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8.1 Create a green jobs training program: SUNY Ulster's Clean Energy Technology Training and Energy Efficiency

From website:

Clean Energy Technology Training and Energy Efficiency

The college has expanded offerings in the fast-growing clean energy area with solar photovoltaics (PV) courses geared toward training installers and contractors, technical sales specialists, and engineers focused on solar electric systems design.

New offerings include Building Analyst Training and Building Envelope certification courses through the Building Performance Institute; as well as Fundamentals of Lighting Efficiency, Radiant Architecture, Biofuels and Biomass Energy Systems. [Find courses now.](#)

http://www.sunyulster.edu/continuing_education/business_and_career/

The screenshot shows the 'Business & Career Training' page on the SUNY Ulster website. The page features a navigation bar with 'ACADEMICS', 'ADMISSIONS & AID', 'CAMPUS & CULTURE', 'CONTINUING EDUCATION', and 'FOUNDATION'. The main content area is titled 'Business & Career Training' and includes a section for 'Careers Training' with three sub-sections: 1. Clean Energy Technology Training and Energy Efficiency, 2. Medical and Counseling, and 3. Notary Public Workshop. A sidebar on the left contains a 'Continuing Education' section with a 'Register & Pay Online Now!' button. The page also includes a search bar and a 'My SUNYulster' profile link.

http://www.sunyulster.edu/continuing_education/sustainability.php

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8.1 Create a green jobs training program: Ulster BOCES Clean Energy Training Academy and Innovative Manufacturing Technology

“Ulster BOCES accredited Green Technology and Innovative Manufacturing Technology programs take providing alternative energy training to the community and region to a new level,” stated Howard Korn, director of Career and Technical Education and Adult Services at Ulster BOCES. “The professional recognition we have achieved underscores the breadth and quality of our programs and instructors, and sets us apart from other programs.”

<http://www.ulsterboces.org/news.cfm?story=151>

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Ulster BOCES website. The page features a blue header with the Ulster BOCES logo and navigation links. The main content area displays a news article titled "Ulster BOCES Clean Energy Training Academy and Innovative Manufacturing Technology Open House". The article text describes an event where nearly 100 prospective adult students, local professionals, and others gathered at the Ulster BOCES Career and Technical Center in Port Ewen. It highlights the inauguration of the CETA and IMT programs, featuring tours, hands-on demonstrations, and a solar panel "install-a-thon". The article also mentions the recent ISPQ accreditation for the newly remodeled Photovoltaic (PV) classroom and a celebratory cake-cutting ceremony. A group photo of attendees is included. The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system tray indicating the time as 1:41 PM on 6/10/2016.

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As selfishness and complaint pervert and cloud the mind, so love with its joy clears and sharpens the vision.

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Ulster BOCES Clean Energy Training Academy and Innovative Manufacturing Technology Open House

Recently, nearly 100 prospective adult students, local professionals, tradespeople, and others interested in solar energy and manufacturing technology attended the Ulster Adult Career Education Center's Clean Energy Training Academy (CETA) and Innovative Manufacturing Technology (IMT) Open House at the Ulster BOCES Career and Technical Center in Port Ewen.

For those who may have been thinking about a new career, this open house was quite an eye opener. During this inaugural event, IMT and CETA programs were highlighted with tours of the facility, hands-on demonstrations by current and former students, networking with skilled instructors and Hudson Valley manufacturers, and even a first-time ever solar panel "install-a-thon" on the facility's indoor mock roof.

There was also a celebration of the recently acquired ISPQ (Institute for Sustainable Power Quality) accreditation for the newly remodeled Photovoltaic (PV) classroom, complete with a cake-cutting ceremony to publicly commemorate this singular achievement. Virginia Carrig, Ulster BOCES Regional Renewable Energy coordinator, notes, "It's all very exciting! The Ulster BOCES Photovoltaic program is only the fourth post-secondary school to be accredited and the first BOCES in New York to qualify for this designation."

"While this open house celebrated our ISPQ accreditation, more importantly, it was a celebration of the success of our students," said Carrig. "It was gratifying to see so many graduates and learn what they've done since completing the PV program at Ulster BOCES."

Among the program graduates who attended the event was Bob Mannino of Mannino Electric Company, who has successfully integrated PV installations into his business plan and even hired program graduates. Mannino said, "I think what they do here is a great thing. Students are exposed to more hands-on training than almost anywhere else. It makes students more job ready."

