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COUNTY-WIDE UPDATE



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

New Townhouses Address Growing Rental Market in Coxsackie

The latest development by Aaron Flach Real Estate replaces the former True Value Hardware building on Mansion Street with six townhomes and two, two-unit residences with attached garages. The three buildings surround an off-street cul-de-sac parking area providing garage access.



The growing number of young professionals in Greene County continues to show a marked increase in the demand for townhouse rentals.

Greene County's Solar Field Offsets Electricity Usage



The Tesla-owned 2.2 Megawatt solar facility on county land in the Town of Cairo eliminates approximately 70% of the electrical bill for all Greene County government facilities based on usage (not generating more than we consume). This renewable energy station was installed at no cost to Greene County taxpayers. See the solar field from the air at www.greengovernment.com/powering-greene

New Capital Region Welcome Center Nears Completion in New Baltimore

The Colonial Dutch-inspired design of the Regional Welcome Center is evident as NYS Thruway travelers pass the New Baltimore Service Area. This facility will house a Made-In-New-York outlet and the Cornell Cooperative Extension will be working to source Greene County products to be offered for sale.



DID YOU KNOW?

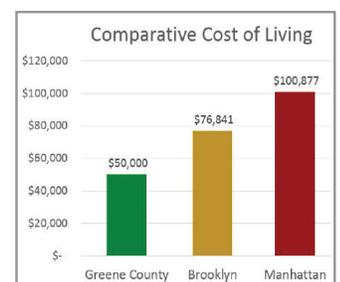
Manufacturing Job Wages in Greene County rank 2nd in the Hudson Valley. Annual pay is \$60,750 or 14% above the annual average pay for the region.

Greene County Residents spend an average of 26.3 minutes traveling to work – the second lowest commute time in the Hudson Valley.

(SOURCES: County Business Patterns 2016, American Community Survey 2015 – Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan and Ulster Counties)

Living Well in Greene County

[The Bankrate® Relocation Calculator](#) shows that someone earning \$77,000/year in Brooklyn could enjoy the same standard of living earning \$50,000/year as a Greene County resident. Someone living in Manhattan, making just over \$100,000/year could enjoy a similar living here at half the price. **Living in Greene – Affordable, Beautiful, Commutable.**



TOURISM

Creative Professionals Build a New Destination in Greenville



Megan Pflug and her husband Jay Penry share a vision: Build a sustainable space to live and work together, in a place they love. Now this vision is realized in their renovation of a 1960s era 10-room hotel and showplace for

Makers in Greene County and beyond. Read the full story at <http://blog.buyingreene.com/blog/woodhouse-lodge-new-getaway-destination>

Greene County Film Commission Off and Running!



The recently launched Greene County Film Commission comes on the heels of the opening of LUMBERYARD Studios' Qualified Film Production Facility in downtown Catskill – the first of its kind in Greene County. To help fund Film In Greene, together with LUMBERYARD,

Greene County is pursuing a Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) Grant for a marketing campaign to attract film companies and production houses to the area. <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/press-releases/2018/07/greene-county-film-office-announces-new-name-greene-county-film-commission>

Platt Clove Preserve Site Added to Hudson River School Art Trail



Thomas Cole once wrote a letter to New York Evening Post describing Platte Clove as a delicate morsel. Now the 200-acre site has become the 17th stop for viewing vistas reminiscent of the paintings of America's first school of art. Read more at <https://www.greeneconomy.com/news-press/thomas-cole-vista-at-platt-clove-added-to-hudson-river-school-art-trail>

PLANNING



Prattsville Bridge Replacement Proceeding Nicely

The bridge over the Schoharie Creek, built in 1927 and damaged by Hurricane Irene in

2011 is being replaced downstream. Built approximately 4.5' higher than the old bridge, it allows for a wider opening beneath for greater water capacity to prevent future flooding. Funded by a \$13M NYS grant, the new bridge will include both wider shoulders and a sidewalk. See it from the air at <https://www.facebook.com/leon.taufield/videos/vb.100000259274046/1991417487543541/>

New Home for Youth Soccer in Cairo

After 11 years of planning, the Rip Van Winkle Soccer Club has completed its new facility through a joint effort between the town, county, NYS Senator George Amadore, Jr. and Don Gibson from the Bank of Greene County. Despite community support, funding issues delayed the project until Amadore facilitated a \$50,000 matching grant from NYS. Read more on GreeneGovernment.com <https://www.greeneconomy.com/news-press/new-home-for-youth-soccer-in-cairo>



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