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COUNTY-WIDE UPDATE



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Moody's Upgrade Shows Confidence in Greene County

Greene County, NY

Rated Aa2 by
Moody's Investors
Services



On Tuesday, August 6th, 2019, Moody's Investors Service upgraded Greene County's bond rating to Aa2, an improvement over the previous rating of Aa3, citing strong financial management as evidenced by consistently sound reserves, conservative budget management and a formal policy to maintain reserves. This rating puts Greene County among eight non-NYC counties with the rating of Aa2 or higher.

<https://www.greeneconomy.com/news-press/moodys-showing-confidence-in-greene>

Greene County Awards Bond Sale with Low Interest Rate Resulting in Significant Savings

On Thursday, August 15th, 2019, Greene County sold a Public Improvement (Serial Bond) in the amount of \$39,000,000 for the construction of the County's Jail Facility. The results of the sale were very strong, with the winning bidder at a net interest rate of 2.49%. Interest savings over the life of the bonds will total over \$7.6 Million. <https://www.greeneconomy.com/scoop/greene-county-jail-facility-bond-sale-favorable-interest-rates-and-investor-confidence>



C-GCC Named Best Community College in NYS by Wallethub

In a comparison of 710 community colleges in the U.S., Columbia-Greene was ranked best in NYS, and 10th nationwide. The online financial services company WalletHub used 19 different metrics ranging from the cost of in-state tuition and fees to retention rates and overall return on investment. Read the full report at <https://wallethub.com/edu/e/best-worst-community-colleges/15076/>



The Greene County Council on the Arts is now CREATE

The GCCA Board and Executive Director Marline A. Martin have adopted a new name and brand that communicates what they do rather than who they are.

CREATE is an acronym of the organization's core mission and stands for Council for Resources to Enrich the Arts, Technology & Education. This new brand highlights a strong association with the Creative Economy, driving growth in creative industries across our communities. For more information visit <https://www.greenearts.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ArtsAlive129Web.pdf>

TOURISM



Welcoming Visitors while Protecting Our Catskills

Catskill Stewards have interacted with over 30,000 visitors to Kaaterskill Falls, Peekamoose Blue Hole, and Platte Clove so far this season,

welcoming and educating a growing number of visitors on how best to have a safe and enjoyable experience without leaving a trace. Find out more about this great program at <http://catskillcenter.org/news/2019/7/31/for-immediate-release-the-catskills-are-busy-what-are-we-doing-to-protect-them>

Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall a Huge Success

The 3/5 scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC arrived in Greene County on August 21st, receiving an honor escort by hundreds of

motorcycles and emergency service vehicles traveling from Coxsackie, through Greenville and Cairo to its installation at the Historic Catskill Point. On display and staffed around the clock by some 250 volunteers, this hallowed ground welcomed over 6,500 visitors between August 22nd & 25th. View the photos at <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/vietnam-traveling-memorial-wall>

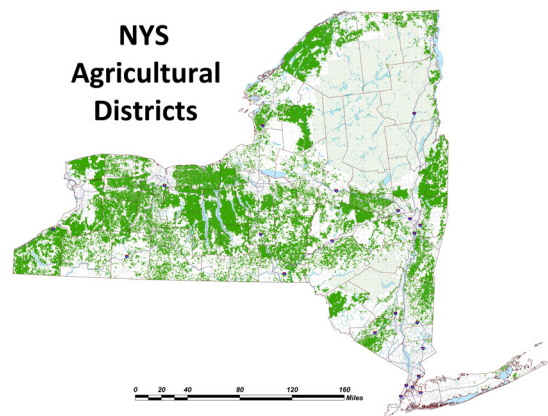


PLANNING

Recertification of Agricultural District 124

The Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Planning along with the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) has begun the mandated recertification process for Agricultural District 124 in accordance with the New York Agricultural Districts law. Greene County Economic Development, Tourism and Planning and the AFPB will be partnering with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia-Greene Counties to survey Ag District 124 farmers to collect information about their farm operations. The county will conduct a thirty-day comment and open enrollment period from October 1, 2019

through October 30, 2019. For additional information or to obtain a 'Request for Inclusion' form please contact Rich Schiafo, Principal Planner, (518) 719-3290, rschiafo@discovergreene.com.



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