

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- September, 2022

1. We coordinated with Ulster County to implement a Climate Smart Solutions Center at the Ulster County Fair and worked to make the Fair more green and sustainable.
2. We will provide educational materials at our table at Gardiner Day
3. We are considering recruiting interns to work on Gardiner's Emergency Plan, including Cooling Centers.
4. We participated in Ulster County's Municipal Environmental & Climate Committee Annual Roundtable and submitted a survey re: our priorities and successes for this event.
5. We achieved 4 High Impact Actions in NYSERDA's Clean Energy Communities Program, including sustainability projects with LEDs, Code Enforcement, EV Charging, as well as achieving Climate Smart Community status. Therefore, Gardiner is now recognized as a Clean Energy Community! We earned access to a \$5000 grant for our efforts. We recently submitted this grant application to reimburse the Town for EV Charger costs and provide for future maintenance and costs.
6. We continue to move forward with LED streetlight conversion with NYPA and Central Hudson. This will result in lower costs and decreased GHG emissions.
7. We are working on helping local farms implement green audits.
8. We continue to advocate with the Danskammer Coalition against the Danskammer project.
9. We have joined ICLEI, a network of governments focused on sustainability; they are providing us tools to complete our Community GHG Emissions Inventory. We have organized a sub-committee to complete this inventory and hope to present the results to the Town Board soon.
10. We are continuing to move forward with CCA implementation, though there have been some recent legal challenges to CCA that we are monitoring closely. We are communicating with other CCA stakeholders in the region about alternate CCA opportunities.
11. Per legal guidance, there are challenges with a solar array co-existing with parkland at the Transfer Station, so the solar array project is currently on hold.
12. 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/>