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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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September 30, 2011

Dear Stockholder:

We cordially invite you to attend the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Greene County Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”). The Company is the holding company of The Bank of Greene County (the “Bank”) and the Bank’s subsidiary, Greene County Commercial Bank, and our common stock is traded on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “GCBC.” The Annual Meeting will be held at Columbia – Greene Community College, 4400 Route 23, Hudson, New York, at 10:00 a.m., New York Time, on Saturday, November 5, 2011. The Company will be providing a brunch and short presentation to shareholders and guests. Please indicate on your proxy card if you are planning to attend. If you would like to confirm your attendance, please call the administrative office at 518-943-2600 extension 2000.

The enclosed Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement describe the formal business to be transacted. During the Annual Meeting we will also report on the operations of the Company. Directors and officers of the Company, as well as a representative of our independent registered public accounting firm, will be present to respond to any questions that stockholders may have.

The Annual Meeting is being held so that stockholders may consider the election of Directors and the ratification of the appointment of ParenteBeard LLC as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year 2012. For the reasons set forth in the Proxy Statement, the Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote “FOR” the election of Directors and the ratification of the appointment of ParenteBeard LLC as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we urge you to sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card as soon as possible, even if you currently plan to attend the Annual Meeting. This will not prevent you from voting in person, but will assure that your vote is counted if you are unable to attend the meeting. Your vote is important, regardless of the number of shares that you own.

Sincerely,

/s/: Donald E. Gibson  
Donald E. Gibson  
President and Chief Executive Officer



Greene County Bancorp, Inc.  
302 Main Street  
Catskill, New York 12414  
(518) 943-2600

NOTICE OF  
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
To Be Held On November 5, 2011

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Greene County Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") will be held at Columbia – Greene Community College, 4400 Route 23, Hudson, New York, on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., New York Time.

A Proxy Card and a Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting are enclosed.

The Annual Meeting is for the purpose of considering and acting upon:

1. The election of two Directors to the Board of Directors;
2. The ratification of the appointment of ParenteBeard LLC as independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012; and

such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting, or any adjournments thereof. The Board of Directors is not aware of any other business to come before the Annual Meeting.

Any action may be taken on the foregoing proposals at the Annual Meeting on the date specified above, or on any date or dates to which the Annual Meeting may be adjourned. Stockholders of record at the close of business on September 9, 2011, are the stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, and any adjournments thereof. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available at 302 Main Street, Catskill, New York, for a period of ten days prior to the Annual Meeting and will also be available for inspection at the meeting itself.

EACH STOCKHOLDER, WHETHER HE OR SHE PLANS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING, IS REQUESTED TO SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD WITHOUT DELAY IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE. ANY PROXY GIVEN BY THE STOCKHOLDER MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME BEFORE IT IS EXERCISED. A PROXY MAY BE REVOKED BY FILING WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY A WRITTEN REVOCATION OR A DULY EXECUTED PROXY BEARING A LATER DATE. ANY STOCKHOLDER PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING MAY REVOKE HIS OR HER PROXY AND VOTE PERSONALLY ON EACH MATTER BROUGHT BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE A STOCKHOLDER WHOSE SHARES ARE NOT REGISTERED IN YOUR OWN NAME, YOU WILL NEED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FROM YOUR RECORD HOLDER IN ORDER TO VOTE PERSONALLY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

By Order of the Board of Directors

/s/: Rebecca R. Main

Rebecca R. Main  
Secretary  
September 30, 2011

A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED IF MAILED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

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PROXY STATEMENT

Greene County Bancorp, Inc.  
302 Main Street  
Catskill, New York 12414  
(518) 943-2600

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
November 5, 2011

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors of Greene County Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) to be used at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company (the “Annual Meeting”), which will be held at Columbia – Greene Community College, 4400 Route 23, Hudson, New York, on Saturday, November 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., New York Time, and all adjournments of the Annual Meeting. The accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and this Proxy Statement are first being mailed to stockholders on or about September 30, 2011.

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REVOCATION OF PROXIES

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Stockholders who execute proxies in the form solicited hereby retain the right to revoke them in the manner described below. Unless so revoked, the shares represented by such proxies will be voted at the Annual Meeting and all adjournments thereof. Proxies solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Company will be voted in accordance with the directions given thereon. Where no instructions are indicated, validly executed proxies will be voted “FOR” the proposals set forth in this Proxy Statement for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the accompanying proxy will vote the shares represented by such proxies on such matters in such manner as shall be determined by a majority of the Board of Directors.

A proxy may be revoked at any time prior to its exercise by sending written notice of revocation to the Secretary of the Company at the address shown above, by delivering to the Company a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. However, if you are a stockholder whose shares are not registered in your own name, you will need appropriate documentation from your record holder to vote personally at the Annual Meeting. The presence at the Annual Meeting of any stockholder who had returned a proxy shall not revoke such proxy unless the stockholder delivers his or her ballot in person at the Annual Meeting or delivers a written revocation to the Secretary of the Company prior to the voting of such proxy.

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COUNTING VOTES

VOTING PROCEDURES AND METHODS OF

Holders of record of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, as of the close of business on September 9, 2011 (the "Record Date") are entitled to one vote for each share then held. As of the Record Date, the Company had 4,145,828 shares of common stock issued and outstanding (exclusive of Treasury shares), 2,304,632 of which were held by Greene County Bancorp, MHC (the "Mutual Holding Company"), and 1,841,196 of which were held by stockholders other than the Mutual Holding Company ("Minority Stockholders"). The presence in person or by proxy of a majority of the total number of shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote is necessary to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted for purposes of determining that a quorum is present. In the event there are not sufficient votes for a quorum, or to approve or ratify any matter being presented at the time of the Annual Meeting, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned in order to permit the further solicitation of proxies. However, the presence by proxy of the Mutual Holding Company's shares will assure a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting.

As to the election of Directors, the Proxy Card being provided by the Board of Directors enables a stockholder to vote FOR the election of the two nominees proposed by the Board, to WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for the nominees being proposed, or to vote FOR ALL EXCEPT one or more of the nominees being proposed. Directors are elected by a plurality of votes cast, without regard to either broker non-votes or proxies as to which authority to vote for the nominees being proposed is withheld.

As to the ratification of ParenteBeard LLC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, by checking the appropriate box, a stockholder may: (i) vote FOR the ratification; (ii) vote AGAINST the ratification; or (iii) ABSTAIN from voting on the ratification. The ratification of this matter shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast, without regard to broker non-votes or proxies marked ABSTAIN.

Management of the Company anticipates that the Mutual Holding Company, the majority stockholder of the Company, will vote all of its shares in favor of all the matters set forth above. If the Mutual Holding Company votes all of its shares in favor of each proposal, the approval of each proposal would be assured.

Proxies solicited hereby will be returned to the Company and will be tabulated by an Inspector of Election designated by the Board of Directors of the Company.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS

Persons and groups who beneficially own in excess of 5% of the common stock are required to file certain reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") regarding such ownership. The following table sets forth, as of the Record Date, the shares of common stock beneficially owned by each person who was the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Company's outstanding shares of common stock, and all Directors and executive officers of the Company as a group.

