

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- June, 2020

- 1) Due to Coronavirus, many community projects, such as Trees for Tribs, Go Green Expo, and Riverkeeper are postponed; we are having our monthly CSG Taskforce meetings via teleconference for the time being. Our monthly meetings use the Microsoft Teams platform and links for the meeting be found on the Town of Gardiner website or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/climatesmartgardiner/>
- 2) We completed a letter of support for Ulster County Resource and Recycling Agency's grant initiative- *Zero Waste Seminar Project*- designed to create and publicize seminars on the topic "Plastic Free July" in Ulster County.
- 3) The tubes supporting the shrubs from last year's "Trees for Tribs" initiative were removed. Unfortunately, only about half the shrubs survived.
- 4) We continue to work on constructing our EV charging station. The installer met with town officials and construction for the station has begun in library parking lot. There was an installation issue, and we are hopeful that the EV station will be online shortly.
- 5) We are considering next steps to transition Gardiner's streetlights to LEDs, reduce light pollution, and increase outdoor lighting energy efficiency. James Brigagliano presented about "Dark Sky" standards, which addresses these issues, at our May CSG meeting.
- 6) The annual Wallkill Riverkeeper Sweep, which CSG has participated in for the last two years, was postponed until 10/17/20.
- 7) We are hoping to create a community inventory of Gardiner's GHG emissions.
- 8) As the CCA resolution was recently passed by the Town Board, we have begun interviewing potential CCA administrators.
- 9) We are working with the Ulster County CSC to disseminate CCA to Ulster County municipalities.
- 10) We are tabulating completed Climate Smart Communities actions in order to apply for Climate Smart Communities Bronze Certification and increased access to grant opportunities.
- 11) We are collaborating with the ECC and Open Space Commission on the Gardiner Natural Resource Inventory.
- 12) We are working on an annual reporting process for the public and Town Board on CSG's activities for 2018 and 2019.
- 13) We are considering virtual platforms to present on topics such as gardening.
- 14) We are considering implementing a solar array at the landfill, though this is on hold due to Coronavirus.
- 15) We have begun disseminating the CSC model to neighboring Ulster County towns, such as Plattekill and Lloyd, though this is on hold due to Coronavirus.
- 16) We are partnering with Ulster County to create a tent at the Ulster County Fair to showcase green vendors, though this is on hold due to Coronavirus.
- 17) We are speaking with high school students about ways to bring recycling to the new Paltz schools, possibly as part of a Climate Smart Youth Taskforce, though this is on hold due to Coronavirus.

