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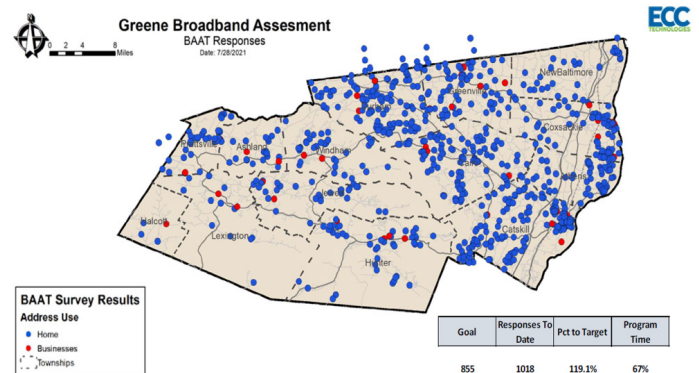
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Growing a Greene Workforce



The Growing Greene County program will be starting its Fall 2021 semester soon, every Wednesday night at the Cairo Library. This 8-credit course consists of three classes designed to provide a toolkit of business skills to individuals who would like to start their own businesses but may not know where or how to begin. Our Greene County legislators support this program and the communities involved in it and hope that it will encourage college graduates to stay and help grow Greene County. Find out more at <https://www.sunycgcc.edu/>

Final Push to Get Better Connected



Over 1,000 residents and businesses across Greene County have responded to our Broadband Survey which will remain open through August 31st. Two-thirds of the way through this effort, we are currently at 120% of our target for responses county-wide, with 12 of our 14 towns above or on target, and well represented by their responses. We are still working to get more responses, so even if you're satisfied with your current internet service, please take the survey at <https://www.greenegovernment.com/>

Workforce Development & Downtown Revitalization



New York State has announced another wave of funding designed to assist communities and businesses, with \$48 million available from the Workforce Development Initiative to help New Yorkers find quality, well-paid jobs and to meet the short and long-term workforce needs of businesses.

\$200 million are available for Round 5 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, meant to restore the downtown areas of New York communities. Those interested in applying are encouraged to do so as soon as possible - applications for Round 5 of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative must

be submitted by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, and the Workforce Development Initiative funding will open to applicants on Monday, August 2nd. Learn more about each program and apply here.

Workforce Development Initiative - <https://workforcedevelopment.ny.gov/>

Downtown Revitalization Initiative - <https://www.ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative>

TOURISM

ACTION!! Greene County to Release New Videos!



This summer is all about capturing the best experiences that the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County has to offer. Starting with a new Zoom Flume Water Park video shoot showcasing all the great water rides and featuring the owners, the Aragona family! Video release is expected in August. The next video will highlight Round Top and Purling as a vacation destination. From trails as the connector to all things Round Top to unique and family resort lodging, what better way to attract visitors to this area for fabulous events and delicious German food. Video to release in early Fall. Stayed tuned!



Museum Reopening at Catskill Point

The Maritime Museum, also known as the Freightmaster's Building at the Historic Catskill Point will reopen weekends from 10am to 3pm beginning Saturday, July 31st through the end of September. The museum is the original Catskill Day Line Ticket office and houses many period artifacts from the late 1800's and early 1900's. Take a self-guided tour and enjoy the days gone by when the Hudson River was the gateway to the Catskills when the Day Liner boats transported visitors from New York City to the site where they would then venture further via railway to the many grand hotel resorts like the Catskill Mountain House, which has been made famous by the Hudson River School of Painters. After touring the museum, take a stroll around grounds which showcases sweeping views of the Catskill Creek, Hudson River, Olana National Historic Site, and the Hudson River Skywalk.

PLANNING

Greene Growing on the Mountain Top



Greene County Economic Development, Tourism and Planning recently participated in a community workshop to explore opportunities for the Fromer Market Garden in Tannersville NY. Fromer

Market Garden is a 1-acre agricultural gem in Greene County, providing Mountain Top residents and visitors with a variety of fresh local produce and products, year round.

The Hunter Foundation secured a grant from Empire State Development to engage the community & stakeholders in a strategic planning process to help guide the farm's expansion plans. The Foundation is exploring the potential to expand food production, develop more education and business incubation programs, and host community and public events. The Foundation's goals include creating jobs, supporting local businesses and communities, and strengthening the mountain's economy. <https://www.buyinggreene.com/directory/fromer-market-gardens>

Nominations for Ellen Rettus Planning Awards Close September 10th

The County Planning Board is soliciting nominations for the Ellen Rettus Planning Achievement Awards, which will honor worthwhile planning, community and economic development activities that have taken place in Greene County over the past three years. Awards will be given for outstanding achievement in one or more of several categories which can reviewed at: <https://www.greeneconomy.com/departments/planning-and-economic-development/greene-county-planning-board/ellen-rettus-planning-achievement-awards>

Project nominations by government entities, quasi-government agencies (e.g. IDA, Chambers of Commerce) and not-for-profit organizations will be accepted until September 10th.

Previous award winners and an 'Award Nomination' fillable PDF can also be found on the county website.

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