Name and Address of Common Stock Beneficial Owners Outstanding	Amount of Shares Owned and Nature	Percent of Shares	of
			of Beneficial Ownership (1)

Principal Stockholders:



Greene County Bancorp, MHC 302 Main Street Catskill, New York 12414	2,304,632	55.6%
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Greene County Bancorp, MHC (2) and all Directors and Executive Officers as a group (10 persons)	2,779,380	67.0%
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- (1) For purposes of this table, a person is deemed to be the beneficial owner of shares of common stock if he has shared voting or investment power with respect to such security, or has a right to acquire beneficial ownership at any time within 60 days from the Record Date. As used herein, “voting power” is the power to vote or direct the voting of shares, and “investment power” is the power to dispose of or direct the disposition of shares. The table includes all shares held directly as well as by spouses and minor children, in trust and other indirect ownership, over which shares the named individuals effectively exercise sole or shared voting and investment power.
- (2) The Company’s executive officers and Directors are also executive officers and Directors of Greene County Bancorp, MHC. Excluding shares held by Greene County Bancorp, MHC, the Company’s executive officers and Directors beneficially owned an aggregate of 474,748 shares, or 11.5% of the outstanding shares.

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PROPOSAL 1—ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

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The Company’s Board of Directors is comprised of eight members. The Company’s Bylaws provide that approximately one-third of the Company’s Directors are to be elected annually. Directors of the Company are generally elected to serve for three-year periods and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified. Two Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors has nominated as Directors Martin C. Smith and Dennis R. O’Grady, each to serve for a three-year period and until his successor has been elected and qualified. Each of the nominees is currently a member of the Board of Directors.

The table below sets forth certain information as of September 9, 2011 regarding the nominees, the other current members of the Board of Directors, and the executive officers of the Company who are not Directors. It is intended that the proxies solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors (other than proxies in which the vote is withheld as to one or more nominees) will be voted at the Annual Meeting for the election of the nominees identified below. If a nominee is unable to serve, the shares represented by all such proxies will be voted for the election of such substitute as the Board of Directors may determine. At this time, the Board of Directors knows of no reason why any of the nominees would be unable to serve if elected. Except as indicated herein, there are no arrangements or understandings between any nominee and any other person pursuant to which such nominee was selected.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” EACH OF THE NOMINEES LISTED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.

Name (1)	Age (4)	Positions Held	Director Since (2)	Current Term to Expire	Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned on Record Date (3)(5)	Percent of Class
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## NOMINEES

Dennis R. O'Grady	71	Director	1981	2011	57,520	1.39%
Martin C. Smith	66	Chairman of the Board	1993	2011	67,177	1.62%

## DIRECTORS CONTINUING IN OFFICE

J. Bruce Whittaker	68	Director	1987	2012	80,727	1.95%
Charles H. Schaefer	59	Director	2003	2012	41,226	0.99%
Arthur Place, CPA	67	Director	2004	2012	14,335	0.35%
Paul Slutzky	63	Director	1992	2013	42,240	1.02%
David H. Jenkins, DVM	60	Director	1996	2013	54,134	1.31%
Donald E. Gibson	46	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director	2007	2013	47,299	1.14%

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Michelle M. Plummer, CPA	45	Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer	N/A	N/A	46,229	1.12%
Stephen E. Nelson	44	Executive Vice President, Chief Lending Officer	N/A	N/A	23,861	0.58%

All Directors and executive officers as a group (10 persons) 474,748 (6) 11.45%

- (1) The mailing address for each person listed is P.O. Box 470, 302 Main Street, Catskill, New York 12414. Each of the Directors listed is also a Director of Greene County Bancorp, MHC, which owns the majority of the Company's issued and outstanding shares of common stock.
- (2) Except with regard to Directors Schaefer, Place and Gibson, reflects initial appointment to the Board of Trustees of the mutual predecessor to The Bank of Greene County.
- (3) See definition of "beneficial ownership" in the table "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners."
- (4) As of September 9, 2011.
- (5) Includes shares subject to options which are currently exercisable, as follows: Mr. Whittaker, Slutzky, Schaefer, each 6,000; Smith 2,334; Place, 6,500; Gibson 30,000; Plummer 24,000 and Nelson 15,000.
- (6) Includes 21,471 shares of common stock allocated to the accounts of executive officers under the ESOP and excludes the remaining 117,815 shares of common stock, or 2.84% of the shares of common stock outstanding, owned by the ESOP for the benefit of employees of The Bank of Greene County. Under the terms of the ESOP, shares of common stock allocated to the accounts of employees are voted in accordance with the instructions of the respective employees. Unallocated shares are voted by the ESOP trustee in the manner calculated to most accurately reflect the instructions it has received from the participants regarding the allocated shares, unless its

fiduciary duties require otherwise.

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The biographies of each of the nominees, continuing Board members and executive officers are set forth below. With respect to Directors and nominees, the biographies also contain information regarding the person's business experience and the experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that caused the Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors to determine that the person should serve as a Director. Each Director is also a Director of Greene County Bancorp, MHC (the mutual holding company that owns 55.6% of the Company's shares of common stock) and The Bank of Greene County.

Paul Slutzky is a co-owner and manager of Hunter Mountain Ski Area and Vice President of Frosty Land, Inc., a real estate development company. Mr. Slutzky's over 25 years of experience as co-owner and 40 years as manager of his own company bring valuable business and leadership skills and financial acumen to the Board in furtherance of the Board's objective of maintaining a membership of experienced and dedicated individuals with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, skills, and other qualities that are beneficial to the Company.

David H. Jenkins, DVM is a veterinarian and the owner of Catskill Animal Hospital, Catskill, New York. Mr. Jenkins' over 30 years of experience as owner and manager of a locally operated business bring valuable business and leadership skills and financial acumen to the Board in furtherance of the Board's objective of maintaining a membership of experienced and dedicated individuals with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, skills, and other qualities that are beneficial to the Company.

Donald E. Gibson was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and the Bank in June 2007. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Gibson served as Senior Vice President of the Company and the Bank since 2003 and has been employed by the Bank since 1987. Mr. Gibson obtained a Master of Business Administration from the College of Saint Rose. Mr. Gibson has over 25 years experience in the banking industry. As Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Gibson's experience in leading the Company and the Bank and his responsibilities for the strategic direction and management of the Company's day-to-day operations, bring broad industry and specific institutional knowledge and experience to the Board of Directors.

Dennis R. O'Grady is a graduate of Union University, Albany College of Pharmacy. He owned and operated Mikhitarian Pharmacy for 31 years, until its sale to Price Chopper in 1999. He has been a Board member since 1981. Mr. O'Grady has also served as the President of Columbia Greene Community College Foundation, President of Catskill Rotary, President of Catskill Boys Club, and President of local chapters of the March of Dimes. He has served on several local not for profit organizations in the role of finance committee member. Mr. O'Grady's over 30 years of experience as owner of his own pharmaceutical business bring valuable business and leadership skills and financial acumen to the Board in furtherance of the Board's objective of maintaining a membership of experienced and dedicated individuals with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, skills, and other qualities that are beneficial to the Company.

Arthur Place, CPA is a Senior Partner of Arthur Place & Co., an accounting firm located in Albany, New York. As a certified public accountant and Chairman of the Board's Audit Committee, Mr. Place brings to the Board of Directors his valuable experience as a business consultant and faculty member in dealing with accounting principles and financial reporting rules and regulations.

Charles H. Schaefer is a partner of the law firm, Deily & Schaefer, Catskill, New York. Mr. Schaefer is a member of the American Bar Association's Committee on Banking Law as well as a member of the New York State Bank Association's Section on Business Law and its banking subcommittee. Since 1977 he has advised the Bank on various legal matters, becoming General Counsel in 1988 to the Bank's predecessor, Greene County Savings Bank. As an experienced attorney, Mr. Schaefer brings to the Board a unique and valuable perspective on legal and legal-related issues that may arise in the operations and management of the Company and the Bank.

