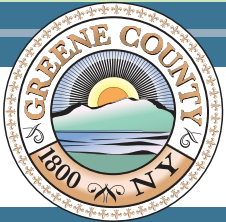


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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Honoring Excellence in Public Service

Greene County Administrator Shaun Groden has been named the recipient of the 2026 Robert D. McEvoy Excellence in Local Government Service Award, presented by the New York State Academy for Public Administration.



The award recognizes outstanding leadership, dedication, and contributions to local government across New York State. Groden was nominated with "great enthusiasm" by New York State Association of Counties Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario, who highlighted his commitment to public service and effective county leadership.

Congratulations to Shaun on this well-deserved honor and recognition of his service to Greene County.

[Read the full announcement](#)

Greene County EDC Co-Hosts 2026 CFA Application Workshop

Businesses, municipalities, nonprofits, and developers are invited to learn about funding opportunities available through New York State's 2026 Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) program.

Greene County Economic Development Corporation and Choose Columbia Economic Development Corporation will host a free workshop on June 17 at Columbia-Greene Community College, providing an overview of the CFA process, available funding programs, and guidance for prospective applicants. The application portal is now open, with most programs due by July 31 at 4 p.m. The CFA serves as New York State's primary portal for economic and community development funding, supporting projects related to economic development, tourism, housing and more.



[Learn more about the CFA workshop and get registered today](#)

Raising Awareness Through ThinkDIFFERENTLY

Greene County is continuing its commitment to building a more inclusive community through ThinkDIFFERENTLY, a call to action designed to improve accessibility and support for individuals with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities.

Founded in 2015 by former Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, ThinkDIFFERENTLY encourages municipalities, businesses, and community organizations to break down barriers and create more welcoming environments for all residents. Greene County adopted the initiative's principles in 2018 and remains dedicated to fostering accessibility, inclusion, and responsive services.

During a recent presentation to county legislators, Molinaro and Dutchess County Deputy Commissioner and All Abilities Program Director Dana Hopkins shared ideas for expanding Greene County's efforts and strengthening opportunities for residents of all abilities.

[Learn more about Greene County's ongoing efforts](#)



TOURISM

Collaboration and Creativity at the NYS Tourism Conference



Greene County Tourism representatives Patty Austin and Erin Dennin attended the 2026 New York State Tourism Conference in Utica, joining industry professionals from across the state for three days of professional development, networking, and industry insights.

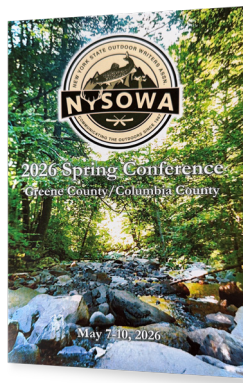
As part of the conference's Scholarship Auction, which raises funds for students pursuing careers in tourism, Greene County donated a "Family Fun in the Sun" package. The package featured a generous two-night stay for four guests and a dining voucher from James Newbury Hudson Valley, along with four tickets donated by Zoom Flume Water Park.

The contribution helped support the next generation of tourism professionals while showcasing some of Greene County's premier visitor experiences.

Writers Discover the Wild Side of Greene County

Greene County Tourism Director Patty Austin and Columbia County Tourism Deputy Administrator Adam Miller attended the New York State Outdoor Writers Association Annual Conference opening reception at Glen Falls House. During the event, they connected with more than 20 outdoor writers representing a variety of publications.

Throughout the weekend, attendees experienced the outdoor recreation and sporting opportunities available across both counties, gaining firsthand knowledge and a deeper understanding of the region's offerings.



PLANNING

Planning for Stronger Communities

Greene County Planning Department, in partnership with the New York Department of State and Columbia County Planning Department, will host a training seminar for planning and zoning officials on June 15 at the Greene County Emergency Services Training Center in Cairo.

2026 SPRING
PLANNING OFFICIALS
TRAINING SEMINAR
MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

Register by June 10, 2026

The program will cover key topics including affordable housing, spot zoning and use variances, and county referral requirements under General Municipal Law §239. The training is free to attend and may qualify for required continuing education credits for municipal planning and zoning officials.

[Register by June 10.](#)

Residents Help Shape Greenville's Future

More than 460 residents, neighbors, and visitors shared their perspectives as part of Greenville's ongoing Comprehensive Plan update, helping shape a vision for the community's future growth and development.

Feedback at workshops and from survey results highlighted Greenville's strong sense of community, rural character, and open green spaces as some of the town's greatest strengths. Participants also identified key priorities for the future, including expanded business development, more opportunities for young people, and improved phone and internet connectivity.



The feedback will help guide the next phase of the planning process as Greenville works to develop strategies that preserve community character while addressing emerging needs and opportunities.

[Learn more about Greenville's Comprehensive Plan survey results](#)

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