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LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

Scholarship Opportunities Available at Columbia-Greene Community College

The Greene County Legislature has approved \$100,000 for the Columbia-Greene Community College Foundation's Greene County Cares Fund for the 2026–2027 academic year. The funding helps Greene County residents with tuition towards earning a degree or certificate at the college and supports college-related transportation and other educational expenses.

"The Greene Light to Enrollment Scholarship from the Greene County Legislature was a tremendous help to me... It took a weight off my shoulders to get this support. I have chosen a course of study in Education. It makes me feel very hopeful to be pursuing my degree."

- Greene County Student at
Columbia-Greene Community College

[Learn more and apply today](#)

Greene County Continues to Invest in the Youth Fair

For more than 70 years, the Greene County Youth Fair has brought the community together each July with free admission, family-friendly entertainment, and a celebration of the next generation carrying on the county's rich agricultural traditions. To help preserve this longstanding event, the Greene County Legislature contributed \$40,000 in 2026 to the Greene County Agricultural Society to support fair operating costs.



This investment helps ensure the Greene County Youth Fair remains a treasured community tradition and the last free fair in New York State. The fairgrounds have also benefited from county support, including a previous \$25,000 allocation from the Greene County Legislature for improvements to the Butler Building.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Greene County Legislature Advances Cementon Redevelopment Plan

Planning for the future redevelopment of the approximately 1,700-acre Cementon site continues as the Greene County Legislature has approved the Final Scoping Document for the project's environmental review. The document reflects public and agency input and establishes the topics that will be studied before future redevelopment plans are considered. The environmental review will evaluate transportation, infrastructure, utilities, natural resources, community character, and economic impacts to help inform future decisions for the site. The effort supports Greene County's long-term vision of attracting private investment, creating quality jobs, and preparing the property for responsible redevelopment while ensuring potential impacts are thoroughly evaluated through a transparent public process.



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Greene County's MULTI Grant Program Supports Local Business Growth

Greene County recently approved up to \$240,000 in MULTI Grant funding for seven local businesses, supporting projects that will expand operations, strengthen marketing efforts, and invest in new equipment, technology, and inventory. Last month, the recipients signed their closing documents, allowing project implementation to begin. Across the program's two completed funding rounds, Greene County has awarded 19 businesses a total of \$495,000 in MULTI Grants, with individual awards totaling up to \$35,000. The program continues to help local businesses invest in projects that strengthen Greene County's economy and create opportunities for long-term growth.



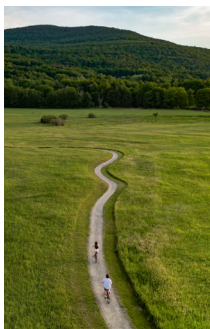
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TOURISM

Influencers Spotlight the Great Northern Catskills

Travel creators Dave and Joce spent a weekend exploring the Great Northern Catskills, showcasing the region's outdoor adventures, local businesses, unique lodging, and culinary experiences. From biking the Windham Path and kayaking to the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse to discovering local restaurants, breweries, and small businesses, they shared their experience with more than 93,000 followers while directing audiences to the Great Northern Catskills website to plan their own visit.

[Explore their itinerary and start planning your Catskills getaway](#)



A Memorable America 250 Celebration

Greene County Tourism extends its thanks to the vendors, volunteers, partners, and community members who helped make the America 250 Celebration in Catskill a success. More than 250 people attended the commemorative ceremony, while an estimated 2,000 visitors enjoyed an evening of local vendors, demonstrations, and family-friendly activities. A highlight of the event was the dedication of the America 250 Time Capsule, which will be opened in 2076 and preserves a snapshot of life in Greene County for future generations. The capsule was filled with letters to future generations, messages from Greene County departments, the 2026 Catskill High School yearbook, historic publications, the 2026 Great Northern Catskills Travel Guide, a Rev 250 commemorative poster, and even a roll of pennies, along with many other keepsakes. The capsule will preserve a snapshot of life in Greene County for the next 50 years.

During the ceremony, Tourism Director Patty Austin was also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Honeyford Memorial American Legion Post 110 in recognition of her leadership in coordinating the celebration.



Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Tours Return

The Hudson-Athens Lighthouse tours are back, offering visitors a chance to explore one of the Hudson River's most iconic landmarks. Tours depart from Athens on August 8, September 12, and October 10, with additional departures from Hudson. Guests will enjoy a scenic boat ride aboard Catskill Charters before touring the historic lighthouse with volunteer guides and taking in panoramic river views.

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Palenstock Returns to the Catskills

Following the reopening of the historic Griffin House, Palenville continues its exciting revival with the return of Palenstock on Saturday, August 15. Enjoy a full day of live music, local art, food vendors, and family-friendly fun while celebrating the creative spirit of the Catskills. Proceeds from this year's festival will support the new Palenville Peoples Park.

[Learn more and plan your visit](#)



PLANNING



Greene County Planning Department Joins Greenway Board

The Greene County Economic Development, Tourism and Planning Project Manager Kurt Goettsche has been appointed as Greene County's representative on the Hudson River Valley Greenway Communities Council. The council works to advance regional planning, trail development, waterfront revitalization, historic preservation, and community development throughout the Hudson Valley. His appointment ensures Greene County has a strong voice in shaping regional initiatives and accessing future Greenway programs and funding opportunities.

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