Martin C. Smith is currently a consultant to Main Bros. Oil Co., Inc., and is the former owner of R.E. Smith Fuel Company, which was purchased by Main Bros. Oil Co., Inc., located in Albany, New York. He became Chairman of the Board in November 2005. Mr. Smith's 23 years of experience as owner of his own energy services company and an additional 15 years as a consultant in the energy services industry bring valuable business and leadership skills and financial acumen to the Board in furtherance of the Board's objective of maintaining a membership of experienced and dedicated individuals with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, skills, and other qualities that are beneficial to the Company.

J. Bruce Whittaker retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and of The Bank of Greene County in June 2007. Mr. Whittaker has been affiliated with the Bank in various capacities since 1972. Mr. Whittaker was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Bank in 1987. As the former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and the Bank, Mr. Whittaker offers a wealth of management experience, business understanding, and knowledge of banking regulations and our market area, along with a deep understanding of the role of the Board of Directors. Mr. Whittaker's prior experience gives him front-line exposure to many of the issues facing the Company as well as extensive valuable experience in overseeing, among other matters, the Company's banking business.

#### Executive Officers of the Company who are not Directors

Michelle M. Plummer, CPA was appointed Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company and the Bank in June 2007. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Plummer served as Chief Financial Officer of the Company and the Bank since May 1999 and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since January 2002. Prior to that time, Ms. Plummer held positions with KPMG LLP and with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Ms. Plummer obtained a Master of Science from Pace University.

Stephen E. Nelson was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer of the Company and the Bank during 2008. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Nelson served as Senior Vice President of the Company and Bank since 2001 and has served in various capacities with the Bank since 1988. Mr. Nelson obtained a Master of Business Administration from the College of Saint Rose.

#### Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

The common stock of the Company is registered with the SEC pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The officers and Directors of the Company and beneficial owners of greater than 10% of the Company's common stock ("10% beneficial owners") are required to file reports on Forms 3, 4 and 5 with the SEC disclosing beneficial ownership and changes in beneficial ownership of the common stock. SEC rules require disclosure in the Company's Proxy Statement or Annual Report on Form 10-K of the failure of an officer, Director or 10% beneficial owner of the Company's common stock to file a Form 3, 4, or 5 on a timely basis. Based on the Company's review of such ownership reports, no officer or Director of the Company failed to timely file such ownership reports for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

#### Board Independence

The Board of Directors has determined that, except for Mr. Gibson, Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Schaefer, each member of the Board is an "independent director" within the meaning of Rule 4200(a)(15) of the NASDAQ corporate governance listing standards. Mr. Gibson is not considered independent because he is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and the Bank. Mr. Whittaker is not considered independent because he is a retired executive officer of

the Company. Mr. Schaefer is not considered independent because he is a partner in the law firm, Deily & Schaefer, from which the Company uses various services in the normal course of business. In determining the independence of the other Directors listed above there were no transactions reviewed by the Board of Directors which were not required to be reported under "Transactions With Certain Related Persons," below.

#### Board Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight

Our Board of Directors is chaired by Martin C. Smith, who is a non-executive Director. This structure ensures a greater role for the independent Directors in the oversight of Greene County Bancorp, Inc. and The Bank of Greene County and active participation of the independent Directors in setting agendas and establishing priorities and procedures for the work of the Board. The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for setting the strategic direction for the Company and the day-to-day leadership and performance of the Company. The Chairman of the Board provides guidance to the Chief Executive Officer and sets the agenda for Board meetings and presides over meetings of the full Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is actively involved in oversight of risks that could affect Greene County Bancorp, Inc. This oversight is conducted primarily through Committees of the Board of Directors, but the full Board of Directors has retained responsibility for general oversight of risks. The Board of Directors satisfies this responsibility through full reports by each Committee chair regarding the Committee's considerations and actions, as well as through regular reports directly from officers responsible for oversight of particular risks within Greene County Bancorp, Inc., including credit, financial, operational, liquidity, legal and regulatory risks. Risks relating to the direct operations of The Bank of Greene County are further overseen by the Board of Directors of The Bank of Greene County, who are the same individuals who serve on the Board of Directors of Greene County Bancorp, Inc. The Board of Directors of The Bank of Greene County also has additional Committees that conduct risk oversight separate from the Committees of Greene County Bancorp, Inc. Further, the Board of Directors oversees risks through the establishment of policies and procedures that are designed to guide daily operations in a manner consistent with applicable laws, regulations and risks acceptable to the organization.

#### References to our Website Address

References to our website address throughout this Proxy Statement and the accompanying materials are for informational purposes only, or to fulfill specific disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules. These references are not intended to, and do not, incorporate the contents of our website by reference into this Proxy Statement or the accompanying materials.

#### Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors

General. The business of the Company is conducted at regular and special meetings of the full Board and its standing Committees. The standing Committees include the Executive, Nominating and Audit Committees. During the year ended June 30, 2011, the Board of Directors held 12 regular meetings and one special meeting. No member of the Board or any Committee thereof attended fewer than 75% of the aggregate of: (i) the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors (held during the period for which he has been a Director); and (ii) the total number of meetings held by all Committees of the Board on which he served (during the periods that he served). Executive sessions of the independent Directors are held on a regularly scheduled basis; there were 12 such sessions during fiscal year 2011.

While the Company has no formal policy on Director attendance at annual meetings of stockholders, all Directors are encouraged to attend. All of the Company's Directors attended the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee consists of the entire Board of Directors. The Executive Committee meets as necessary when the Board is not in session to exercise general control and supervision in all matters pertaining to the interests of the Company, subject at all times to the direction of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of Directors O'Grady, Jenkins, Place and Slutzky. Each member of the Nominating Committee is considered "independent" as defined in the NASDAQ corporate governance listing standards. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Committee, which is available at the Company's website at [www.tbogc.com](http://www.tbogc.com). The Committee met one time during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

The functions of the Nominating Committee include the following:

- to lead the search for individuals qualified to become members of the Board and to select Director Nominees to be presented for stockholder approval;
- to review and monitor compliance with the requirements for Board independence;
- to review the Committee structure and make recommendations to the Board regarding Committee membership;
  - to develop and recommend to the Board for its approval a set of corporate governance guidelines; and
- to develop and recommend to the Board for its approval a self-evaluation process for the Board and its Committees.

The Nominating Committee identifies nominees by first evaluating the current members of the Board of Directors willing to continue in service. Current members of the Board with skills and experience that are relevant to the Company's business and who are willing to continue in service are first considered for re-nomination, balancing the value of continuity of service by existing members of the Board with that of obtaining a new perspective. If any member of the Board does not wish to continue in service, or if the Committee or the Board decides not to re-nominate a member for re-election, or if the size of the Board is increased, the Committee would solicit suggestions for director candidates from all Board members. In addition, the Committee is authorized by its charter to engage a third party to assist in the identification of Director Nominees. The Nominating Committee would seek to identify a candidate who at a minimum satisfies the following criteria:

- has the highest personal and professional ethics and integrity and whose values are compatible with the Company's;
- has had experiences and achievements that have given him or her the ability to exercise and develop good business judgment;
- is willing to devote the necessary time to the work of the Board and its Committees, which includes being available for Board and Committee meetings;
- is familiar with the communities in which the Company operates and/or is actively engaged in community activities;
- is involved in other activities or interests that do not create a conflict with his or her responsibilities to the Company and its stockholders; and
- has the capacity and desire to represent the balanced, best interests of the stockholders of the Company as a group, and not primarily a special interest group or constituency.

