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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Two Greene County Communities Receive DRI and NY Forward Awards



On March 12th, Greene County was awarded \$14.5 million in one day! New York state announced that the Village of Catskill will receive \$10 million in funding under the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and \$4.5 million for the Village of Athens through NY Forward. Read the Official Release here: <https://greencountyedc.com/news/two-greene-county-communities-receive-over-14-million/>

What Greene County Community is Right For You? Online Quiz



From the mountains, to the river, and through the valleys in between, each of our Greene County communities is unique in their own right. This community promotion campaign has had hundreds of people interested in our area taking this free, fun, 5-question quiz. Based on their answers, they receive more information about the village or town that is best for them. Take the Quiz here: <https://www.investingreene.com/community-quiz/>



BKSoGCNY Podcast Wraps First Season

In it's Season 1 finale, co-hosts Thomas Boomhower and Mark Gustavson are joined by James Hannahs (Director of Economic Development, Tourism & Planning) and Beth Stewart (President and Executive Director of the Greene County Chamber of Commerce) for a look back at all the goings-on over the past 12 months, and a look at the great things to come. Season 2 will kick off by exploring some of the little-known stories from the past, with Greene County Historian Jonathan Palmer. Listen and Subscribe at <https://greencountyedc.com/best-kept-secrets-of-greene-county-ny>

TOURISM



The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Featured in National Geographic

The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Tourism Team, in collaboration with I Love NY, welcomed UK journalist Clare Vooght—a travel and food writer—along with photographer Michael Marquand, to explore the culinary scene of Greene County as part of her Hudson Valley tour. The resulting National Geographic article, “A Taste of Hudson Valley,” showcases Greene County’s charm, highlighting the scenic beauty of Windham and the Windham Path. It also features local culinary talent, including Marianna Leman, chef and owner of Albergo Allegria, who graciously hosted and treated Vooght to a taste of the region. Additionally, Brave the Flames received a special mention for its local beers and comfort food. The tourism team extends its heartfelt gratitude to all our partners who host journalists and influencers, helping to shine a spotlight on the beautiful area we proudly call home. Read the article at https://greencountyedc.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/NGT_Taste-of-Hudson-Valley.pdf



Hot Off the Presses -The Great Northern Catskills 2025 Travel Guide is here!

The 2025 Great Northern Catskills Travel Guide and Visitors Map have arrived—your go-to resource for discovering the stunning landscapes, charming towns, and unforgettable experiences that make Greene County a must-visit destination. Featuring expert tips, handpicked itineraries, and breathtaking photography, this guide highlights the best in outdoor adventures, cultural attractions, farm-to-table dining, exceptional shopping, and one-of-a-kind lodging. Whether you’re a visitor or a local, looking for scenic hikes, relaxing getaways, or incredible culinary delights, this guide will help you plan the perfect outing. Uncover hidden gems, beloved local spots, and everything that makes the Great Northern Catskills an adventure like no other! Pick up your copy at businesses around the county or in the lobbies of the County Building at 411 Main Street in Catskill. <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/travel-guide>



The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Swings into Spring at the Connecticut Golf Show

Each year, the Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Tourism Office proudly participates in the annual Connecticut Golf Show, a premier event held at the Connecticut Convention Center. Spanning three exciting days, the show attracts thousands of passionate golf enthusiasts eager to explore the latest in golf equipment, travel destinations, and experiences. This year, **Christman's Windham House Inn & Golf Resort** represented the Great Northern Catskills, showcasing the region's top-tier golf courses, breathtaking scenery, and premier lodging options. With its rolling fairways, scenic mountain backdrops, and championship-level play, Greene County is a true golfer's paradise. The event provided a fantastic opportunity to connect with golf travelers, highlight the area's renowned courses, exceptional hospitality, and diverse recreational offerings, and inspire visitors to plan their next golf getaway in Greene County. As the spring season tees off, we look forward to welcoming golf lovers to experience the unparalleled beauty and challenge of Greene County's courses. Whether a seasoned pro or a weekend golfer, there's no better place to perfect your swing than in the Great Northern Catskills!

PLANNING



Why You Shouldn't Cut Trees in Summer: It's for the Bats

In New York State, there are rules to help protect bats that live in trees during the warmer months. Some bats, like the northern long-eared bat, sleep and raise their babies in tree bark or holes in trees from April to October. To keep them safe, the state recommends cutting down trees only between November 1 and March 31, when bats are hibernating in caves. While these guidelines may be advisory for private landowners, they can become mandatory when projects occur on state land, involve state or federal permits, or trigger environmental reviews under laws like SEQRA. Before proceeding with any tree clearing, especially in wooded or rural areas, landowners and developers are encouraged to consult the DEC or use tools like the Environmental Resource Mapper to determine if bat habitat protections apply to their property. <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/biodiversity-species-conservation/endangered-species/northern-long-eared-bats-protection>

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