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TO THRIVE IS TO DO MUCH MORE THAN SIMPLY GET BY.

It means waking up every day ready to pursue your passions. It means recognizing that the path to success is just as important as life after achieving it. Because when you’re surrounded by people who don’t stop at “good enough,” it makes you look at the world with a little more excitement.

Each year, the Greater Binghamton Region builds upon its industrial foundation to create new opportunities. These growing businesses, festivals and community initiatives become stepping stones for the next big ideas. With so much on the rise in our community, it’s hard not to feel inspired about living here. Plus, it’s pretty fun, too.

Great local food, nationally ranked schools, versatile (and affordable) living options and a diverse arts scene allow people to create their own unique life here in Greater Binghamton. It’s the reason why families who have lived here for generations and young professionals alike choose to call this place home. But don’t take our word for it – come see for yourself.
There’s not just one way to live in Greater Binghamton. Our versatile neighborhoods accommodate all family sizes and budgets – you choose the landscape that works best for you. From bustling farmers markets to some of the best schools and universities in the country, our community spaces give you room to learn, grow and plan for the next big move.

Greater Binghamton gives you the chance to explore a lifestyle that’s often not possible elsewhere. You have access to big-city experiences and resources without the strain; you can find roots in local initiatives and build connections that last a lifetime. Plus, the freedom to explore surrounding major cities is just a bus ride away. Though each person’s life path looks a little different here, our sense of community creates a shared identity unique to Greater Binghamton.
FIND YOUR COMMUNITY
Be it lush fields or a timeless brick cityscape, there are tons of stunning views to choose from. No matter where you live, the transition from rural, to suburban, to city living is an easy one to make, and each neighborhood has something a little different to offer.

REAL ESTATE
The affordability of real estate in Greater Binghamton lets you get the most out of your budget.
greaterbinghamtonmls.com
PARKS
The parks of Greater Binghamton are beautiful public gathering places that include pools, ball fields, tennis and basketball courts, picnic areas, playgrounds, monuments, trails and forested areas. Greater Binghamton is also home to OURSPACE at Rec Park, the largest handicap accessible playground in New York State. goalloutbroome.com
- Binghamton University Nature Preserve
- Chenango Valley State Park
- Confluence Park
- Finch Hollow Nature Center
- MacArthur Park
- Otsiningo Park
- Recreation Park

PLACES OF WORSHIP
Greater Binghamton’s churches, synagogues, congregations, mosques, temples and other worship centers celebrate diversity and welcome new members. Many of these centers also hold community events, classes and after school activities.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES
Read, write and learn something new at one of our many public libraries. Their valuable services for communities and families go far beyond signing out a book. bclibrary.info
TRANSPORTATION
Our central location makes traveling a breeze. The Greater Binghamton Airport, located just eight miles outside of town, offers daily commercial, non-stop flights on Delta Airlines. Plus, there are four more major airports nearby, each just an hour away. For closer travel destinations, you can take a bus from the downtown Greater Binghamton Transportation Center, which provides access to both local and intercity carriers.

- Greater Binghamton Airport: flybgm.com
- Greater Binghamton Transportation Center: gobroomecounty.com/transit
EDUCATION

GOING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

When people have access to great education, they thrive. No matter what stage of life you’re in, there are plenty of opportunities to take classes for continuing education. Greater Binghamton’s nationally ranked schools foster a culture of collaboration, respect and stability within our communities.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our students have access to dedicated teachers, a wide range of extracurriculars and opportunities for leadership. Class sizes fall below the state average and graduation rates soar above it, creating a learning environment that ensures students receive the individualized attention necessary to succeed both in and out of the classroom.

btboces.org

- 15 different school districts
- Vocational education opportunities
- 5 Broome County high schools given a silver medal ranking in the top 1,900 schools in the nation by the U.S. News and World Report
- Home of 2016 Little League World Series Championship winning title against South Korea

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

Families also have the option to enroll their children in one of our esteemed private schools, including the Seton Catholic School System. These schools offer faith-based learning opportunities with ample resources and a shared educational philosophy.

UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Binghamton University

Binghamton University was founded on liberal arts, which remain at its core. However, it has expanded to include professional and graduate programs. With more than 100 degree programs across its six divisions, Binghamton is recognized as a selective and prestigious university in the SUNY system, and enjoys a strong, positive reputation at the national level. binghamton.edu

SUNY Broome

SUNY Broome Community College offers flexible on-campus and online coursework, concurrent enrollment opportunities with local high schools and seamless transfers to nearly three dozen colleges and universities. SUNY Broome excels in its commitment to applied learning, which allows students to master concepts in the field through projects, internships with local employers, community service, clinical rotations and more. sunybroome.edu

Davis College

Davis College is an accredited Bible College that thrives on being family-centered. They have the amenities of a big college, like athletics and student events, while still focusing on a low student to faculty ratio. davisny.edu

Additional higher education resources:

- EBI Career College - ebi.edu
- SUNY Empire State College - esc.edu
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HEALTH

YOUR BEST SELF
To stay healthy, you need opportunities to make healthy choices. That’s why our community has come together to put better health within everyone’s reach. Our gamut of beautiful hiking trails, healthy food choices and quality medical care make getting and staying healthy easy (and fun!).

HOSPITALS
Lourdes Hospital (lourdes.com), United Health Services (nyuhs.org), Binghamton General Hospital, and Cornerstone Family Healthcare (cornerstonefamilyhealthcare.org) provide our region access to some of the best medical care in New York State. Our local hospitals utilize state-of-the-art practices to accommodate patients across a range of disciplines, including primary care, cardiology, cancer screenings, physical therapy and more.

• Recognized by American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology Foundation for exceptional services
• Top paramedic education programs
• 24-hour emergency care

FARMERS MARKETS
Enjoy the benefits of farm-to-table eating throughout every season. We have both seasonal and year-round markets that work with local vendors to bring you fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, flowers and quality homemade goods.

• Broome County Regional Farmers Market
• Old Barn Market & Gluten Free Bakery
• Vestal Farmers Market

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
Enjoy the beauty and adventure of every season in Greater Binghamton. Take part in the wide array of recreation and activities that can be done just in your own backyard.

• River trails and bike paths line the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers
• A wide range of hiking trails ranging from beginner to expert level in parks and nature preserves
• Winter excitement from pond hockey, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and skiing
• Access to a multitude of lakes, rivers or ponds for water sports and fishing
Greater Binghamton is uniquely poised for success. We’re on the cusp of revitalization projects that will expand upon the region’s already diverse economy. And with employment opportunities ranging from nonprofit work to manufacturing, our community boasts an extremely versatile skill set.

When people from different backgrounds, qualifications and experiences join forces, they deliver new ideas. Our constant search for the best solutions lets companies and community members learn and grow together. So whether your success looks like starting a business or simply making time to volunteer on the weekends, you’ll find the guidance to take the first step, and the support to keep going.
The Greater Binghamton region’s GDP continues to rise. Our workforce is highly educated and highly-trained, providing a major advantage to the region’s projected growth. Looking forward, the major initiatives shaping our economy include investing in the advanced manufacturing industry, supporting downtown revitalization plans and shrinking the skills gap through industry and education collaboration.
GREAT PLACE TO START A BUSINESS
Thousands of companies are proud to call Greater Binghamton home. From locally owned businesses, to international corporations, the area is full of growing industries and the assets you need to keep thriving.

Broome County has a plethora of resources to help you find the right financing, incubators, mentors, or other sources for your business.

Business Resources
- Binghamton Economic Development Office (BLDC)
  binghamton-ny.gov/binghamton-local-development-corporation-bldc
- Broome County Planning and Economic Development
gobroomecounty.com/planning
- Greater Binghamton SCORE
greaterbinghamton.score.org
- Koffman Southern Tier Incubator
  southerntierincubator.com
- Small Business Development Center at Binghamton University
  binghamton.edu/sbdc
- The Agency- Broome County IDA/LDC
  theagency-ny.com

Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce
The Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit organization with over 800 business and nonprofit members. We help organizations of all sizes connect, collaborate, and succeed through education, advocacy, networking, and community involvement. We accomplish this by focusing on three major pillars:

- We Promote Business Growth.
  We empower businesses at every stage of development, from launch to expansion to success.
- We are the Voice of Business.
  We ensure the voice of business is heard and work collectively to enhance economic vitality.
- We Build a Vibrant Community.
  We inspire a healthy community by providing opportunities for businesses and their people to improve their overall well-being.
greaterbinghamtonchamber.com

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- Broome County Urban League
- Broome Women Lead
- Civic Organizations
- Emerging Leaders Society (ELS)
- Southern Tier Young Professionals (STYP)
- Young Professional (YP) Alliance

VOLUNTEERING
Volunteer opportunities help our communities build meaningful, sustainable relationships. Whether you volunteer once a year at a local festival or maintain community gardens every day, there are tons of ways to stay connected.