Finally, the Nominating Committee will take into account whether a candidate satisfies the criteria for “independence” under the NASDAQ corporate governance listing standards, and if a nominee is sought for service on the Audit Committee, the financial and accounting expertise of a candidate, including whether the individual qualifies as an Audit Committee financial expert. When considering whether Directors and nominees have the experience, qualifications, attributes and skills, taken as a whole, to enable the Board of Directors to satisfy its oversight responsibilities effectively, the Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors focused primarily on the information included in each of the Directors’ individual biographies set forth above. The Nominating Committee and the Board of Directors do not have a diversity policy. In identifying nominees for Directors, however, consideration is given to the diversity of professional experience, education and backgrounds among the Directors so that a variety of points of view are represented in Board discussions and deliberations concerning the Company’s business.

There have been no material changes to these procedures since they were previously disclosed in the proxy statement for the Company’s 2010 annual meeting of stockholders.

Procedures for the Recommendation of Director Nominees by Stockholders. The Nominating Committee has adopted procedures for the submission of Director Nominees by stockholders. If a determination is made that an additional candidate is needed for the Board, the Nominating Committee will consider candidates submitted by the Company’s stockholders. Stockholders can submit qualified names of candidates for Director by writing to our Corporate Secretary, at P.O. Box 470, 302 Main Street, Catskill, New York 12414. The Corporate Secretary must receive a submission not less than ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date of the Company’s proxy materials for the preceding year’s annual meeting. The submission must include the following information:

- the name and address of the stockholder as they appear on the Company’s books, and number of shares of the Company’s common stock that are owned beneficially by such stockholder (if the stockholder is not a holder of record, appropriate evidence of the stockholder’s ownership will be required);
- the name, address and contact information for the candidate, and the number of shares of common stock of the Company that are owned by the candidate (if the candidate is not a holder of record, appropriate evidence of the stockholder’s ownership will be required);
  - a statement of the candidate’s business and educational experience;
- such other information regarding the candidate as would be required to be included in the proxy statement pursuant to SEC Rule 14A;
  - a statement detailing any relationship between the candidate and the Company;
- a statement detailing any relationship between the candidate and any customer, supplier or competitor of the Company;
- detailed information about any relationship or understanding between the proposing stockholder and the candidate; and
- a statement that the candidate is willing to be considered and willing to serve as a Director if nominated and elected.

Submissions that are received and that meet the criteria outlined above are forwarded to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee for further review and consideration. A nomination submitted by a stockholder for presentation by the stockholder at an annual meeting of stockholders must comply with the procedural and informational requirements described in this Proxy Statement under the heading “Stockholder Proposals.” No submission for Board nominees was received by the Company for the Annual Meeting.



Stockholder Communications with the Board. A stockholder of the Company who wishes to communicate with the Board or with any individual Director may write to the Corporate Secretary of the Company, P.O. Box 470, 302 Main Street, Catskill, New York 12414, Attention: Board Administration. The letter should indicate that the author is a stockholder and if shares are not held of record, should include appropriate evidence of stock ownership. Depending on the subject matter, management will:

- forward the communication to the Director or Directors to whom it is addressed;
- attempt to handle the inquiry directly, for example where it is a request for information about the Company or a stock-related matter; or
- not forward the communication if it is primarily commercial in nature, relates to an improper or irrelevant topic, or is unduly hostile, threatening, illegal or otherwise inappropriate.

At each Board meeting, management will present a summary of all communications received since the last meeting that were not forwarded and make those communications available to the Directors.

The Audit Committee. The Audit Committee consists of Directors Place, Jenkins, O'Grady, and Slutzky. Each member of the Audit Committee is considered "independent" as defined in the NASDAQ corporate governance listing standards and under SEC Rule 10A-3. The Board of Directors has determined that Arthur Place qualifies as an "Audit Committee Financial Expert" as that term is defined by the rules and regulations of the SEC. The duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee include, among other things:

- retaining, overseeing and evaluating an independent registered public accounting firm to audit the Company's annual consolidated financial statements;
- in consultation with the independent registered public accounting firm and the internal auditor, reviewing the integrity of the Company's financial reporting processes, both internal and external;
  - approving the scope of the audit in advance;
- reviewing the consolidated financial statements and the audit report with management and the independent registered public accounting firm;
- considering whether the provision by the external auditors of services not related to the annual audit and quarterly reviews is consistent with maintaining the auditor's independence;
  - reviewing earnings and financial releases and quarterly reports filed with the SEC;
- consulting with the internal audit staff and reviewing management's administration of the system of internal accounting controls;
- approving all engagements for audit and non-audit services by the independent registered public accounting firm; and
  - reviewing the adequacy of the Audit Committee charter.

The Audit Committee met six times during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The Audit Committee reports to the Board on its activities and findings. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee, which is available at the Company's website at [www.tbogc.com](http://www.tbogc.com).

## Audit Committee Report

The following Audit Committee Report is provided in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. Pursuant to such rules and regulations, this report shall not be deemed "soliciting material," filed with the SEC, subject to Regulation 14A or 14C of the SEC or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Management has the primary responsibility for the Company's internal controls and financial reporting processes. The independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for performing an independent audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with auditing standards prescribed by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) generally accepted in the United States of America and issuing a report thereon. The Audit Committee's responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes.

The Audit Committee has prepared the following report for inclusion in this Proxy Statement:

As part of its ongoing activities, the Audit Committee has:

- Reviewed and discussed with management the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011;

- Discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114, The Auditor's Communication With Those Charged With Governance; and

- Received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent registered public accounting firm required by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Rule 3526, Communication with Audit Committees Concerning Independence, and has discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm their independence. In addition, the Audit Committee approved the appointment of ParenteBeard LLC as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, subject to the ratification of the appointment by the stockholders.

Based on the review and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

This report shall not be deemed incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this Proxy Statement into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this information by reference.

This report has been provided by the Audit Committee:

Arthur Place, CPA (Chairman)

David H. Jenkins, DVM

Dennis R. O'Grady

Paul Slutzky

Code of Ethics

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics that is applicable to the Company's officers, Directors and employees, including its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. The Code of Ethics is available on the Company's website at [www.tbogc.com](http://www.tbogc.com). Amendments to and waivers from the Code of Ethics will also be disclosed on the Company's website.

#### Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The independent Directors of the Company, consisting of every Director except for Donald E. Gibson, J. Bruce Whittaker and Charles H. Schaefer, meet in executive session to determine the salaries to be paid each year to the officers of the Company.

#### Executive Compensation

The Company's philosophy is to align executive compensation with the interests of its stockholders and to determine appropriate compensation levels that will enable it to meet the following objectives:

- To attract, retain and motivate an experienced, competent executive management team;
- To reward the executive management team for the enhancement of shareholder value based on annual earnings performance and the market price of the Company's stock;
- To provide compensation rewards that are adequately balanced between short-term and long-term performance goals;
- To encourage ownership of the Company's common stock through stock-based compensation to all levels of management; and
- To maintain compensation levels that are competitive with other financial institutions and particularly those in the Company's peer group based on asset size and market area.

The Company considers a number of factors in its decisions regarding executive compensation, including, but not limited to, the level of responsibility and performance of the individual executive officers, the overall performance of the Company and a peer group analysis of compensation paid at institutions of comparable size and complexity. The Company also considers the recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer with respect to the compensation of executive officers other than the Chief Executive Officer. The Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer review the same information in connection with this recommendation.

The base salary levels for the Company's executive officers are set to reflect the duties and levels of responsibilities inherent in the position and to reflect competitive conditions in the banking business in the Company's market area. Comparative salaries paid by other financial institutions are considered in establishing the salary for the given executive officer. In setting salaries for fiscal 2011, the Board of Directors utilized bank compensation and benefits surveys compiled by the America's Community Bankers as well as other survey prepared by trade groups and independent benefit consultants including Arthur Warren & Associates. In setting the base salaries, the Board of Directors also considers a number of factors relating to the executive officers, including individual performance, job responsibilities, experience level, ability and the knowledge of the position. These factors are considered subjectively and none of the factors are accorded a specific weight.

