

GREENE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Executive Director's Report
Wednesday February 5, 2020 4:00 p.m.
Greene County Office Building, Room 427
411 Main Street, Catskill, NY 12414

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- 1) New building that CMH is doing at the Exit is on the west side of the property. The potential is 75-100 jobs, and no current services are being cut.
- 2) Quality Inn project is moving slowly. Working through the Thruway Authority is going slower than expected.
- 3) We anticipate that the Economic Development Strategy update will be completed in the Spring. The County is tentatively planning a joint County/Chamber/EDC event to discuss the forthcoming Workforce Summit and the Strategy on May 6. It likely will be a morning meeting, and will be the EDC meeting for that month.
- 4) We continue to look for loan possibilities. Staff held several meetings during the month with prospective clients, though none applied. It is possible that there will be an application or two for the March meeting.
- 5) No bids were received for the Audit RFP, and that will be reviewed and re-advertised later in the month. The RFQ for the consultant services on the loan side will be let next week. It is anticipated there will be bidders for the EDC Board to review in March.
- 6) The process for the new Community and Economic Development Specialist position is ongoing, and we hope to have that position advertised in the near future.
- 7) Columbia-Greene Community College recently signed an articulation agreement with SUNY Delhi to offer five Bachelor's Degrees programs through CGCC and online learning. CGCC has been very active in the development and evaluation of new programs since the recent changes in leadership.
- 8) The five grants that were completed in 2019 as part of the liquidation and buyout are in various stages of completion. The loans completed with Nordic House and Subversive are also in the implementation phase.
- 9) 2019 was the first year of operations for the Greene County EDC. Getting regular operations going and the first funding into the EDC were significant accomplishments for the first year. 2020 is anticipated to be a more active year for the EDC as we expand our reach and operations.