NONPROFITS
When we understand our region’s needs and challenges, we only grow stronger as a community. Nonprofits in the Greater Binghamton Region provide vital services to our neighbors and strengthen our ability to support one another.

Get involved in our community today:
- uwbroome.org
- broomecouncil.net
GROWTH

ON THE RISE
Though Greater Binghamton’s growth started with grassroots energy, its rapid advancement has captured the region’s attention.

GRANTS & REVITALIZATIONS
A $20 million New York State grant was awarded to Broome County to fund over 30 separate projects that cover quality-of-life improvements, property revitalization and more. Some of these projects include:

- Expansion of AgZeit, a local indoor agriculture startup company that grows organic produce year-round, which will create 83 jobs and utilize vacant buildings in Johnson City and Endicott.
- Creation of a Downtown Entertainment and Cultural Organization district in Binghamton.
- Renovation of 15 Avenue B in Johnson City, a former fire station, to create a mixed-use facility with apartments, brewery and restaurant.

Binghamton University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Binghamton University’s new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SOPPS) is a research-focused professional school offering the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree. It is located in a $60 million building on Binghamton University’s new, 11-acre Health Sciences Campus being developed in Johnson City, NY.

SUNY Broome Culinary Center
SUNY Broome’s Culinary Center is taking shape in the old historic Carnegie Library of downtown Binghamton. The $12 million revitalization project will contain a beverage lab for mixology courses, kitchens, a full dining room, computer lab and lecture hall.

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In Greater Binghamton, fun isn’t a small aspect of our lives. It’s a part of our routine. Throughout the past decade, new restaurants, festivals and art galleries have emerged from a wave of opportunity. Exploring Greater Binghamton has become less of a weekend specialty, and more like your average lunch break.

Take a ten-minute walk downtown and you’ll pass a five-story mural, a 100-year old historic theater and a baseball stadium that seats over 6,000 people. New restaurants are framed by familiar ones that have been here for generations. But fun in Greater Binghamton extends far beyond venues and eateries.

Explore the stars at the Kopernik Observatory; golf with a backdrop of lush rolling hills; bundle up for a hockey game at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena. The choice is yours, and really, there’s not a bad one in sight.
LUMA Projection Arts Festival

Since 2015, LUMA Projection Arts Festival has transformed the historic buildings of downtown Binghamton into moving works of art. Using powerful projectors and 3D animation, artists design projections that take the shape of buildings’ facades and bring them to life. As the country’s leading projection arts festival, over 30,000 people gather in the streets of Binghamton each year to witness this incredible display of art and technology.
lumafestival.com

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual events showcase Greater Binghamton on both a local and global level. With community cook-offs and groundbreaking festivals alike, our region brings together residents from New York State and beyond.
visitbinghamton.org
Dick’s Sporting Goods Open
The Dick’s Sporting Goods Open is an annual PGA Tour Champions event played at the En-Joie Golf Club in Endicott. This weekend-long championship is sponsored by Dick’s Sporting Goods, a Binghamton-founded company that has grown into the nation’s largest sporting goods retailer. Each year, the Dick’s Open hosts a concert at the conclusion of Friday play. Past performers include Bon Jovi, Lady Antebellum and Blake Shelton. dsgopen.com

Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally
This festival celebrates one of Greater Binghamton’s true gems: the Spiedie Sandwich. At the Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally, vendors compete to win the title of “Best Spiedie in Town.” Hot air balloons are also launched throughout the festival, creating a sea of color and pattern in the sky. spiediefest.com
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PROFESSIONAL
Binghamton Rumble Ponies at NYSEG Stadium
The Binghamton Rumble Ponies represent the New York Mets at the Double-A level of professional baseball. They play home games at Binghamton’s NYSEG Stadium, which can hold over 6,000 people. NYSEG Stadium hosts 71 games from April through Labor Day.
milb.com/binghamton

Binghamton Devils
The Binghamton Devils are an AHL affiliate and top development team of the NHL New Jersey Devils. The American Hockey League season runs from October through April, and games are played at downtown Binghamton’s Floyd L. Maines Veteran Memorial Arena.
binghamtondevils.com

Floyd L. Maines Veteran Memorial Arena
The Floyd L. Maines Veteran Memorial Arena is a 6,925-seat multi-purpose arena in the heart of downtown Binghamton. The arena hosts a wide variety of entertainment options, including professional sporting events, stand up comedians and large-scale concerts.