During the past fiscal year, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors engaged Arthur Warren of Arthur Warren Associates, a compensation consultant, to advise the Compensation Committee on executive officer and

Director compensation. The Compensation Committee instructed Mr. Warren to evaluate the design and adequacy of the Bank's retirement programs and to develop competitive market comparisons and recommendations for certain senior executive officers. Mr. Warren prepared for the Compensation Committee a report analyzing retirement benefits for senior executive officers. In addition, with the assistance of Lawrence Swift of Effective Pay Practices, Mr. Warren prepared a report (i) updating Senior Executive Direct Cash Market Values to July 1, 2011; (ii) updating Outside Director Cash Compensation Program Market Values to July 1, 2010; (iii) discussing modifications to the Annual Short-Term Incentive Plan; and (iv) discussing the design of a new Long-Term Cash Incentive Plan.

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## Executive Compensation

The following table sets forth for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010 and 2009 certain information as to the total remuneration paid by us to Mr. Gibson, who serves as President and Chief Executive Officer, and the two other most highly compensated executive officers of the Company and The Bank of Greene County other than Mr. Gibson (the "Named Executive Officers").

## SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and principal position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock awards (\$)	Option awards (\$)(2)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)	Nonqualified deferred earnings (\$)	All other compensation (\$)(1)	Total (\$)
Donald E. Gibson Chief Executive Officer & President	2011	247,300	39,000	---	---	---	---	60,400	346,700
	2010	193,300	66,000	---	---	---	---	28,000	287,300
	2009	164,100	30,000	---	121,800	---	---	38,700	354,600
Michelle M. Plummer, CPA Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer & Chief Financial Officer	2011	179,000	32,500	---	---	---	---	42,800	254,300
	2010	161,500	58,000	---	---	---	---	26,700	246,200
	2009	144,700	28,000	---	97,400	---	---	39,500	309,600
Stephen E. Nelson Executive Vice President & Chief Lending Officer	2011	149,100	25,000	---	---	---	---	23,900	198,000
	2010	124,600	45,000	---	---	---	---	15,000	184,600
	2009	112,800	21,300	---	81,200	---	---	29,100	244,400

(1) Includes employer matching contributions of \$10,600; \$8,000; and \$6,700 allocated in fiscal 2011 to the accounts of Mr. Gibson, Ms. Plummer and Mr. Nelson, respectively, under The Bank of Greene County 401(k) Plan, and the fair market value at June 30, 2011 of the shares of common stock and cash allocated pursuant to the employee stock ownership plan in fiscal 2011, representing \$9,900; \$9,900; and \$8,900 for each of Mr. Gibson, Ms. Plummer and Mr. Nelson, respectively. The Bank also provides each qualifying employee, including Mr. Gibson, life insurance equal to one times the employee's salary with a maximum benefit of \$50,000. The Bank also provides each qualifying employee with short-term and long-term disability coverage, medical and dental coverage for the employee and his or her spouse and dependents. The Bank will contribute 75% toward the cost of the premium for the medical coverage up to \$9,000 per year. Mr. Nelson does not participate in the Bank's medical insurance plan.

(2) Represents the grant date fair value, calculated in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards “Compensation-Stock Compensation” for the stock option awards in fiscal 2009 (no option grants were made in fiscal 2010 or 2011). The assumptions made in the valuation of the awards are described in the notes to Greene County Bancorp, Inc.’s consolidated financial statements note 9 for the years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

Salary for the Named Executive Officers is paid pursuant to Employment Agreements, which are discussed below under “—Employment Agreements.”

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Employment Agreements. Donald E. Gibson, Michelle M. Plummer and Stephen E. Nelson have each entered into an employment agreement with the Bank. Mr. Gibson and Ms. Plummer's employment agreements are substantially identical and were effective July 1, 2007. Mr. Nelson's agreement was effective July 1, 2008. Mr. Gibson's employment agreement provides for a base salary of \$250,000, Ms. Plummer's employment agreement provides for a base salary of \$180,000 and Mr. Nelson's employment agreement provides for a base salary of \$150,000. Mr. Gibson and Ms. Plummer's agreements have a term of 36 months from July 1, 2007 and Mr. Nelson's agreement has a term of 24 months from July 1, 2008. Commencing on July 1, 2008, and continuing on each July 1st thereafter, Mr. Gibson and Ms. Plummer's agreement shall renew for an additional year such that the remaining term shall be 36 full calendar months. Commencing on July 1, 2009, and continuing on each July 1st thereafter, Mr. Nelson's agreement shall renew for an additional year such that the remaining term shall be 24 full calendar months. Each agreement shall renew for an additional year unless written notice is provided to the executive at least ten days and not more than 60 days prior to any such anniversary date that his or her employment shall cease at the end of 36 months (24 months for Mr. Nelson) following such anniversary date. Prior to each notice period for non-renewal, the disinterested members of the Board of Directors (and the entire Board of Directors for Mr. Nelson) of the Bank will conduct a comprehensive performance evaluation and review of the executive for purposes of determining whether to extend the agreement.

Under each agreement, the executive's base salary will be reviewed annually, and the base salary may be increased but not decreased. In addition to the base salary, the executive will be provided all such other benefits as are provided uniformly to permanent full-time employees of the Bank. In addition, the Bank will provide the executive with employee benefit plans, arrangements and perquisites substantially equivalent to those in which the executive was participating or otherwise deriving benefit. The executive will be entitled to participate in or receive benefits under any employee benefit plans, including but not limited to, retirement plans, supplemental retirement plans, pension plans, profit-sharing plans, health-and-accident plans, medical coverage or any other employee benefit plan or arrangement made available by the Bank in the future to its senior executives and key management employees.

Each agreement provides for termination by the Bank for cause at any time. If the agreement is terminated for cause, the executive will not receive any compensation or other benefits from the Bank or the Company.

Under Mr. Gibson and Ms. Plummer's agreements, if the executive's employment is terminated for any reason other than for cause, death, disability or retirement, including resignation upon, among other things, failure to reappoint the executive to his or her office, a material diminution of the executive's duties or a breach of the agreement by the Bank, or if the executive voluntarily resigns his or her employment on or after a change in control of the Company or the Bank during the term of the agreement, then the Bank is obligated to pay to the executive a lump sum equal to three times the sum of the then current base salary and the highest rate of bonus awarded to the executive during the prior three years. If such amount is determined to constitute an "excess parachute payment," the amount would be reduced so as not to trigger an excess parachute payment.

Under Mr. Nelson's agreement, if the executive's employment is terminated for any reason other than for cause, death, disability or retirement, including resignation upon, among other things, failure to reappoint the executive to his or her office, a material diminution of the executive's duties or a breach of the agreement by the Bank, then the Bank is obligated to pay to the executive a lump sum equal to one times the executive's then current base salary. If such amount is determined to constitute an "excess parachute payment," the amount would be reduced so as not to trigger an excess parachute payment.

In the event of Mr. Gibson or Ms. Plummer's disability for a period of six months, the Bank may terminate the agreement, provided that the Bank will be obligated to pay the executive his or her base salary for the remaining term of the agreement or one year, whichever is longer (provided such payments are reduced to the extent of any disability insurance payments). In the event of Mr. Gibson or Ms. Plummer's death during the term of the agreement, the Bank will pay his or her base salary to the named beneficiaries for one year following the date of death. Mr. Nelson's

agreement does not provide any disability or death benefits. In the event an executive retires, he or she will be entitled to any vested benefits under any retirement plan of the Bank.

