

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- December, 2020

- 1) We are working to install signage for sponsors and parking for the EV Charging Station.
- 2) Anilla Cherian, Hudson Valley Regional Council's Clean Energy Communities Coordinator, will present to our CSG Taskforce on upcoming grants and opportunities through NYSERDA.
- 3) We are considering formal CSG bylaws, orientation process for Taskforce members, and ethics code.
- 4) We will be collaborating with UCRRA on their Zero Waste Seminar Project, to raise awareness of the environmental impacts of single use plastics, and how waste reduction and reuse can be practical strategies for pollution prevention.
- 5) We are working on constructing a solar array at the landfill and have connected with a potential developer to assess its feasibility.
- 6) We are collaborating with the Cornell Cooperative Extension to complete a Climate Smart Resiliency Tool, designed to help Gardiner adapt to climate change.
- 7) We are considering joining ICLEI, a group focused on sustainability. We are hopeful the Town Board will provide funds for membership dues; they will provide us tools to complete our Community GHG Emissions Inventory.
- 8) 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.
- 9) We are working with Joule on the next steps in the CCA process, including a MOU with the Town.
- 10) We are working with the Ulster County CSC to disseminate CCA to Ulster County municipalities.
- 11) We are tabulating completed Climate Smart Communities actions in order to apply for Climate Smart Communities Bronze Certification and increased access to grant opportunities.
- 12) We are collaborating with the ECC and Open Space Commission on the Gardiner Natural Resource Inventory.
- 13) 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.
- 14) Due to Coronavirus, many community projects, such as Trees for Tribs 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/>