

# CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - 8753

## MISSION STATEMENT

Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County (CCE) is an educational system that enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research-based knowledge to work.

## WHO WE SERVE

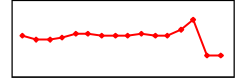
CCE provides education and training to residents (youth and adults), communities and businesses throughout Albany County.

## ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

CCE links research-based knowledge to county residents, businesses and communities by providing practical education addressing economic, societal, environmental and agricultural issues and concerns. As an extension of Cornell University, New York's land grant university, our local association exists through joint funding from county, state and federal government partnerships. Programming is designed to meet local needs through community input, delivered through a wide variety of outreach methods including: classes, trainings, workshops, exhibits and outreach events, one-on-one interventions, applied research, resource material distribution, newsletters, certification classes, web/webinar, teleconferencing, media, volunteer opportunities, etc. All programs align with these statewide program priorities:

- **Agriculture & Food Systems-** Small Farm/New Farm Trainings, Consumer Horticulture, Master Gardener Volunteers, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Insect & Plant Identification, Soil Testing, Farm Business Management, Niche Market Development, Local Food Initiatives/Farmers Markets', Agriculture Economic Development, Rural Land Use Issues, Forestry/Woodlot Seminars, Agronomy/Field Crops, Commercial Agriculture & Horticulture, Landscape Architect, Dairy & Livestock Production & Marketing, County Animal Response Team, Agriculture Worker Trainings/Safety Classes, Right to Farm Law, Agriculture District Reviews/Law, Agriculture & Farmland Protection, County Pesticide Committee, Invasive Species Research Trials/Monitoring, Organic Lawn/Landscape/Farming Trainings, Grass Fed Beef Conference.
- **Children, Youth, & Families-** 4-H Youth Development, After-School Programs, Summer Scene Day Camp, Summer Youth Worker Training, Government Intern Program, Advancing Youth Development, Strengthening Families, Parenting, Teacher Trainings, Agriculture in the Classroom, Shooting Sports, Dog Obedience/Agility, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM), Financial Management Education, Workforce Development, Emergency Preparedness.
- **Natural Resources, Sustainable Energy, & Climate Change-** Rain Gardens, Albany County Water Quality Coordinating Committee, Composting, Watershed/Well Water Protection, Agricultural Environmental Management, IPM & Pesticide Certification Training, Indoor Air Quality, Radon Prevention, EPA Renovators Certification Lead Education & Training, Healthy Homes, Youth Environmental Programs, Weatherization, Special Cooling Initiatives, Energy Conservation Classes, Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).
- **Nutrition, Food Safety & Security-** Women's Health Issues, Chronic Disease Prevention, Nutrition Classes, Obesity Prevention, Senior Nutrition, Food Safety, Eat Smart New York (ESNY), and Expanded Food & Nutrition Education (EFNEP).

## APPROPRIATION HISTORY



1998:	\$1,422,457
1999:	\$1,281,765
2000:	\$1,281,765
2001:	\$1,326,458
2002:	\$1,476,458
2003:	\$1,426,458
2004:	\$1,368,467
2005:	\$1,368,466
2006:	\$1,365,466
2007:	\$1,465,466
2008:	\$1,415,466
2009:	\$1,415,466
2010:	\$1,601,072
2011:	\$1,892,620
2012:	\$794,302
2013:	\$814,008

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## 2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Weatherization ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act), funding provided energy conservation services to 881 housing units. The annual 2012 Weatherization Program will weatherize 79 units and EmPower New York will complete 46 electrical reduction and 12 home performance audits. Over 500 individuals gained instant cost saving applications by participating in energy conservation and financial management classes.
- CCE's Agriculture and Horticulture Specialists delivered (on farm) educational programs and services that resulted in reduced pesticide use, increased farm profitability and improved soil management. Staff also assisted the county with pest management issues in county facilities and in the monitoring and education of citizens on invasive species. Invasive species have the potential of decreasing the profitability of the forestry and agricultural industries in the county and damaging the aesthetic and recreational qualities of our communities.
- CCE's Agriculture Specialists assisted farmers with damage assessment and securing emergency feed supplies for livestock following the 2011 floods and continue to help producers in various business planning activities. In addition, CCE Specialists have been informing fruit and vegetable producers on irrigation management during the drought this summer and aiding livestock producers with securing winter feedstock and managing pasture land to keep products in higher demand.
- The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 4-H Summer Scene Day Camp took place in Ridgefield Park, Albany with 160 youth participating in this environmental education program. In addition, 50 youth from the Albany Summer Youth Employment Program, chosen for counselor positions, were trained in workforce readiness skills throughout the five-week session.
- CCE helped workers meet recent federal guidelines by offering a variety of lead poisoning prevention trainings. These U.S. EPA classes resulted in more than 1,000 individuals receiving certifications that also assisted in protecting children's health and improving the housing stock in Albany County.
- CCE educators partnered with Cornell University on a number of innovative research projects.
  - \* 4-H Wasp Watchers – Extension staff and volunteers have been surveying areas in Albany County for *Cerceris* wasp colonies to be used as a bio-surveillance tool to detect the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer beetle. Twenty youth and their families are currently trained and participating in bio-surveillance spotting new infestations of the Emerald Ash Borer beetle.
  - \* Parent Focus Groups- Educators coordinated focus groups to collect data from 30 Albany County residents to evaluate program and policy on: *Child Custody Decisions in Low-Income Families*.
- Educators worked to reduce the prevalence of childhood obesity and chronic disease through improved health practices. Over 1,500 residents attended a variety of nutrition education classes.
- Master Gardener Volunteers established 4 rain gardens and answered over 5,000 horticulture calls.