Five Mile Point Speedway
The Five Mile Point Speedway is the home speedway of Greater Binghamton and features professional auto racing.

AMATEUR SPORTS
Binghamton Bulldogs
Minor League ABA Basketball Team.
binghamtonbulldogs.com

Broome County Stallions
Adult Amateur Football Team in NFA – Northeastern Football Alliance.
bcstallions.com

Broome County Roller Derby
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COLLEGE
Our college teams cover a wide range of athletics, including basketball, baseball, soccer, track and field, tennis and more. The Binghamton Bearcats play at Division 1 level and host in the newly renovated, 156,000 sq.ft. Events Center complex.
• Binghamton University Bearcats
• SUNY Broome Hornets, NJCAA
• Davis College Falcons
WHERE TO PLAY
Greater Binghamton’s public fitness centers can accommodate your active lifestyle. Join a team, play a game for an afternoon or simply enjoy a warmer place to run when winter comes around.

- 434 Sportsplex
- Binghamton Tennis Center
- Greater Binghamton Sports Complex
- Gripen Park BMX
- Ice House Sports Complex
- SUNY Broome Ice Center

GOLF
Putt, drive and conquer the greens on any of Greater Binghamton’s impeccable public golf courses. These courses have earned top ratings from publications such as *Golf Digest*, *Golf Magazine* and *Golfweek* as some of the best in New York State.

- Binghamton Country Club
- Conklin Players Club
- En-Joie Golf Club
- The Links at Hiawatha Landing
- Traditions at the Glen

For a complete list, see more at: visitbinghamton.org/things-to-do/golf

PRIVATE CLUBS
Our pristine private clubs offer quality accommodations, a sense of community, and access to golf courses, swimming pools, bowling alleys, and more. Enjoy these amenities as a member for special discounts and exclusive access to events.

- Binghamton Club
- Binghamton Country Club
FAMILY

FUN FOR ALL
No matter the season, there’s always something to do in Greater Binghamton as a family. Our museums and outdoor adventure centers let kids (and adults, too) experience the joy of having fun and learning something along the way. visitbinghamton.org

Animal Adventure
Animal Adventure is an interactive educational animal park where visitors can interact with over 200 animals representing over 70 species, including the world famous April the Giraffe! theanimaladventurepark.com

Binghamton Zoo at Ross Park
The fifth oldest zoo in the country is home to red pandas, wolves, bald eagles, African penguins and more. The Ross Park Zoo offers a multitude of hands-on education programs, including ZooMobile, which brings the wildlife directly to you! rossparkzoo.com

Carousels
Greater Binghamton is the "Carousel Capital of the World"! These historic carousels can be found in Ross Park, Recreation Park, C. Fred Johnson Park, George W. Johnson Park and Highland Park. visitbinghamton.org/things-to-do/carousels

Chuckster’s Family Fun Park
This adventure hotspot is home to a premier miniature golf course, a 700-foot zip line, batting cages, climbing walls and more! chucksters-vestal.com

The Cider Mill
Visit an authentic working cider mill to enjoy delicious homemade donuts and fresh cider throughout the fall season. cidermillendicott.com

Discovery Center of the Southern Tier
Explore, experience and join in as your children discover themselves in 22,500 sq.ft. of play-and-learn indoor exhibits and an award winning outdoor Story Garden. thediscoverycenter.org

Museums
• Binghamton University Art Museum
• Bundy Museum of History and Art
• Endicott History & Heritage Center
• Kopernik Observatory & Science Center
• Phelps Mansion Museum
• Roberson Museum and Science Center
• TechWorks!
• Vestal Museum
**EVENTS BY MONTH**

**January**
- Binghamton Ice Fest and Chili Competition
- Binghamton Pond Festival

**February**
- The Almost-Annual New York State Crappie Derby
- Binghamton On Tap Craft Beer Fest
- Courtship Tails

**March**
- Binghamton Spring Restaurant Week
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade

**April**
- Binghamton Mac & Cheese Fest
- Central New York Maple Festival

**May**
- Broome County Parks Triathlon
- Greater Binghamton Bridge Run Half Marathon
- Memorial Day Parades

**June**
- Drafts with Giraffes
- New York Faerie Festival
- New York State Public High School Baseball Championships
- Sacred Heart Ukrainian Festival
- Wine & Tapas Tour

