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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### New NYS Short-Term Rental Law



New York State's Regional Economic Development Short-term rentals play an important role in New York's tourism economy, helping homeowners generate extra income and often serving as the sole visitor lodging option in rural areas. The rapid growth of this billion-dollar industry, however, has exacerbated the housing crisis by reducing housing availability, driving up costs, and displacing long-term residents. Read about the new law at <https://www.nysenate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2024/michelle-hinchey/short-term-rental-registry-sponsored-hinchey-fahy>

### Latest Best Kept Secrets of Greene County, NY Podcast



In Episode 5 co-hosts Thomas Boomhower and Mark Gustavson travel to Tannersville for a conversation with Dave Kashman, 2nd generation proprietor of Last Chance Cheese, Antiques, & Café. Listen to all episodes through your browser or download from wherever you get your podcasts!  
<https://greencountyedc.com/best-kept-secrets-of-greene-county-ny>



### Greene County Receives EPA Grant

On May 20th, 2024, the United States Environmental Protection Agency awarded Greene County a \$1.5 million Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant, marking the County as one of 29 awardees for this program in the Country. The grant calls for a coalition to be formed that is focused on inventorying, characterizing, and assessing potentially contaminated sites within a specific target area while also deploying preplanning and community engagement activities. The coalition, led by Greene County Economic Development, is comprised of Columbia Economic Development Corporation (aka Choose Columbia) and the Hunter Foundation based in Tannersville. Read more at <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-7830500-brownfield-grants-through-investing>

## Workforce Housing Attainability Assessment and Senior Housing Needs Addendum

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Addendum: May 2024

## Workforce/Senior Housing Report Addendum

Last June, Greene County focused on a Workforce Housing Assessment and decided to include an addendum that analyzed the existing age-restricted housing inventory versus the growing senior population over the next decade. Read the addendum at: [https://greencountyedc.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Final\\_Workforce\\_Senior\\_Report\\_June\\_2024.pdf](https://greencountyedc.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Final_Workforce_Senior_Report_June_2024.pdf)

## TOURISM

### Tourism Office Shines at Catskills Great Outdoor Expo



The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Tourism office had a prominent booth at the Catskills Great Outdoor Expo, a one-day event that took place at the Catskills Visitor Center on Saturday, June 8th. Members of the tourism team from Greene County were actively involved throughout the event, interacting with visitors and providing a wealth of information about the unique attractions and experiences available in Greene County. They shared insights on outdoor adventures, local history, cultural sites, and upcoming events, helping to promote Greene County and the Catskills as a premier destination for both tourists and locals alike.

### Country Takes Over the Catskills: A Perfect Night at the Historic Catskill Point



Over 1,500 fans soaked up the perfect weather and the sweet sounds of country music at the second annual Concert in the Catskills! Held on Saturday, June 15th, at the beautiful Historic Catskill Point, the concert was a smash hit. Rising star Jackson Dean headlined the show, bringing his electrifying energy to the stage. Special guest Alana Springsteen, fresh off her "Country Rookie of the Month" title, wowed the crowd with her impressive talent. The combination of these two rising stars along with the stunning backdrop of the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains made for an unforgettable night. Concert in the Catskills is quickly becoming a summer tradition.

### A Boutique Rebirth in the Catskills



### The Henson and Matilda: A Boutique Rebirth in the Catskills

Nestled in the heart of Hensonville, The Henson and Matilda has taken root, breathing new life into the familiar space once known as Hammo's. This charming boutique hotel boasts 16 stylishly appointed rooms, each a haven of comfort and modern design. But the transformation extends beyond the lodgings. The Matilda restaurant has become a culinary destination, tempting taste buds with a menu that changes with the seasons. Here, innovative dishes showcase the freshest, locally sourced ingredients, offering a truly unique and delicious experience in the heart of the Catskills.

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