

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- April, 2022

1. The Repair Café was held an event at the Gardiner Library on 2/27. There were 25 guests. Thirteen lamps and few vacuums were repaired, among other items. The next Repair Café will be held on 6/26.
2. We have been doing climate smart outreach in Plattekill and Shawangunk. We are hopeful that Plattekill will become a climate smart community.
3. Due to varied visions for the transfer station land from different groups, we created a sub-committee of municipal stakeholders. We recently met to collaborate and problem-solve any challenges. Our next step is to determine whether a solar array can co-exist with designated parkland.
4. We analyzed the usage and cost data from the EV Charger to determine how much to charge customers after the 2 years of free electricity is over on June 1, 2022. Per this analysis, we have proposed that customers be charged 25 cents per kWh.
5. We are coordinating with Open Space Commission and ECC to discuss an NRI Local Law, pending the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. This local law would make Gardiner's NRI a foundation for land development.
6. We will be participating in the annual Riverkeeper Sweep on 5/7, where we help clean the Wallkill River and recycle trash.
7. We are collaborating with Parks & Rec for an Arbor Day celebration on 5/21 at Town Hall. We are applying for an Ulster County Arbor Day grant.
8. We received a grant from NYSDEC for Trees for Tribes program to plant 370 trees and shrubs on the bank of the Wallkill River adjacent to the Gardiner landfill park on 5/21. This program is designed to plant trees along stream corridors to prevent erosion, increase flood water retention and protect water quality.
9. We are coordinating with Ulster County to make the Ulster County Fair more green and sustainable.
10. We have achieved 4 High Impact Actions in the Clean Energy Communities Program, making a \$5000 grant available to us for green projects. We have decided to use some of the money on EV Charger finances and the rest on building audits, designed to help businesses and municipal buildings become more energy efficient. Once we have all the details, we will submit for these grant funds.
11. We are updating Gardiner's GHG Emissions Inventory to include 2020 data.
12. We continue to move forward with LED streetlight conversion with NYPA and Central Hudson. This will result in lower costs and decreased GHG emissions.
13. We continue to advocate with the Danskammer Coalition against the Danskammer project.
14. 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 in the coming months.
15. We recently met with Joule and CCA pricing now seems more favorable, so we are moving forward with public information sessions at Town Hall, as well as virtually. Both virtual and in-person sessions will be offered on 4/9 at 1PM and 4/25 at 7PM. A virtual only meeting will be offered on 4/28 at 7PM.
16. 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/>