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COUNTY-WIDE UPDATE



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Building Local Talent for In-Demand Careers



Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, Columbia-Greene Community College, Columbia Economic Development Corporation, and Greene County Economic Development Corporation have partnered to host

Skilling the Gap, a half-day forum for employers, schools, community-based organizations, and funders to generate new ideas and partnerships for a thriving economy. The free event will be held Friday, Oct. 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at C-GCC. Registration is now open at [STG22.eventbrite.com](https://stg22.eventbrite.com).

Grant Funding for Small Businesses

NY State Seed Funding Grant Program



The New York State Seed Funding Grant Program provides assistance to early-stage small businesses to succeed in a recovering New York State economy. Learn more and apply at <https://nyseedgrant.com/>

The Greene County Economic Development Office is here to provide answers and help you find opportunities to start or expand your business – just email business@discovergreene.com

Economic Indicators for Greene County

The August 2022 Capital Region Labor Analysis indicated a surge in the regional labor market with rising job figures and declining unemployment rates. Greene County outpaced the region's unemployment rate change from 4.8% in August 2021 to 3.8%, adding 300 jobs to the county's employment base. Greene County netted a positive contribution to workforce figures when comparing to total unemployment claims in August of last year.

Greene County continues to trend positive sales tax growth. A year-over-year analysis showed a 15% increase in sales tax receipts, indicating heavier summer spending by seasonal consumers in 2022. If end of year projections meet expectations, Greene County would benefit from another year of positive sales tax growth, continuing the 13+ year long trend.

Did You Know...



Fires started by lithium batteries in household waste are on the rise. Learn how to safely dispose of them at <https://www.greeneconomy.com/greene-government/waste-transfer-stations/disposing-of-lithium-batteries>

TOURISM

Fall Foliage Season Has Begun



We're getting all four seasons in a day, which means fall has arrived in Greene County. Bright oranges, fiery reds, and glowing yellows are taking over the trees. Visitors from all over the Northeast and beyond will flock to the Great Northern Catskills to peep the fall foliage, enjoy the many driving tours, and stop by one of the many farm stands. Get Fall Foliage updates at <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/catskills-fall-foliage>

The Unofficial Second End of Summer



Summer has been over for a while now, but Columbus Day marks the second unofficial end of the summer season for many local businesses and towns. Many local events are happening throughout Greene County for visitors and locals to enjoy. From the Hudson Valley Dance Festival in Catskill to the 16th Annual Gavin's Guinness Oktoberfest in East Durham, the 27th Annual Autumn Affair in Windham, and the return of Colors in the Catskills Fall Festival in Hunter, there are activities for everyone. For more information visit <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/events>



Hotel Lilien is Now Open

Tannersville's newest hospitality business is now open for guests. Formerly known as the Washington Irving Inn, the fully renovated hotel will be open all year. Featuring 18 curated boutique hotel rooms, complimentary breakfast, and a cocktail bar, and it is only a stone's throw from Hunter Mountain. It's a place where locals and visitors gather around the same wood-burning stove to clink craft beers, share stories, and take in the views of Hunter Mountain. Find out more about Hotel Lilien at <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/resorts-lodging/hotel-lilien>

PLANNING

Request Inclusion in Ag. District No. 124

Greene County Economic Development, Tourism & Planning and the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board (AFPB) will be conducting its annual review of Greene County's Agricultural District No. 124 from October 1, 2022 and through October 30, 2022. Any municipality, State Agency or landowner within or adjacent to the district may request an addition to the district. Any proposed addition(s) must be filed with the Greene County Department of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning, 411 Main Street, Catskill, N.Y. 12414 within the thirty (30) days specified. <https://www.greeneconomy.com/departments/planning-and-economic-development/agricultural-programs-and-resources/district-no-124>

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