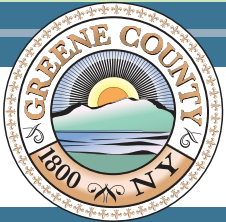


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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Hospitality Success Story in Greene County

What happens when entrepreneurs see potential in an underutilized property? The Willow Inn + Events in Catskill is a great example.

After purchasing and renovating a mid-century motel, brothers Michael and Greg Arnold transformed it into a thriving hospitality destination that supports local artisans, attracts visitors, and contributes to Greene County's growing tourism economy.

[Read Their Success Story](#)

South Cairo Country Store Celebrates Grand Opening

The South Cairo Country Store celebrated its official grand opening and ribbon-cutting on Friday, June 26. What began as a vision to create a modern, full-service destination has grown into a business offering fuel, groceries, prepared foods, beer, wine, and liquor under one roof. The project has increased customer traffic, expanded services for residents and visitors, and serves as an example of continued private investment and business growth in Greene County.

[Read More About this Business Growth on Display](#)



Reminder: Brownfield Assessment Initiative Public Information Meeting

Greene and Columbia Counties are inviting residents, property owners, developers, and community stakeholders to learn more about the Brownfield Assessment Initiative during a virtual public information meeting on Thursday, July 16 from 6-7 p.m.

Supported by a \$1.5 million EPA Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant, the initiative aims to identify and revitalize underutilized properties affected by environmental contamination, helping transform sites into productive assets that attract investment, create jobs, and support community revitalization.

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TOURISM



Lights, Cameras, Aliens!

Greene County recently made it to the big screen as Steven Spielberg's sci-fi thriller *Disclosure Day* featured several local locations, including Peckham Materials Quarry, Game Farm Road, and the Catskill Motor Court in Catskill, along with Selenia's Diner in Haines Falls.

Since its June release, the film has become a box office hit, debuting at No. 1 and earning nearly \$93 million worldwide in its opening weekend. The production showcased the Great Northern Catskills to audiences around the globe.

Greene County Celebrates 250 Years of American Spirit – Happy Birthday America!

Celebrate America's 250th birthday at the at the county's America 250 Celebration on July 3rd in the Village of Catskill.

This free community event will feature local vendors, food trucks, family activities, live music, and a special commemorative ceremony at the Greene County Courthouse, including the dedication of two America 250 historical plaques and the filling of a community time capsule.

It's a festive way to kick off Independence Day weekend in the Great Northern Catskills.



[Join the Celebration](#)



Concert in the Catskills Hits All the Right Notes

The fourth annual Concert in the Catskills drew music fans to Historic Catskill Point for an evening of live entertainment, community, and summer fun.

Headlined by Parmalee with special guest Kelsey Hart, the event brought energy to the waterfront while encouraging visitors to explore local businesses, restaurants, and attractions throughout Greene County.

PLANNING

NYS Smart Growth Community Planning Grant Program Now Accepting Applications

The New York State Department of State is accepting applications for the 2026-2027 Smart Growth Community Planning Grant Program through July 31, 2026.

The program provides funding to municipalities for comprehensive plans, zoning updates, and other planning initiatives that support sustainable growth and community development. Municipalities considering planning or zoning projects are encouraged to explore this funding opportunity to help advance local priorities.



[Learn More and Apply.](#)

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