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Glamping Fuels Growth in Greene County



From cozy cabins and tiny-house resorts to luxury retreats, glamping is becoming a growing part of Greene County's tourism economy. Independently owned properties like A Tiny House Resort, Gather Greene, Piaule and Eastwind are attracting visitors looking to experience the outdoors without sacrificing comfort.

According to the New York State Tourism Industry Association, lodging accounted for $132.4 million in visitor spending in 2025. This growing industry is creating new opportunities for local entrepreneurs while supporting restaurants, shops and businesses throughout the county.

Explore the Success Story



Shop Small, Make a Big Impact

Celebrate Small Business Saturday on November 28 by supporting the local businesses that make Greene County a great place to live, work and visit. From independent shops and restaurants to local artisans and family-owned businesses, every purchase helps strengthen our local economy.

Whether you're shopping for holiday gifts, dining out or discovering a new favorite spot, make a difference by shopping small and supporting local this season.

Explore Our Small Businesses

Turn Your Business Ideas into Reality

Looking to start a business or grow an existing one? The Institute for Rural Vitality at SUNY Cobleskill Ag & Tech is offering a free, 10-week Business Development Bootcamp from November 10 through January 26.

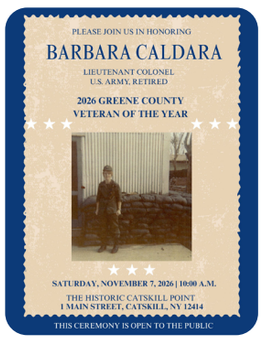
Held fully online Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6–8 p.m., the program offers practical business skills, networking opportunities, expert insights and personalized support to help entrepreneurs take the next step.

Reserve Your Spot



GREENE COUNTY LEGISLATURE IN ACTION

Greene County Names 2026 Veteran of the Year



Greene County proudly recognizes Lieutenant Colonel Barbara Caldara, U.S. Army, Retired, as its 2026 Veteran of the Year. From serving as an Army nurse during the Vietnam War to dedicating decades to public health and community service, Caldara has made a lasting impact through her commitment to others.

Join us in honoring her service on Saturday, November 7, at 10 a.m. at the Historic Catskill Point. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Making Everyday Shopping Easier for Children and Adults with Disabilities



Greene County Public Health has introduced Caroline's Carts at grocery and retail stores throughout the county, giving older children and adults with disabilities or limited mobility a safe, comfortable way to be a part of everyday shopping trips. Each cart has a built-in seat, so riders can shop with their family member or caregiver.

This initiative is part of the county's ongoing work to make everyday places more accessible. Caroline's Carts are now available at Tops stores in Greenville and Coxsackie, Great American in Prattsville, Price Chopper in Catskill and Family Dollar in West Coxsackie.

Improving Pedestrian Safety in Haines Falls



Greene County has been awarded $731,440 in funding to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in Haines Falls. The project will extend ADA-compliant sidewalks along portions of State Route 23A and North Lake Road, helping close a key gap in the Hunter Regional Trail System.

With construction anticipated to begin in 2028, this investment will help create safer connections between local communities, trails and popular outdoor destinations.

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TOURISM



Tourism Brings $335 Million to Greene County in 2025!

Tourism continues to be a powerful economic driver for Greene County. According to the latest economic impact report from Tourism Economics, commissioned by Empire State Development and I LOVE NY, visitors spent $335 million at local businesses in 2025. From lodging and dining to recreation and shopping, visitor spending supports businesses throughout the county.

The impact goes beyond visitor spending, generating $17.7 million in county tax revenue, helping offset the tax burden on local residents. Tourism also supports $121.4 million in local employment income, an increase of $5.7 million. These dollars sustain local jobs, small businesses and the experiences that make the Great Northern Catskills a wonderful place to visit and live. Tourism benefits our entire community!

Read the full Greene County Tourism Economic Impact Report

Fall Festivities Fill the Great Northern Catskills



The Great Northern Catskills of Greene County celebrated fall in a big way, with festivals and activities across all three regions—the River, Valley, and Mountains! From Oktoberfest celebrations and Colors in the Catskills at Hunter Mountain to the delicious Beer, Bacon & Bourbon Festival at Meadowbrook Farms, there was no shortage of seasonal fun, local flavors, live entertainment, and spectacular autumn scenery.

View All Upcoming Events



A Comedy Weekend That Had Everyone in Stitches

Catskills Comedy Festival brought nationally recognized comedians, rising stars, and local talent together for a weekend of laughter. From stand-up and improv to performances by Ophira Eisenberg, Jocelyn Chia, Raanan Hershberg, and Jared Freid, audiences enjoyed an exciting lineup throughout the village. Beyond the stage, workshops, free events, and local shopping and dining made the festival a celebration of comedy, creativity, and community in the Great Northern Catskills!

Celebrate the Completion of Main Street in Downtown Catskill

Celebrate Catskill's newly completed Main Street at the First Friday Fall Festival on Friday, November 6, from 5–8 p.m.! With construction wrapped up, join the 5:30 p.m. ribbon-cutting, then enjoy live music, a Puppy Pub Crawl, family-friendly activities, shopping and dining specials, raffles, and prizes. Bring your family and friends and show some love to the downtown merchants who make Main Street special!

Get All The Details



PLANNING



Agricultural District Applications Now Open

Greene County's annual application period for additions to Agricultural District No. 124 is now open through November 30. Eligible landowners can apply to have their property considered for inclusion, helping preserve the farmland, open spaces and rural character that make Greene County unique.

More information and the enrollment form are available on the County's website. County Planning staff will contact eligible applicants to schedule a site visit.

Apply Now

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