

# Positively Greene

## COUNTY-WIDE UPDATE



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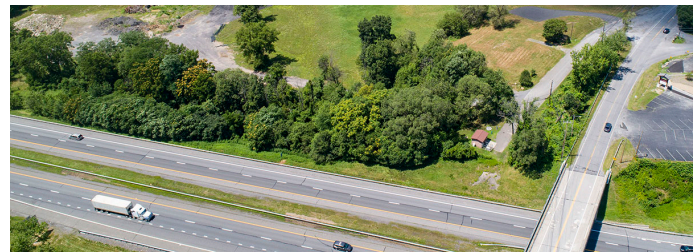
## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Renovations in Full Swing at Riverside Park in Coxsackie



The revitalization of the Coxsackie riverfront includes the first NYS boat launch to be renovated under the Hudson River Eagles Area Initiative to improve access to the river and enhance waterfront communities in our region. Improvements include new floating gangways and docks, a new, ADA accessible kayak launch and additional tie-up spaces for docking boaters wishing to explore the Historic Reed Street area. Read the story here: [https://www.hudsonvalley360.com/news/greencounty/park-construction-project-in-full-swing/article\\_61b330e2-5956-5052-a483-673b11d363f5.html](https://www.hudsonvalley360.com/news/greencounty/park-construction-project-in-full-swing/article_61b330e2-5956-5052-a483-673b11d363f5.html)

### Infrastructure Investments and New Builds at Exit 21 East & West Sites



The Greene County Legislature continues its commitment to growth and development, including investment in public infrastructure, business attraction and marketing, in addition to supporting the IDA's advancement of shovel ready parks. The development of the Exit 21 East and West Properties will expand our tax base, create new jobs, and will help to attract and retain people to our area which in turn enhances economic growth and prosperity. Additional land augmenting the East Property will maximize the number of available development lots, while New Health Care facilities are advancing at the West site. Find out more at: <https://greencountyedc.com/development-site/exit-21-catskill-west/>

### Get Better Connected Broadband Initiative Eligible for USDA Funding



With this summer's broadband survey completed, and coverage maps under review, the recent announcement of over \$1.15 billion in federal USDA funding available to rural communities was highly welcomed as Greene County Legislators and our local broadband service provider and industry partners were joined by our federal and state representatives at a press conference in late October. Approximately 1,300 addresses need broadband access and the county will utilize all available federal funding to work with our industry partners to serve 100% of our residences and businesses.

Find continuing updates: <https://www.greenegovernment.com/greene-broadband/media-coverage-greene-county-ny-broadband-initiative>

## TOURISM



### Tourism Businesses invited to an International Tourism Training

Hudson Valley Tourism, in collaboration with Greene County Tourism, will be hosting a virtual training session for all tourism businesses that wish to learn about how to work with the international market. The goal of the session is for businesses to have a better understanding of the power of the Travel Trade, as well as tools for working with this valuable sector to secure advanced bookings and repeat business. Seminar to take place, virtually, on November 17, 2021 from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. For more information call Heather Bagshaw, Tourism Director, at 518-943-3223; or register online. <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingId=999173412345&joinFrom=link>



### Local Businesses Receive Recognition at the 2021 Best in Hudson Valley

On October 14th Hudson Valley Magazine hosted the 2021 Best of Hudson Valley® Party at The Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel Plaza in Poughkeepsie. Three Greene County tourism properties were recognized at this event. In the [Food and Drink](#) category, Mama Boys Burgers took home Best Burger Stack. The Themed Boutique went to The Old Catskill Game Farm in the category of [Fun and Leisure](#). Owners of the Greenville Drive-In, Dwight Grimm and Leigh Van Swall, accepted the award for the Best Drive-In Theatre in the [Arts and Culture](#) category.



### CREATE: Flash Film Festival

The one-night LIVE screening at the Greenville Drive-In on September 30th included a selection of short films, a lively outdoor cocktail setting, music by DJ Neva - Music for the Masses, dining provided by Banana Moon Baking Company, Stilt-Walkers from Bindlestiff Family Cirkus, Puppetry & Tarot Card readings provided by Constellation, and a [Photo Booth](#) provided by Matt Hill Art. Photos of the event were taken by [Beth Schneck Photography](#). The Best Youth Film went to the Catskill Clubhouse!

## PLANNING

### The Hudson Dynamic Shorelines Story Map Collection



The New York Sea Grant Program recently released a free online tool providing comprehensive information about the relationship between natural watershed processes, flooding, and erosion risk that occurs throughout the Hudson River Estuary Watershed and along the tidally influenced shoreline. The Hudson Dynamic Shorelines Story Map Collection offers tools for understanding risk, individual and community-level actions, inspiring local case studies, and links to useful resources: <https://bit.ly/HudsonCollection>

### Opt-Out Deadline for Municipal Cannabis Licensing is 12/31/21



The [Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act of 2021](#) allows municipalities to opt-out of issuing a retail dispensary license and/or onsite consumption license to businesses within their jurisdictions. However, municipalities cannot ban the adult-use of cannabis, or licenses for its cultivation, processing or distribution. Any local prohibition laws are subject to a citizen vote through a public referendum.

While the [Office of Cannabis Management](#) has just recently been appointed and begun discussing the regulatory process, municipalities should be thinking about how they may want to regulate cannabis establishments at the local level. The law allows for 'time, place and manner' restrictions and local zoning regulations that can provide that adult-use licenses comply with local planning and zoning regulations, such as site plan approval and special use permits.

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