

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- July, 2022

1. We are coordinating with Ulster County to make the Ulster County Fair more green and sustainable. We are volunteering in the Climate Smart booth.
2. The Repair Café held a great event at the library on 6/26. Volunteers handed out hotdogs and cotton candy. The band Stay Tuned provided live music. They had nine coaches who worked with 27 guests to save approximately 40 items from going to landfills. Of course there were the usual assortments of lamps. There were birdhouses, chairs - both full sized and one for a doll, a can opener, coffee maker, shoes, ceramics, a printer, typewriter, garden clippers, a clock, sweater and handbag.
3. We have 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! A \$5000 grant will be given to us for green projects and our proposal is due by 9/22/22. We have decided to use the money on EV Charger debts and potential maintenance costs.
4. We continue to move forward with LED streetlight conversion with NYPA and Central Hudson. This will result in lower costs and decreased GHG emissions.
5. We are working on helping local farms implement green audits.
6. We continue to advocate with the Danskammer Coalition against the Danskammer project.
7. 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.
8. We are continuing to move forward with CCA implementation.
9. 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.
10. 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/>