

Hub on the Hill

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New Addition to the Hub Fleet

The Hub on the Hill would like to share an exciting addition to our operations. The Hub is now able to carry out distribution for area farms and producers in a refrigerated box truck equipped with solar panels on the roof that power a cooling system. In cooperation with a grant from CSX and the Conservation Fund - this project is aimed at supporting and strengthening local transportation and distribution of fresh produce and healthy food to communities. This truck is integral to our community support efforts to consolidate and share resources for the mutual benefit of area farmers and improve access to wholesome foods for our regional and statewide community.

This unique vehicle is designed to satisfy our goals as a Hub while also diminishing the harmful impacts of fossil fuels. Most refrigerated trucks must idle or plug into to the grid to keep food cold but because of the solar power this vehicle continues to cool without the engine running. In addition to a lower environmental footprint, a solar system also allows users to load the truck in advance of a delivery since the cooler can be on without the use of the engine.

The Hub has plans to expand the use of the truck to deliver foods from local farms to local schools as part of the ongoing Farm to School initiative, to consolidate and deliver surplus produce, meat, eggs, dairy and herbs from Adirondack farms to Adirondack food banks, as well as to help farmers reach markets that were previously inaccessible due to transportation challenges. We are now delivering throughout the park and down the I-87 corridor three days a week. Thank **U** for your help in making this project go!

