

### CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- April, 2023

1. We met with the Cornell Cooperative Extension in March re: the Disaster Preparedness Outreach Project. They will assist Gardiner in publicizing available local resources in the event of a disaster.
2. Repair Café was on 2/26/23 and it was a great success! Twelve coaches greeted 25 guests and worked on 44 broken but beloved items. Some notable items included a musical carousel, pearl necklaces, photos, bags, irons, record player, and coffee grinder. Eighty two percent were either fixed or diagnosed for next steps. Only eight items were deemed beyond repair.
3. The Coordinator of Climate Smart Gardiner is stepping down. We are working to recruit a new Coordinator to promote a smooth transition.
4. We are promoting the Gardiner Library's "Bags to Benches" project, where residents can bring plastic bags, film, and wrap to the library, transfer station and new Paltz High School for the next 6 months. 500 lbs. of plastic will be transformed by Trex into a bench for the library. Let's do this!
5. We plan to have our annual Gardiner Riverkeeper Sweep on 5/6. This is a great opportunity for residents to pitch in a clean-up the Walkkill River and surrounding land, as well as try to recycle the garbage we find.
6. We will be tabling at the 20th annual New Paltz Earth Day event on 4/22. The theme is the "Ten Commitments: A Pathway to Sustainability."
7. An intern from SUNY New Paltz joined CSG for the spring semester. She is currently working on Gardiner's Emergency Plan and other projects.
8. We continue to move forward with LED streetlight conversion with NYPA and Central Hudson. This will result in lower costs and decreased GHG emissions.
9. We are coordinating with Greenway, a company that helps keep events to "zero waste," as well as other stakeholders, to discuss events where we can partner, such as the Ulster County Fair and Gardiner Day. Greenway is partnering with New Paltz Earth Day to promote zero waste.
10. We continue to advocate with the Danskammer Coalition against the Danskammer project.
11. The Walkkill Climate Club will be presenting a carbon sequestration report of our recent Trees for Tribes project at our April CSG Meeting.
12. We are continuing to move forward with CCA implementation. The Town Board has met with Joule to discuss options for possible implementation.
13. Our monthly meetings use the ZOOM platform and links for the meeting be found on the Town of Gardiner website or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/climatesmartgardiner/>