

## CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- November, 2020

- 1) We are working to install signage for sponsors and parking for the EV Charging Station.
- 2) Vernon, a resident of Saugerties, will present to CSG about ways to install a solar array at a landfill.
- 3) We are hoping to collaborate with the Cornell Cooperative Extension to complete a Climate Smart Resiliency Tool, designed to help Gardiner adapt to climate change. The Town Board will consider this partnership at their next meeting.
- 4) ICLEI, a group focused on sustainability, will present to CSG on tools to complete our Community GHG Emissions Inventory.
- 5) We are considering ways to switch Gardiner's streetlights to LEDs and have been consulting with James Brigagliano to discuss ways to include Dark Skies concepts; first steps will likely include an audit of current streetlights.
- 6) Andrea Frank, Gardiner resident and SUNY New Paltz professor, led a virtual climate action workshop for the public through the Gardiner Library on 10/19. Nine people attended this great interactive event. During this presentation, participants learned effective ways to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions.
- 7) The annual Wallkill Riverkeeper Sweep was on 10/17 and was a huge success. Local volunteers cleaned the Wallkill River by water and land, recycling some of the garbage we found. By the numbers: There were 23 adult volunteers, 17 children volunteers= 40 volunteers! 25 large bags of garbage were collected. 35 tires were removed from the river and riverfront. There were many miscellaneous items including a cast iron sink, golf frisbee course sign, large wooden spool, chairs, farm equipment, rear view mirror, 2 charcoal grills, metal gear, huge metal culvert pipe, barbed wire, basketball, and shoes. Overall, 27,801 lbs. of debris were removed from 65 projects (Brooklyn to Capital Region).
- 8) We are working with Joule on the next steps in the CCA process, including a MOU with the Town.
- 9) We appointed several new members to CSG, including Misha Fredericks and Tara Hoey. Congratulations!
- 10) We promoted the Green Group Purchase Program, designed by Sustainable Hudson Valley. The Program works to obtain group discounted rates on energy efficient heating and cooling systems, such as heat pumps, for the public. This program ended on 10/31/20.
- 11) We are working with the Ulster County CSC to disseminate CCA to Ulster County municipalities.
- 12) We are tabulating completed Climate Smart Communities actions in order to apply for Climate Smart Communities Bronze Certification and increased access to grant opportunities.
- 13) We are collaborating with the ECC and Open Space Commission on the Gardiner Natural Resource Inventory.
- 14) We created annual reports process for the public and Town Board on CSG's activities for 2018 and 2019. These are posted on the Town of Gardiner website. We will create a revised annual summary format for 2020, according to Climate Smart Communities criteria.
- 15) Due to Coronavirus, many community projects, such as Trees for Tribes and Go Green Expo, are postponed; we are having our monthly CSG Taskforce meetings via teleconference for the time being. Our monthly meetings use the Microsoft Teams platform and links for the meeting be found on the Town of Gardiner website or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/climatesmartgardiner/>