Eric Maskell from Red Hook, one of six program graduates now working at Hudson Valley Clean Energy, could not say enough about the value of the program. "The program gave me a good understanding of how everything works. So when I started working for Hudson Valley Clean Energy, I already knew much of what they do and what to expect."

Additionally, several former students who returned for the Open House have become entrepreneurs and started their own companies, including David Chernis of Sunata Solar Energy, Jim Imbro of Staten Island Renewable Energy, and Evan Yavne of Solar Alchemy, who has also joined the Ulster BOCES PV teaching staff. As Yavne commented, "This type of event is very valuable. For anyone who wants to make a go of it in the solar arena, this is great. But prospective students should remember, there's a lot of work to be done to be successful after you graduate."

"Our program is working. Our alumni are the proof," enthused Carrig.

A number of local industry and business leaders also attended the event. Robert G. Hirsch, Director of Business Services and Communication for the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce, shared, "This occasion is a terrific way to let members of the community know what Ulster BOCES has to offer. It shows that Ulster BOCES is embracing and adapting to the world's changing technology to help develop the careers of its students." Hirsch also thanked the business

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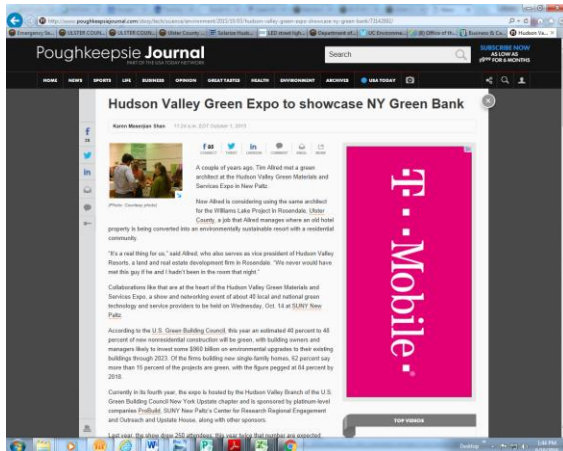
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8.2 Hudson Valley Green Expo to showcase NY Green Bank: Hudson Valley Green Materials and Services Expo, a show and networking event of about 40 local and national green technology and service providers was held on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2015 at SUNY New Paltz and showcased NYSERDA's NYGreen Bank which provided attendees with information about financial opportunities for clean energy and energy efficiency projects.

"We're delighted to be participating in the Hudson Valley Green Expo," said Alfred Griffin, N.Y. Green Bank President, by email. "NY Green Bank focuses on overcoming market barriers and financing gaps preventing economically and technically feasible projects from getting completed, and this is a great opportunity for us to meet with local representatives working to expand their clean energy businesses. We're looking forward to participating and hearing firsthand how we can help overcome the challenges project developers and financiers are facing today."

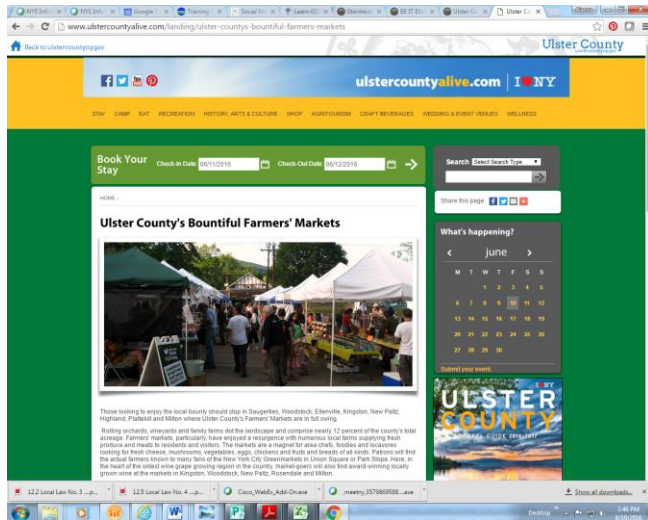
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8.6 Create and promote local farmers' markets: Ulster County's Bountiful Farmers' Markets _ Ulster County Alive!