Each agreement provides that, following the termination of the executive's employment as a result of which the Bank is paying the executive termination benefits (other than termination upon a change in control), the executive will not compete with the Bank for a period of one year in any city or county in which the Bank has an office or has filed an application for regulatory approval to establish an office.

**Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan.** The Bank adopted The Bank of Greene County Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (the "SERP"), effective as of July 1, 2010. The SERP will benefit certain key senior executives of the Bank who are selected by the Board to participate, including our Named Executive Officers, Donald E. Gibson, Michelle M. Plummer, and Stephen E. Nelson. The SERP is intended to provide a benefit from the Bank upon retirement, death, disability or voluntary or involuntary termination of service (other than "for cause"). Accordingly, the SERP obligates the Bank to make a contribution to each executive's account on the first business day of each July and permits each executive to defer up to 50% of his or her base salary and 100% of his or her annual bonus to the SERP, subject to the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Bank may, but is not required to, make additional discretionary contributions to the executives' accounts from time to time. An executive becomes vested in the Bank's contributions after 10 calendar years of service following the effective date of the SERP. However, the Executive will vest in the present value of his or her account in the event of death, disability or a change in control of the Bank or the Company. In the event the executive is terminated involuntarily or resigns for good reason following a change in control, the present value of all remaining Bank contributions is accelerated and paid to the executive's account, subject to potential reduction to avoid an excess parachute payment under Code Section 280G. In the event of the executive's death, disability or termination within two years after a change in control, executive's account will be paid in a lump sum to the executive or his beneficiary, as applicable. In the event executive is entitled to a benefit from the SERP due to retirement or other termination of employment, the benefit will be paid in 10 annual installments.

**Defined Contribution Plan.** The Bank has adopted The Bank of Greene County Employees' Savings & Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the "Plan") in order to permit the investment of Plan assets in common stock of the Company. Employees are eligible to join the Plan on the first of the month following completion of three months of continuous employment (during which 250 hours are completed). The first year eligibility period runs from the date of hire to the anniversary of such date. If an employee does not satisfy the eligibility requirements during such period then the next eligibility period shall be the calendar year. Employees are eligible to contribute, on a pre-tax basis, up to 25% of their eligible salary, in increments of 1%. Effective January 1, 2007, the Bank matched employee contributions dollar for dollar for the first 3% and then 50% of the employee contribution up to the next 3%. In addition, the Bank may make an additional discretionary contribution allocated among members' accounts on the basis of compensation. All employee contributions and earnings thereon under the Plan are at all times fully vested. A member vests in employer matching and discretionary contributions based on two year cliff vesting in order to take advantage of certain safe harbor provisions. Employees are entitled to borrow, within tax law limits, from amounts allocated to their accounts.

Plan benefits will be paid to each member in a lump sum or in equal payments over a fixed period or in shares of employer stock upon termination, disability or death. In addition, the Plan permits employees to withdraw salary reduction contributions prior to age 59-1/2 or termination in the event the employee suffers a financial hardship. In certain circumstances, the Plan permits employees to withdraw the Bank's matching contributions to their accounts. The Plan permits employees to direct the investment of their own accounts into various investment options.

At December 31, 2010, the market value of the Plan trust fund was approximately \$4.8 million. The total contribution (i.e., both the employee and Bank contributions) to the Plan for the Plan year ended December 31, 2010, was approximately \$512,000.





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(1) No additional credit is received for years of service in excess of 30; however, increases in compensation after 30 years will generally cause an increase in benefits.

As of June 30, 2011, Mr. Gibson had 19 years, Ms. Plummer had 7 years, and Mr. Nelson had 17 years of credited service (i.e., benefit service) under the Retirement Plan, frozen as of July 1, 2006.

Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Trust. The Bank has established an Employee Stock Ownership Plan and Related Trust ("ESOP") for eligible employees. The ESOP is a tax-qualified plan subject to the requirements of ERISA and the Code. Persons who have been employed by the Bank for 12 months during which they worked at least 1,000 hours and who have attained age 21, are eligible to participate. The ESOP borrowed funds from the Company and purchased or was issued a total of 72,760 shares of common stock. An additional 7,276 shares were issued to the ESOP as a result of the 10% stock dividend effective August 1999. Accordingly, the ESOP originally owned 80,036 shares in total. The ESOP had no undistributed shares in the Plan as of June 30, 2011. When fully vested employees retire or leave the Company, they may take from the ESOP their portion of allocated shares or cash; as a result of this, the overall number of shares remaining in the ESOP has decreased. The ESOP loan was paid in full in fiscal year 2008. The common stock held by the ESOP was collateral for the loan. The loan was paid principally from the Bank's contributions to the ESOP over ten years. The interest rate for the loan was a floating rate equal to the Prime Rate as published in The Wall Street Journal from time to time. Shares purchased by the ESOP were held in a suspense account for allocation among participants as the loan was repaid.

Contributions to the ESOP and shares released are allocated among participants on the basis of compensation in the year of allocation, up to an annual adjusted maximum level of compensation. Benefits generally become vested after three years of credited service. Forfeitures will be reallocated among remaining participating employees in the same proportion as contributions. Benefits may be payable upon death, retirement, early retirement, disability or separation from service. The Company's contributions to the ESOP will not be fixed, so benefits payable under the ESOP cannot be estimated.

A Committee consisting of Martin C. Smith, David Jenkins, Dennis O'Grady and Paul Slutzky administers the ESOP. The ESOP also has an unrelated corporate trustee who is appointed as a fiduciary responsible for administration of the ESOP assets and who votes the ESOP shares. The Committee may instruct the trustee regarding investment of funds contributed to the ESOP. The ESOP trustee generally will vote all shares of common stock held by the ESOP in accordance with the written instructions of the Committee. In certain circumstances, however, the ESOP trustee must vote all allocated shares held in the ESOP in accordance with the instructions of the participating employees, and unallocated shares and shares held in the suspense account in a manner calculated to most accurately reflect the instructions the ESOP trustee has received from participants regarding the allocated stock, subject to and in accordance with the fiduciary duties under ERISA owed by the ESOP trustee to the ESOP participants. Under ERISA, the Secretary of Labor is authorized to bring an action against the ESOP trustee for the failure of the ESOP trustee to comply with its fiduciary responsibilities.

Greene County Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Phantom Stock Option and Long-term Incentive Plan. Greene County Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") entered into the Greene County Bancorp, Inc. 2011 Phantom Stock Option and Long-term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), effective as of July 1, 2011, to promote the long-term financial success of the Company and its subsidiaries by providing a means to attract, retain and reward individuals who contribute to such success and to further align their interests with those of the Company's shareholders. The Plan is intended to provide benefits to Mr. Donald E. Gibson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Michelle M. Plummer, CPA, Executive Vice-President, Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and Mr. Stephen E. Nelson, Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer, and other employees of the Company or any subsidiary selected by the Committee. Directors of the Company or any subsidiary will also be eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan will be administered by the

Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company (“Committee”). A total of 900,000 phantom stock options will be available for awards under the Plan. A phantom stock option represents the right to receive a cash payment on the date the award vests in the participant equal to the positive difference between the strike price on the grant date and the book value of a share of the Company stock on the determination date, which is the last day of the plan year that is the end of the third plan year after the grant date of the award, unless otherwise specified by the Committee. The strike price will be the price established by the Committee, which will not be less than 100% of the book value of a share on a specified date, as determined under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as of the last day of the quarter ending on or immediately preceding the valuation date with adjustments made, in the sole discretion of the Committee, to exclude accumulated other comprehensive income. Unless the Committee determines otherwise, the required period of service for full vesting will be three years, subject to acceleration of vesting in the event of the participant’s death, disability, involuntary termination without cause or the occurrence of a second-step conversion or change in control, unless determined otherwise by the Committee. In the event of separation of service (as defined in the Plan) for any reason other than disability, death or termination without cause, phantom stock options will be forfeited. In the event of termination for cause, the phantom stock options granted to a participant will expire and be forfeited. Upon separation of service due to disability, death or involuntary termination without cause, including resignation for “good reason” (as defined in the Plan), all phantom stock options will become fully vested and payment of the cash value of the phantom stock options will be made no later than 75 days after the participant’s separation of service. At the time of a consummation of a change in control or second-step conversion, the phantom stock options held by a participant will be deemed to have been fully earned. The cash value of outstanding awards will be paid no later than 75 days after the change in control or second-step conversion. In the event of a change in control, any performance measure attached to an award will be deemed satisfied as of the date of the change in control. In the event of a change in control, the cash value of the phantom stock option will be determined by multiplying the book value of a share of Company common stock by the price-to-book value multiple of a share of the Company stock, where the price reflects the merger consideration per share, and then subtracting the strike price.

