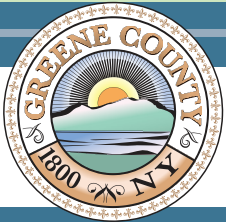


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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Tannersville Awarded \$1.2 Million for Critical Dam Improvements

The Village of Tannersville has been awarded \$1.2 million in state funding for improvements to the earthen dam for Reservoir No. 3, the Village's primary drinking water supply. Those upgrades are mandated by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and include replacement of the reservoir spillway and enhancement of the dam's earthen embankment, which has slowly deteriorated over 68 years because of severe tropical storms

[Read the full story at Porcupine Soup](#)



Official Check Presentation at Gray Willow

On Friday, January 16th, community members and local officials gathered to celebrate that Gray Willow was awarded a total of \$179,000 in 2025 under the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development program. Because of this grant, the business was able to enhance its offerings to patrons, expand its production capability, equip a welcoming space for customers to gather and enjoy each other's company, and create over a dozen jobs.

[Read their Success Story here.](#)

Loomie's Luncheonette Opens at the Head of Main Street in Catskill

2026 kicked off with the opening of yet another great Greene County business. Josie, a lifelong Hudson Valley native, has spent most of her life building small businesses rooted in food, joy, and community. Stop in to Loomie's for sandwiches, pastries, coffee, and cupcakes.

Follow them on [Facebook](#) and on Instagram at [@loomies_luncheonette](#).



MULTI Grant 2.0—2026

The Greene County MULTI Grant Training Program concluded this week, bringing together local entrepreneurs, start-up businesses, and established small business owners from across the county.

This year's program is focused on providing practical, hands-on training in areas that matter most to local businesses, including business planning, marketing, record keeping, taxes, and financial management. The trainings are especially meaningful because they bring a strong connection to the Greene County community.

Led by local professionals who live and work in Greene County, expertise is shared with our existing and start-up small business community. These professionals understand the local landscape and are able to offer guidance that is both relevant and realistic. As the program continues, it strengthens local businesses, supports job creation, and encourages reinvestment within Greene County—benefiting the entire community. An application will be available to download from the program website this week.



TOURISM

I Love NY and the Great Northern Catskills Host Accessibility Influencer



Photo courtesy of the Adaptive Sports Foundation

The tourism team collaborated with I Love NY to bring Nikki Walsh, a passionate advocate for inclusivity, to Greene County for an adaptive sports experience through the Adaptive Sports Foundation at Windham Mountain Club.

As a social media influencer, Nikki shares her firsthand experience and leadership, highlighting the power of sport for individuals of all abilities and inspiring others through

adaptive athletics. Her visit showcased the region's commitment to accessibility and inclusion.

Booked on the Hudson at the James Newbury and a Women's Reading Retreat in Windham

Book retreats are quickly becoming a hot new trend in tourism, blending wellness travel with literature as visitors seek relaxing, mindful getaways centered around reading and connection.

Reading-focused events like Booked on the Hudson: Readers Retreat & Book Fair at the James Newbury's Wire Event Center are drawing book lovers to Greene County for author talks, themed



dining, and community experiences. Readers retreats offer a cozy Catskills escape where attendees dive into trending books, nature walks, and shared discussions, further boosting winter travel.

The growing interest in literary retreats is helping attract visitors to Upstate New York, especially during the quieter months of the tourism calendar.

PLANNING & SERVICES

Real Property Tax Service Unveils New Web Map

The [Greene County GIS Web Map](#) has been updated to include the most recent aerial imagery flown in 2025. This update is part of the New York Statewide Digital Orthoimagery Program, which has been producing high-quality orthoimagery since 2000 and aims to refresh statewide coverage on a four to five year cycle.

Through this ongoing partnership with New York State, Greene County now offers aerial imagery from 2001, 2004, 2009, 2013, 2016, and 2025, providing more than two decades of historical imagery for public use. Regularly updated aerial imagery supports county operations by improving the accuracy and efficiency of property assessment, community planning, and emergency management efforts, while reducing the need for field inspections.

For planning purposes, this imagery helps identify development trends, land-use changes, and growth patterns over time. For residents and other users, it offers a clear visual record of how properties and communities have evolved.

The public is encouraged to explore both the new and historic imagery through the GIS Web Map by selecting the Basemap Gallery widget located in the upper right-hand corner of the map panel.



Proposed SEQRA Reforms

Certain locally focused projects may benefit from the state's "Let Them Build" proposal, included in Governor Hochul's New York State Fiscal Year 2027 Executive Budget.



The proposal would streamline the environmental review process, including changes to SEQRA and expanded use of Generic Environmental Impact Statements (GEISs), for certain projects on previously disturbed sites.

It would also expand SEQRA exemptions and Type II actions for select categories—such as qualifying housing, certain water and wastewater infrastructure work, parks and trails, childcare facilities, and green infrastructure retrofits. In addition, the proposal would set clearer timelines for SEQRA decisions to improve predictability and reduce delays.

[Read the full impact report here.](#)

REMINDER: DMV to CLOSE for Technology Upgrades The Catskill DMV will be closing at **1 PM on Friday, February 13th**, for statewide technology upgrades. It will reopen at 12 PM on Wednesday, February 18th, pending NYS approval.

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