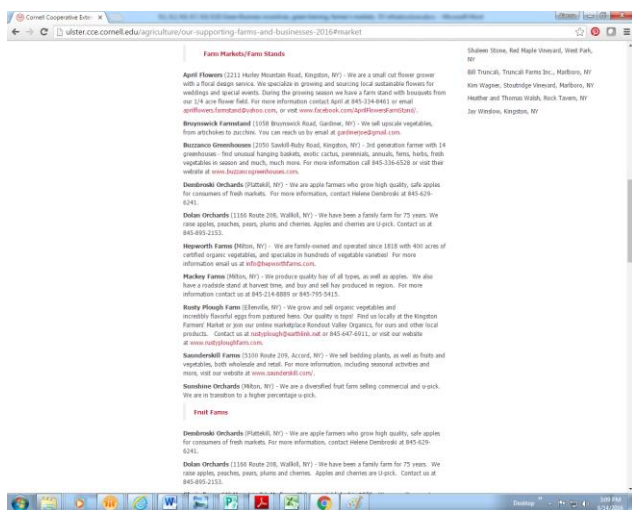
<http://www.ulstercountyalive.com/landing/ulster-countys-bountiful-farmers-markets>



8.6 Create and promote local farmers' markets: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's Commercial Agriculture Program.

Ulster County partially funds Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, which supports farms, farm stands, farmers markets, wineries, x-mas tree farms, and agritourism through their educational *Commercial Agriculture Program*.

<http://ulster.cce.cornell.edu/agriculture/our-supporting-farms-and-businesses-2016>



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8.7 Create a “buy local/buy green” campaign: The Ulster County Advantage

<http://www.ulstercountyadvantage.com/>

From website:

The Ulster County Advantage

We are excited to share with you a new program that opens the door to big savings at local businesses in Ulster County. Local banks and businesses have partnered with Ulster County Executive Michael P. Hein to offer you the Ulster County Advantage Program!

We all know the benefits of shopping local. When we spend money at local businesses the money tends to stay in the community, and by supporting local businesses your dollars help create and sustain local jobs. Also, a portion of the sales tax generated from the transaction helps offset your property tax—and that means more money in your pocket or bank account!

Now, with the Ulster County Advantage, shopping local can unlock savings or promotions at local participating businesses when you display a debit card from a participating bank!

To take advantage of this unique opportunity, stop into your local participating bank branch and have the Ulster County Advantage Program logo applied to your debit card. It's that simple. You can then use the merchant directory on this site to find BIG savings at local businesses.

Once at the store, show your Ulster County Advantage debit card with the sticker to unlock the savings or promotion. These are exclusive [promotions and discounts](#) available only to Ulster County Advantage members! If you have a favorite local business that isn't a part of the program, ask them to join and be part of the Ulster County Advantage—there's no cost for them to enroll.

Start looking for Ulster County Advantage offers in your area in our [Merchant Directory](#).

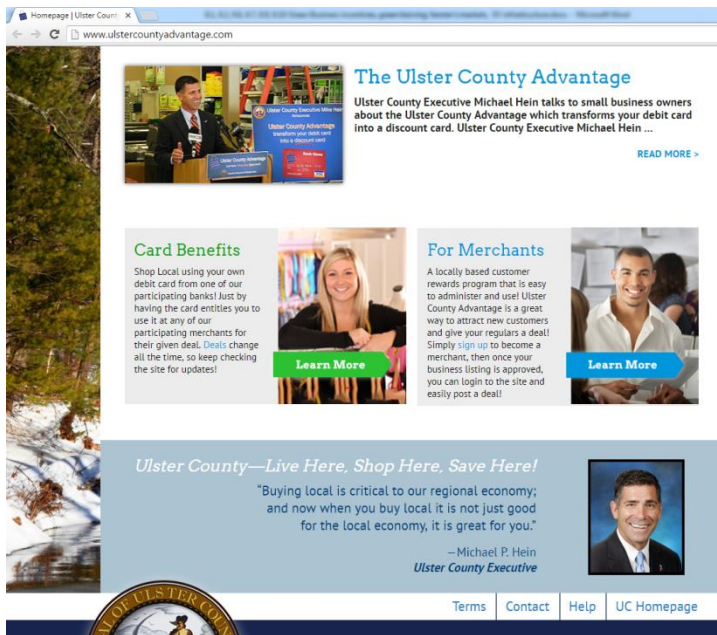
Card Benefits

Shop Local using your own debit card from one of our participating banks! Just by having the card entitles you to use it at any of our participating merchants for their given deal. Deals change all the time, so keep checking the site for updates!