**July**
- Beer Tree River Float
- Binghamton Martini Walk
- Binghamton Pride Palooza
- Broome County Fair
- Conklin Fair
- Deposit Lumberjack Festival
- Johnson City Carousel Day
- July Fest & Binghamton Jazz Festival
- July 4th Extravaganza at Highland Park
- Levene Gouldin & Thompson Tennis Challenger
- Pops on the River
- Rec Park Music Fest
- St. John Ukrainian Festival

**August**
- Dick’s Sporting Goods Open
- Gusto! Italian Festival
- Jewish Heritage Day Celebration
- Johnson City Field Days
- Multi-Ethnic Garlic Festival
- Spiedie Fest & Balloon Rally

**September**
- Binghamton Wingfest
- Endicott Apple Fest
- Endicott Restaurant Week
- India Day Food and Entertainment
- LUMA Projection Arts Festival
- NY Beer & Bites
- RoberCon

**October**
- Binghamton Fall Restaurant Week
- Binghamton Zombie Walk
- Boo at the Zoo
- Columbus Day Tournament of Bands & Italian Festival
- Oktoberfest
- Rod Serling Film Festival
- Wine for Wolves

**November**
- Bosco’s Holiday Parade
- Hanukkah House Museum
- Roberson Museum and Science Center’s “Home for the Holidays”

**December**
- Holiday Parades
- Ivory Christmas on Gorgeous Washington Street
- * First Friday Art Walk every month!

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**GET INSPIRED**

The abundance of diverse entertainment in Greater Binghamton is robust. On the first Friday of every month, the downtown Binghamton art galleries extend their hours for a night of gallery hopping, music, fine dining and entertainment. This free event, known as the First Friday Art Walk, is a collaborative effort between an array of community and arts organizations. broomearts.org

**PERFORMING ARTS**

**Binghamton Philharmonic**
The Binghamton Philharmonic is one of the oldest professional performing arts organizations in Broome County. They perform a multitude of themed concerts throughout the year and host community events to make the arts accessible to all. binghamtonphilharmonic.org

**Broadway in Binghamton**
Enjoy some of the most popular national touring Broadway shows at the historic Broome County Forum Theatre. nacentertainment.com/broadway-in-binghamton

**Tri-Cities Opera**
For over seventy years, the Tri-Cities Opera has provided the Southern Tier with artist training programs and outstanding full-scale opera productions featuring beautiful sets and costumes. tricitiesopera.com

**Theaters**
- Anderson Center for the Performing Arts
- Cider Mill Stage
- Endicott Performing Arts Center
- Goodwill Theatre Inc’s Schorr Family Firehouse Stage
- Half Light Theatre
- KNOW Theatre

**GALLERIES**
- Africa House Art Gallery
- Anthony Brunelli Fine Arts
- Broome County Arts Council Gallery
- Cooperative Gallery 213
- Orazio Salati Studio and Gallery
- Spool Mfg.
SHOPPING

‘TIL YOU DROP
No matter what you’re looking for, you won’t have to venture far in Greater Binghamton. Our brand name stores are great for trips when you have a shopping list to stick to. But, if you’d rather explore hidden gems and find something one-of-a-kind, our local boutiques and vintage shops are sure to pique your interest, too.

• Antique Row
• Boscov’s
• Garland Gallery
• Mabel D. Orr
• Oakdale Mall
• Parkway Plaza
• Sall-Stearns
• Tesorina Boutique
• The Shoppes at Vestal
• Triple Cities Vintage
• University Plaza
• Vestal Town Square Mall

DINING & NIGHTLIFE

GOOD FOOD, GOOD VIBES
Each year, more restaurants pop up in Greater Binghamton, strengthening a community of people who love to support each other — especially when there’s food involved. From gourmet tapas to cozy coffee shops, there’s something for every craving. During our yearly Restaurant Weeks, you can get a taste from tons of restaurants for one fixed price. Plus, a portion of the profits are donated to charity. Many of our local eateries also boast an eclectic selection of drinks, transforming into the perfect spot for a night out.

• Breweries & Distilleries
• Comedy Nights
• Live Music & DJs
• Restaurant Week
WHY GREATER BINGHAMTON?
Visions has called this area home for more than 50 years, and we’re more embedded today than ever before. From charitable events and donations to a new corporate headquarters that doubles our footprint, we see the Binghamton area as a place worthy of investment. The people that call this community home – like our smiling employees pictured above – inspire us to be better every single day. visionsfcu.org
BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE POWER OF LIVE MUSIC