

CSG Monthly Update for TB Workshop Meeting- March, 2019

- 1) We continue to explore converting Gardiner's streetlights to LEDs and constructing our EV charging station.
- 2) We are working on a municipal fleet inventory to assess GHG emissions.
- 3) We submitted a letter of support for an UCRRRA (Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency) grant concerning composting and food scraps.
- 4) We continue to be part of the Climate Action Plan Institute (CAPI), working toward creating an inventory for Gardiner's GHG emissions, setting targets to reduce emissions, and making plans to achieve these targets.
- 5) Mark Varian participated in a NYSERDA webinar to detail the process of creating Gardiner's GHG inventory on February 27th, from 10-11:30. The webinar was entitled, "Two key Resources: Clean Energy Communities and Climate Smart Communities."
- 6) Climate Smart Gardiner is having a free, kid-friendly "Go Green Expo" to showcase local green vendors and educators on Saturday, March 16th, from 11AM-3PM, at the Gardiner Firehouse. We are hoping to educate the public on ways to be more climate smart in their lives, such as going solar and eating local produce. There will be a raffle and lots of great prizes!
- 7) We are working on developing bylaws for our Taskforce.
- 8) We will be tabling at New Paltz's Earth event on April 21st.
- 9) We will be promoting and participating in this year's Walkkill Riverkeeper Sweep on May 4th.
- 10) We are submitted a NYS DEC grant for a kid-friendly, Trees for Tribs program for Gardiner:
"New York State's Trees for Tribs Program has been working to reforest New York's tributaries, or small creeks and streams, which flow into and feed larger rivers and lakes. The goal of the program is to plant young trees and shrubs along stream corridors, also known as riparian areas, in order to prevent erosion, increase flood water retention, improve wildlife and stream habitat, as well as protect water quality."