For Merchants

A locally based customer rewards program that is easy to administer and use! Ulster County Advantage is a great way to attract new customers and give your regulars a deal! Simply sign up to become a merchant, then once your business listing is approved, you can login to the site and easily post a deal!

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<http://ulstercountyny.gov/news/executive-press-releases/ulster-county-advantage-program-launches>

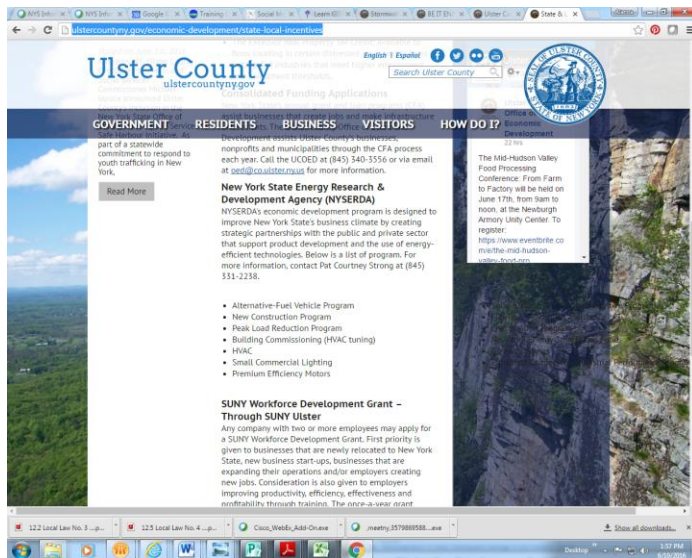


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8.9 Establish incentives for green industry or businesses to locate in community: Ulster County State & Local incentives webpage

Webpage highlights NYSERDA economic development program for public and private sectors that support product development and the use of energy-efficient technologies as well as The Excelsior Jobs Program, which provides job creation and investment incentives to firms in targeted industries such as biotechnology, pharmaceutical, high-tech, green technology, financial services, agriculture and manufacturing.

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/economic-development/state-local-incentives>



From Website:

New York State Energy Research & Development Agency (NYSERDA)

NYSERDA's economic development program is designed to improve New York State's business climate by creating strategic partnerships with the public and private sector that support product development and the use of energy-efficient technologies. Below is a list of program. For more information, contact Pat Courtney Strong at (845) 331-2238.

- Alternative-Fuel Vehicle Program
- New Construction Program
- Peak Load Reduction Program
- Building Commissioning (HVAC tuning)
- HVAC
- Small Commercial Lighting
- Premium Efficiency Motors

Excelsior Jobs Program

The [Excelsior Jobs Program](#)(link is external) provides job creation and investment incentives to firms in targeted industries such as biotechnology, pharmaceutical, high-tech, green technology,

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financial services, agriculture and manufacturing. Firms in these strategic industries that create or retain jobs or make a significant financial investment are eligible for up to four tax credits. The four refundable tax credits are:

- The Excelsior Jobs Tax Credit: A credit of between \$2,500 and \$5,000 per new job to cover a portion of the associated payroll cost.
- The Excelsior Investment Tax Credit: Valued at two percent of qualified investments.
- The Excelsior Research and Development Tax Credit: A ten percent credit for new the Federal Research and Development credit.
- The Excelsior Real Property Tax Credit: Available to firms locating in certain distressed targeted industries that meet higher employment and investment thresholds.

8.10 Support alternative transportation fuel supply infrastructure- Ulster County installed 9 EV charging stations, free of charge for the public (free charging now sponsored by the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce). Ulster County has the largest number of municipal EV charging stations in the State of NY, including NYC.

<http://www.dailyfreeman.com/article/DF/20150809/NEWS/150809693>



8.10 Support alternative transportation fuel supply infrastructure- “Central Hudson agreed with the County Executive to offer electric car charging stations to private sector businesses and tourism destinations in Ulster County at a fraction of the regular cost, in order to attract more companies, millennials and tourists to the County.” – Ulster County Executive stated in the 2016 State of The County press release.

<http://ulstercountyny.gov/news/executive-press-releases/ulster-county-executive-mike-hein-delivers-2016-state-county-address> (see screenshots on next page)

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