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Outstanding Equity Awards at Year End. The following table sets forth information with respect to outstanding equity awards as of June 30, 2011 for the Named Executive Officers.

## OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT JUNE 30, 2011

Name	Option awards					Stock awards			
	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) exercisable	Number of securities underlying unexercised options (#) unexercisable	Equity incentive plan awards: number of securities underlying unexercised options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Market value of shares or units that have not vested (\$)	Equity incentive plan awards: number of shares, units or rights that have not vested (#)	Equity incentive plan awards: value of unearned shares, units or rights that have not vested (\$)	
Donald E. Gibson (1)	10,000	20,000	20,000	\$12.50	08/18/2018	---	---	---	
Michelle M. Plummer (1)	8,000	16,000	16,000	\$12.50	08/18/2018	---	---	---	
Stephen E. Nelson (1)	6,666	13,334	13,334	\$12.50	08/18/2018	---	---	---	

(1) The equity awards were granted pursuant to the 2008 Equity Incentive Plan, which was approved by stockholders on July 29, 2008. Please refer to the notes to Greene County Bancorp, Inc.'s consolidated financial statements note 9 for the years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010.

Equity Incentive Plan. The Company has adopted and shareholders have approved the Greene County Bancorp, Inc. 2008 Equity Incentive Plan (the “Equity Plan”) to provide officers, employees and Directors of the Company and the Company’s affiliates, including the Bank, with additional incentives to promote the growth and performance of the Company.

The Equity Plan authorizes the issuance of up to 180,000 shares of Company common stock pursuant to the exercise by award recipients of grants of incentive and non-statutory stock options, and stock appreciation rights. Employees and outside Directors of the Company or its subsidiaries are eligible to receive awards under the Equity Plan. Neither the Committee nor the Board is authorized to make any adjustment or amendment that reduces or would have the effect of reducing the exercise price of a stock option or a stock appreciation right previously granted.

The Equity Plan is designed so that stock options and stock appreciation rights will be considered performance-based compensation, whether or not such awards vest on the basis of satisfaction of specific performance measures. It is expected that the grant of stock options and stock appreciation rights will be conditioned on the satisfaction of performance measures selected by the Committee from a list derived from the plan document. If the vesting of an award under the Equity Plan is conditioned on the completion of a specified period of service with the Company or its subsidiaries, without the achievement of performance measures or objectives, then unless otherwise determined by the Committee and evidenced in an award agreement, the required period of service for full vesting shall not be less than three years for a participant, subject to acceleration in the event of death, disability, retirement, involuntary termination of employment or service following a change in control of the Company.

Equity Compensation Plans. Other than our employee stock ownership plan, we do not have any equity compensation plans that were not approved by stockholders. The following table sets forth information with respect to the Company’s equity compensation plans effective June 30, 2011.

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options and rights	Weighted average exercise price(1)	Number of securities remaining available for issuance under plan
Stock options 2008 plan.....	164,500	\$12.50	15,500
Total.....	164,500	\$12.50	15,500

(1) Reflects weighted average exercise price of stock options only.

## Directors' Compensation

The following table sets forth for the year ended June 30, 2011 certain information as to the total remuneration we paid to the Company's Directors other than Mr. Gibson. Compensation paid to Mr. Gibson for his services as a Director is included in "Executive Compensation—Summary Compensation Table."

## DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Name	Fees earned or paid in cash (\$)	Stock awards (\$)	Option awards (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation (\$)	Nonqualified deferred compensation earnings (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Paul Slutzky	\$36,000	---	---	---	---	---	\$36,000
David H. Jenkins, DVM	\$36,000	---	---	---	---	---	\$36,000
Charles H. Schaefer	\$36,000	---	---	---	---	---	\$36,000
Arthur Place, CPA	\$43,500	---	---	---	---	---	\$43,500
Dennis R. O'Grady	\$36,000	---	---	---	---	---	\$36,000
Martin C. Smith	\$48,000	---	---	---	---	---	\$48,000
J. Bruce Whittaker	\$36,000	---	---	---	---	---	\$36,000

## Directors' Compensation

Directors of The Bank of Greene County (other than the Board and Audit Committee Chairmen) receive an annual retainer of \$18,000 and a fee of \$1,500 per Board meeting. The Chairman of the Board receives an annual retainer of \$30,000 and a fee of \$1,500 per Board meeting. The Audit Committee Chairman receives an annual retainer of \$27,000 and a fee of \$1,500 per Board meeting. No separate compensation is currently paid to Directors for service on the Board of the Company. Directors of the Bank and the Company who are also employees of the Bank and the Company are not entitled to receive Board fees. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the Bank paid a total of \$271,500 in Director fees.

Directors are eligible to participate in the Equity Plan. On August 19, 2008, each Director was granted a non-qualified option to purchase 6,000 shares of common stock, except for Directors Smith and Place, who were granted 7,000 options and 6,500 options, respectively. These grants vest as certain performance criteria are met. As of June 30, 2011, the criteria for all of the options to vest were achieved.

## Transactions with Certain Related Persons

In the ordinary course of business, the Bank makes loans available to its Directors, officers and employees. These loans are made in the ordinary course of business on substantially the same terms, including interest rate and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable loans with persons not related to the Bank. Management believes that these loans neither involve more than the normal risk of collectability nor present other unfavorable features.

Section 402 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 generally prohibits an issuer from: (1) extending or maintaining credit; (2) arranging for the extension of credit; or (3) renewing an extension of credit in the form of a personal loan for an officer or Director. There are several exceptions to this general prohibition, one of which is applicable to the Company. Sarbanes-Oxley does not apply to loans made by a depository institution that is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and is subject to the insider lending restrictions of the Federal Reserve Act. All loans to the Company's Directors and officers are made in conformity with the Federal Reserve Act and applicable regulations.

In accordance with the listing standards of the NASDAQ Stock Market, any transactions that would be required to be reported under this section of this proxy statement must be approved by the Company's Audit Committee or another independent body of the Board of Directors. In addition, any transaction with a Director is reviewed by and subject to approval of the members of the Board of Directors who are not directly involved in the proposed transaction to confirm that the transaction is on terms that are no less favorable as those that would be available to the Company from an unrelated party through an arms-length transaction.

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## PROPOSAL 2—RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

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The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company has approved the engagement of ParenteBeard LLC to be the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2012 fiscal year, subject to the ratification of the engagement by the Company's stockholders. At the Meeting, stockholders will consider and vote on the ratification of the engagement of ParenteBeard LLC for the Company's fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. A

representative of ParenteBeard LLC is expected to attend the Meeting to respond to appropriate questions and to make a statement, if deemed appropriate.

Set forth below is certain information concerning aggregate fees billed by ParenteBeard LLC for professional services rendered during fiscal years 2011 and 2010.

