties annually generating over \$4.5 MM in visitor spending to local businesses
- 66 new direct and indirect jobs in the two counties with over \$1.7 million in annual wages for a total Economic Impact of \$5.2MM
- \$270,000 in new tax revenue for Greene and Columbia counties (combined)



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