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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### Windham Mountain Announces Initial Resort Master Plan



Windham Mountain has presented a resort master plan to the Town Board of Windham. The presentation focused on the development of the acquired Fromm/East Side property, incorporating townhomes, single-family properties, lots, and green space. The plan also includes enhanced property beautification and expanded lodging. This strategic enhancement aims to provide a more comfortable experience for out-of-town guests, encouraging them to extend their visits and explore all that the destination has to offer. View the master plan at <https://www.windhammountain.com/learn/press-room/initial-master-plan/>

### New Windham Ambulance Headquarters & Senior Center



A community ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on July 22nd at this new facility at the intersection of South Street and Route 23 on the west side of Windham. Ambulance crews, over the years, have been stationed in a rental building on the eastern outskirts of town that sufficed but had professional shortcomings. Key features of the building include a proper, interior decontamination room complete with washing and controlled disposal capabilities, as well as the new home of the Windham Senior Center.

Read the full story on page C1 of the Mountain Eagle at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wBqRtCERjHnF5ZTpruH6oafTnUhdJPV/view>



### Downtown Revitalization Initiative Round 7 and NY Forward Round 2 Officially Announced

Communities across the state will be gearing up for another round of NYS's infamously competitive Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) and NY Forward (NYF) programs according to an announcement made by Governor Hochul earlier this week. This announcement marks the seventh iteration of the DRI program, which was created in 2016 to catalyze revitalization efforts in each of the ten economic development regions across the State, while NYF enters its second rendition after launching in 2022. The latter program was recently established to offer smaller, more rural downtown corridors, a chance at competing with comparable communities, each vying for a more proportionate award compared to their larger, DRI-focused, counterparts. Two Greene County communities received funding from each program within the past two years. The Village of Tannersville was awarded \$10 million in 2021 as part of the fifth round of the DRI, while most recently, the Village of Coxsackie was awarded \$4.5 million as the first-ever NY Forward awardee in the Capital Region. To learn more about the programs, and to read the official press release, please visit <https://greencountyedc.com/news/dont-miss-out-on-nys-funding-for-your-greene-county-community/>

## TOURISM

### Hull-O Farms Honored



In 2023, Hull-O Farms was nominated by State Senator Michelle Hinchey to be added to the State Historic Business Registry. The designation was celebrated on Wednesday, July 16, 2023, with a ceremony at the farm attended by Senator Hinchey, Assemblyman Chris Tague, Greene County Sheriff Peter Kusminsky, Greene County Tourism Director

Patty Austin, Town Historian MaryLou Nahas, and members of the Durham Valley Land Trust. Senator Hinchey said that the designation is a “well-deserved honor” for Hull-O Farms, and that the farm is “a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Hull family.” The farm is situated on 275 acres in the Northern Catskill Mountains and currently produces hay, corn, and all-natural meats. It also offers farm stay vacations and seasonal hunting opportunities. Over the past 30 years, they have had over 10,000 guests at the farm. See more at <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/resorts-lodging/hull-o-farms-farm-stay>



### Christman's Windham House Country Inn & Golf Course Re-Opening

The grand reopening of Christman's new Pro Shop was held in Windham on July 12, 2023. The shop was lost in

a fire two years ago, but has been rebuilt by Brian Christman and his team. The grand reopening included raffles, games, fireworks, music, an outdoor bar, and a free hotdog BBQ. Christman's Windham House is a family-owned and operated resort that has been in the Christman family for three generations. The resort has a long history in the Catskills, dating back to 1805. It offers 50 hotel rooms, 27 holes of golf, a heated pool, a restaurant, a bar, a driving range, and golf lessons from its pros. See more at <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/resorts-lodging/christmans-windham-house-country-inn-and-golf-resort>

### Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival a Huge Success



The 2023 festival featured a lineup of some of the biggest names in bluegrass music, including Béla Fleck, Steep Canyon Rangers, and The Del McCoury Band. The festival also featured up-and-coming artists, giving them a chance to showcase their talent to a large audience. Grey Fox is a family-friendly event with activities for people of all ages, including workshops and kids' concerts. The festival site on the Walsh Farm (a working farm in Oak Hill) provided an agrarian setting, and the surrounding woods and mountains offered plenty of opportunities for hiking, biking, and fishing. With its loyal following of fans, Grey Fox is consistently ranked as one of the best bluegrass festivals in the country. The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County Tourism Department was proud to be a part of the festival again this year, and meet new and returning friends at our booth. See more at <https://www.greatnortherncatskills.com/events>

## PLANNING

### Empire State Development Hosting DRI/NYF Forum

NYS ESD will host an online forum for organizations seeking to apply for Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward funding on August 9th. Interested parties considering an application this year can register and receive instructions on how to join the meeting. These programs delivered \$10 million to the Village of Tannersville in 2022 and \$4.5 Million to the Village of Coxsackie in 2023. Greene County communities are urged to apply to this highly competitive process, even if they have not received awards in the past.

Register for the forum at <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjEvdusqDMiHNGPZbud6ZLoFMjyL8Tvkz8Q>

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