

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- October, 2021

- 1) We received credit for all 20 actions in our CSC application and received Bronze-level CSC status! This will increase our ability to obtain green grants and demonstrates Gardiner's commitment to the environment and our future. Thank you to the Town Board and community for helping us achieve this goal.
- 2) NYSERDA is offering an Energy Code Enforcement Training on 10/6/21. If the Code Enforcement Officer completes this training, we will have achieved 4 High Impact Actions in the Clean Energy Communities Program, making a \$5000 grant available to us for green projects.
- 3) We did maintenance on the Trees for Tribes planting by the Wallkill River.
- 4) Regarding a solar array at TOG landfill, we are developing an RFP for developers and hope to present a plan to the Town Board for review in October.
- 5) Two Gardiner residents are participating in the "Mid-Hudson Regional Solar Mapping Project." Through this training, offered through The Mid-Hudson Regional Sustainability Coalition Energy Working Group, we will assess Gardiner land for solar array suitability, given electrical, agricultural, and environmental considerations.
- 6) We are working to update Gardiner's GHG Emissions Inventory to include 2020 data.
- 7) We continue to move forward with LED streetlight conversion with NYPA and Central Hudson. This will result in lower costs and decreased GHG emissions.
- 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. The GHG Inventory training will run until November, 2021, when we hope to complete the inventory.
- 10) We are now waiting on other municipalities to join our Joule CCA bloc and monitoring CCA pricing, so we can offer the best green deal to residents. We hope to include a community solar opt-out option to our CCA program, where Gardiner residents would be able to take advantage of 10% off their electric bill through community solar, in addition to savings from our CCA project.
- 11) 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/>