**Audit Fees.** During the past two fiscal years the fees billed for professional services rendered by ParenteBeard LLC for the audit of the Company's annual consolidated financial statements, for the review of the Company's Forms 10-Q and for services provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings were \$108,400 for 2011 and \$132,700, for 2010.

**Audit-Related Fees.** During the fiscal years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010, fees billed for professional services by ParenteBeard LLC that were reasonably related to the performance of the audit were \$18,300 and \$27,500, respectively.

**Tax Fees.** During the past two fiscal years the fees billed for professional services by ParenteBeard LLC for tax services were \$20,700 and \$16,200, for 2011 and 2010, respectively.

**All Other Fees.** During the years ended June 30, 2011, \$19,000 in fees were billed to the Company by ParenteBeard LLC related to assistance with the implementation of XBRL reporting. During the year ended June 30, 2010, no other fees were billed to the Company other than those described above by ParenteBeard LLC.

The Audit Committee considered whether the provision of non-audit services was compatible with maintaining the independence of its auditors. The Audit Committee concluded that performing such services in fiscal 2011 and 2010 did not affect the auditors' independence in performing their function as auditors of the Company.

#### Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditor

The Audit Committee's policy is to pre-approve all audit and non-audit services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm. These services may include audit services, audit-related services, tax services and other services. Pre-approval is generally provided for up to one year and any pre-approval is detailed as to particular service or category of services and is generally subject to a specific budget. The Audit Committee has delegated pre-approval authority to its Chairman when expedition of services is necessary. The independent registered public accounting firm and management are required to periodically report to the full Audit Committee regarding the extent of services provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in accordance with this pre-approval, and the fees for the services performed to date. All of fees paid in the audit related, tax and all other categories were approved per the pre-approval policies.

In order to ratify the selection of ParenteBeard LLC as the independent registered public accounting firm for the 2012 fiscal year, the proposal must receive at least a majority of the votes cast "FOR" or "AGAINST", either in person or by proxy, in favor of such ratification. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the ratification of ParenteBeard LLC, as independent registered public accounting firm for the 2012 fiscal year.

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## STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

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In order to be eligible for inclusion in the proxy materials for next year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders, any stockholder proposal to take action at such meeting must be received at the Company's executive office, P.O. Box



470, 302 Main Street, Catskill, New York 12414, no later than June 2, 2012. Any such proposals shall be subject to the requirements of the proxy rules adopted under the Exchange Act.

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#### OTHER MATTERS

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The Board of Directors is not aware of any business to come before the Annual Meeting other than the matters described above in this Proxy Statement. However, if any matters should properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is intended that holders of the proxies will act as directed by a majority of the Board of Directors, except for matters related to the conduct of the Annual Meeting, as to which they shall act in accordance with their best judgment. The Board of Directors intends to exercise its discretionary authority to the fullest extent permitted under the Exchange Act.

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#### ADVANCE NOTICE OF BUSINESS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE AN ANNUAL MEETING

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The Bylaws of the Company provide an advance notice procedure for certain business or nominations to the Board of Directors to be brought before an annual meeting. In order for a stockholder to properly bring business before an annual meeting, or to propose a nominee to the Board, the stockholder must give written notice to the Secretary of the Company not less than five days prior to the date of the annual meeting. No other proposal shall be acted upon at the annual meeting. A stockholder may make any other proposal at the annual meeting and the same may be discussed and considered, but unless stated in writing and filed with the Secretary at least five days prior to the annual meeting, the proposal will be laid over for action at an adjourned, special or annual meeting taking place 30 days or more thereafter.

The date on which the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders is expected to be held is November 3, 2012. Accordingly, advance written notice of business or nominations to the Board of Directors to be brought before the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary of the Company no later than October 29, 2012.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS

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The cost of solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Company. The Company will reimburse brokerage firms and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for reasonable expenses incurred by them in sending proxy materials to the beneficial owners of common stock. In addition to solicitations by mail, Directors, officers and regular employees of the Company may solicit proxies personally or by telegraph or telephone without additional compensation.

The Company's 2011 Annual Report to Stockholders has been mailed to all stockholders of record as of the Record Date. Any stockholder who has not received a copy of such Annual Report may obtain a copy by writing the Company. Such Annual Report is not to be treated as a part of the proxy solicitation material nor as having been incorporated herein by reference.

A COPY OF THE COMPANY'S ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011, WILL BE FURNISHED WITHOUT CHARGE TO STOCKHOLDERS AS OF THE RECORD DATE UPON WRITTEN OR TELEPHONIC REQUEST TO REBECCA R. MAIN, CORPORATE SECRETARY, GREENE COUNTY BANCORP, INC., P.O. BOX 470, 302 MAIN STREET, CATSKILL, NEW YORK 12414, OR CALL AT 518-943-2600.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

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Greene County Bancorp, Inc.'s Proxy Statement, including the Notice of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the 2011 Annual Report to Stockholders, are each available on the internet at [www.thebankofgreenecounty.com/proxymaterials](http://www.thebankofgreenecounty.com/proxymaterials).

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

/s/ Rebecca R. Main

Corporate Secretary  
Catskill, New York  
September 30, 2011

Rebecca R. Main

REVOCABLE PROXY

GREENE COUNTY BANCORP, INC.  
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
November 5, 2011

The undersigned hereby appoints the official proxy committee consisting of the Board of Directors with full powers of substitution to act as attorneys and proxies for the undersigned to vote all shares of common stock of the Company that the undersigned is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (“Annual Meeting”) to be held at Columbia – Greene Community College, 4400 Route 23, Hudson, New York on November 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. The official proxy Committee is authorized to cast all votes to which the undersigned is entitled as follows:

	VOTE	
	FOR	WITHHELD
	(except as marked to the contrary below)	
1. The election as Directors of all nominees listed below, each to serve for the term set forth following his name:	o	o

Martin C. Smith (three-year term)  
Dennis R. O’Grady (three-year term)

INSTRUCTION: To withhold your vote for one or more nominees, write the name of the nominee(s) on the line(s) below.

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	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN
2. The ratification of ParenteBeard LLC as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.	o	o	o

The Board of Directors recommends a vote “FOR” Proposal 1 and Proposal 2.

THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED, BUT IF NO INSTRUCTIONS ARE SPECIFIED, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR PROPOSALS 1 AND 2. IF ANY OTHER BUSINESS IS PRESENTED AT SUCH ANNUAL MEETING, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AT THE PRESENT TIME, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS KNOWS OF NO OTHER BUSINESS TO BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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Should the undersigned be present and elect to vote at the Annual Meeting or at any adjournment thereof and after notification to the Secretary of the Company at the Annual Meeting of the stockholder's decision to terminate this proxy, then the power of said attorneys and proxies shall be deemed terminated and of no further force and effect. This proxy may also be revoked by sending written notice to the Secretary of the Company at the address set forth on the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, or by the filing of a later proxy prior to a vote being taken on a particular proposal at the Annual Meeting.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt from the Company prior to the execution of this proxy of notice of the Annual Meeting, a proxy statement dated September 30, 2011, and audited consolidated financial statements.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
to Attend Annual Meeting

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Please sign exactly as your name appears on this card. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give your full title.

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Please complete and date this proxy and return it promptly  
in the enclosed postage-prepaid envelope.  
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS**

GREENE COUNTY BANCORP, INC.'S PROXY STATEMENT, INCLUDING THE NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND THE 2011 ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS, ARE EACH AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT [WWW.THEBANKOFGREENECOUNTY.COM/PROXYMATERIALS](http://WWW.THEBANKOFGREENECOUNTY.COM/PROXYMATERIALS).

