

## CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- May, 2023

1. We are coordinating with the Cornell Cooperative Extension re: the Disaster Preparedness Outreach Project. They will assist Gardiner in publicizing available local resources in the event of a disaster.
2. The Repair Café was on the *Today's Show* on 4/21, educating folks about the benefits of fixing beloved items. Go to CSG webpage to check it out!
3. The Coordinator of Climate Smart Gardiner is stepping down. We are working to recruit a new Coordinator to promote a smooth transition.
4. We are promoting the Gardiner Library's "Bags to Benches" project, where residents can bring plastic bags, film, and wrap to the library, transfer station and new Paltz High School for the next 6 months. 500 lbs. of plastic will be transformed by Trex into a bench for the library. Let's do this!
5. We completed a letter of support for an UCRRA grant to educate the public and distribute tiffins to local residents. Tiffins are reusable containers that restaurants can put customer take-out food into, instead of using plastic or disposable materials, and adding more garbage to the landfill.
6. We plan to have our annual Gardiner Riverkeeper Sweep on 5/6. This is a great opportunity for residents to pitch in a clean-up the Wallkill River and surrounding land, as well as try to recycle the garbage we find.
7. We tabled at the 20th annual New Paltz Earth Day event on 4/22. It was a great day with lots of educators and green vendors. The theme was the "Ten Commitments: A Pathway to Sustainability."
8. We submitted a quarterly summary of our projects to the Gardiner Gazette to help educate the public about our group.
9. An intern from SUNY New Paltz joined CSG for the spring semester. She is currently working on Gardiner's Emergency Plan and other projects.
10. We continue to move forward with LED streetlight conversion with NYPA and Central Hudson. This will result in lower costs and decreased GHG emissions.
11. We are coordinating with Greenway, a company that helps keep events to "zero waste," as well as other stakeholders, to discuss events where we can partner, such as the Ulster County Fair and Gardiner Day. Greenway partnered with New Paltz Earth Day to promote zero waste at the event.
12. We continue to advocate with the Danskammer Coalition against the Danskammer project.
13. There will be an Emergency Preparedness Presentation at the Gardiner Library on 5/23 from 12-2. It will be presented by Michael Madison, Deputy Director, U.C. Emergency Preparedness.
14. The Wallkill Climate Club presented a carbon sequestration report of our recent Trees for Tribes project at our April CSG Meeting.
15. We are continuing to move forward with CCA implementation. The Town Board has met with Joule to discuss options for possible implementation.
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/>