## 2013 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- CCE's Agriculture and Horticulture Specialists will continue to work with fresh market fruit, vegetable, livestock and niche market producers to increase availability of fresh, locally produced food in Albany County. Extension specialists will also assist community organizations and units of government in planning and implementing farmers markets' and make connections between agricultural producers in the county and institutional buyers of food products.
- The 4-H/youth development program will increase urban youth programming and provide an increased membership with opportunities to master new skills, perform community service activities, and gain necessary leadership skills to become productive citizens for the future.
- Increase the quality, availability, and effectiveness of community-based educational programs to improve the nutritional health of residents.

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- Expand financial literacy programs providing consumers with the tools and knowledge to handle economic stress, improve spending habits and reduce debt.
- Work with the Albany County Department of Health to insure residents have the necessary emergency preparedness information, education and skills to protect their families, communities and businesses from the devastating consequences of a disaster.
- Train landlords, contractors, and tradespeople toward completion of the required federal certifications to work on older housing. Reduce the incidence of asthma and improve the health of residents through home assessments, integrated pest management, indoor air quality, and household pollutants.

In response to the devastation caused by the hurricanes of 2011, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) educators and agricultural specialists went from farm to farm assessing damage and helping producers learn how to manage the impact on their livestock and crop loss. CCE responded to consumer concerns during power outages and trained 4-H teens in organizing community engagement in the collection and delivery of blankets, clothing and food necessities. Free resource materials and educational opportunities from Cornell University's Extension's Disaster Education Network (EDEN) were distributed to residents on such pertinent topics as: *Is Food From a Flooded Garden Safe to Eat; Dry Out Your Home or Office Before Rebuilding*, and *Food Safety: What to do After a Flood*. Albany County residents also benefited from CCE's coordination and collaboration with FEMA, Albany County Department of Health, Albany County Department of Public Works, the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Conservation and Planning.

CCE worked closely with the *Albany Jewish Community Center (JCC)* to recruit vendors, and develop operating guidelines enabling the JCC to open a new farmers' market on Whitehall Road in Albany. The market provides an opportunity for 22 Albany County farmers and vendors to make available fresh fruits, vegetables, cheeses and meat to over 3,000 Albany County residents. There are more than 20 farmers' markets in Albany County that have been established, in response to consumer demand for local foods, many of which got their start with CCE's assistance.

Account	2011 Expended	2012 Adjusted	2013 Proposed	2012-13 Change	2012-13 Percent Change
<b>Appropriations</b>					
Cornell Cooperative Extension - ( 8753)					
Contractual Expenses	\$3,320,987	\$845,370	\$814,008	(\$31,362)	-3.71%
<b>Appropriations Total</b>	<b>\$3,320,987</b>	<b>\$845,370</b>	<b>\$814,008</b>	<b>(\$31,362)</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>
Revenue	(\$2,874,919)	(\$399,302)	(\$412,547)	(\$13,245)	3.32%
<b>Revenue Total</b>	<b>(\$2,874,919)</b>	<b>(\$399,302)</b>	<b>(\$412,547)</b>	<b>(\$13,245)</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
<b>Total County Share</b>	<b>\$446,068</b>	<b>\$446,068</b>	<b>\$401,461</b>	<b>(\$44,607)</b>	<b>90.00%</b>

	2012 Count	2013 Count	2011 Expended	2012 Adjusted	2013 Requested	2013 Proposed	2013 Adopted
A 8753 Cornell Cooperative Extension							
Contractual Expenses							
A 8753 44476 Cooperative Ext Serv Assoc			\$3,320,987	\$845,370	\$814,008	\$814,008	\$0
<i>Contractual Expenses Subtotal</i>			\$3,320,987	\$845,370	\$814,008	\$814,008	\$0
<b>Total Appropriations</b>			<b>\$3,320,987</b>	<b>\$845,370</b>	<b>\$814,008</b>	<b>\$814,008</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Revenue</b>							
A 8753 02418 Rent Cooperative Extension			(\$246,552)	(\$246,552)	(\$246,552)	(\$246,552)	\$0
A 8753 04950 Weatherization			(\$2,628,367)	(\$152,750)	(\$165,995)	(\$165,995)	\$0
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>(\$2,874,919)</b>	<b>(\$399,302)</b>	<b>(\$412,547)</b>	<b>(\$412,547)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>County Share</b>			<b>\$446,068</b>	<b>\$446,068</b>	<b>\$401,461</b>	<b>\$401,461</b>	<b>\$0</b>