

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION - 8753

MISSION STATEMENT

Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany County (CCE) puts knowledge to work in pursuit of economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being. We bring local experience and research based solutions together, helping New York State families and communities thrive in our rapidly changing world.

WHO WE SERVE

CCE provides education and training to residents, communities, and businesses throughout Albany County.

ABOUT OUR DEPARTMENT

CCE links research-based knowledge to county constituents by providing practical education addressing economic, societal, environmental and agricultural issues. As an extension of Cornell University, NYS's land grant university, our association exists through joint funding from county, state and federal government partnerships. Programming is designed to meet local needs through community input, delivered through numerous outreach methods including: classes, trainings, workshops, exhibits, outreach events, one-on-one interventions, applied research, resource material distribution, newsletters, certification classes, webinars, teleconferencing, media, volunteer opportunities, etc. All educational offerings align with statewide 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, Agricultural Economic Development, Rural Land Use Issues, Forestry/Woodlot Seminars, Agronomy/Field Crops, Landscape Architecture, 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 & Monitoring, Organic Lawn/Landscape Trainings, Grass Fed Beef Conference and Farm Brewery Initiative.
- Children, Youth & Families-** 4-H Youth Development, After-School Programs, Summer Scene Day Camp, Youth Worker Training, Government Intern Program, District Attorney's Youth Advisory Board, Advancing Youth Development, Strengthening Families, Teacher Trainings, Agriculture in the Classroom, Shooting Sports, Dog Obedience/Agility, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math, Financial Management Education, Workforce Development and Emergency Preparedness.
- Environment, Natural Resources, Sustainable Energy, & Climate Change-** Rain Gardens, Albany County Water Quality 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 and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).
- Nutrition, Food Safety & Security, & Obesity Prevention-** Women's Health Issues, Chronic Disease Prevention, Nutrition Classes, Obesity Prevention, Senior Nutrition, Food Safety and Snap-ed/ Eat Smart New York (ESNY).

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
2014:	\$831,349

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2013 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CHALLENGES

- By providing 40 U.S. EPA trainings, CCE educators assisted more than 600 tradespeople, landlords, and contractors in obtaining the required certifications needed to meet federal lead poisoning prevention guidelines. In addition, NYS code officials from numerous municipalities in Albany County successfully completed this U.S. EPA class and received continuing education credits.
- Thirty students from twelve Albany County high schools learned about local government by participating in bi-weekly educational experiences during the academic year. CCE educators helped train youth who participated in the Government Intern Program or served on the District Attorney's Advisory Board.
- In partnership with the Albany County Department of Children, Youth and Families, CCE has implemented 4-H Club Programs and the Strengthening Families Programs designed to build family strengths, improve parenting skills, and prevent teen substance abuse and other negative behaviors. These initiatives have provided positive youth development programming 100 at-risk youth and their families county-wide.
- This past year, the 4-H Youth Development Program facilitated a variety of venues for over 1,500 youth to explore career opportunities, build leadership skills, and apply newly acquired life skills through 4-H club programming, special interest groups, in school and after school programs, and day camp experiences.
- CCE offers numerous financial management workshops on topics ranging from "Credit Card Smarts & Managing Debt" to "Raising a Money Smart Kid." With workshops for adults and youth, programs address the pertinent financial topics facing residents today. CCE has provided over 50 financial management workshops in the community, reaching over 500 participants. Workshop participants rate the programs highly in providing the necessary tools to improve spending habits and reduce personal financial debt.
- In contract with Albany County Department of Health, CCE has implemented a county-wide Emergency Preparedness Initiative. Forty-three program options have been implemented at twenty schools and/or community-based organizations, reaching almost 4,000 youth and adults. The programs range from CPR courses, and emergency preparedness workshops, to youth activities such as 'Make a Kit Relay'.
- 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. 🍏
- Seven different City of Albany elementary schools brought approximately 700 youth to the city farm to learn about agriculture, food and nutrition.
- CCE plays an instrumental role in the development of new and expanding Farmers' Markets, including the new monthly market at the Veterans Hospital. There are currently 16 markets with over 125 vendors in Albany County that operate year round. 🍏

2014 GOALS AND PERFORMANCE TARGETS

- CCE will improve the health and living environments of limited income households by implementing Integrated Pest Management measures and teaching residents how to reduce and control asthma triggers.
- With the prevalence of obesity and diabetes increasing and the associated health care costs and disability, CCE plans to deliver evidence-based classes to residents of Albany County, helping consumers take charge of their eating and lifestyle habits in order to prevent or control diabetes.
- Through the establishment of new partnerships, the Urban 4-H Program will expand to reach additional youth and their families and implement follow-up programming designed to help youth further explore their strengths and career interests.
- With a heightened interest in assisting youth to learn where their food comes from and how to protect the environment, the 4-H Youth Development Program will increase its efforts to partner with the CCE Master Gardener Program.
- CCE's Agriculture and Horticulture Specialists will continue to work with fresh market fruit, vegetable,

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livestock and niche market producers to increase availability of fresh, locally produced food in Albany County. Specialists will also assist community organizations and units of government in planning and implementing farmers' markets and making connections between agricultural producers in the county and institutional buyers of food products, including assisting in the development of the farm brewery initiative.

- CCE will 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.

SUMMARY OF BUDGET CHANGES

The 2014 Executive Budget for CCE does not include substantive programmatic changes.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION 'S MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ... provides opportunities for Albany County residents to give back to the community. After 37 years since the inception of the Master Gardener Volunteer Program, we now have 102 active, fully trained volunteers working to beautify a number of historic sites and public gardens in Albany County. These dedicated volunteers also provide endless hours to the consumer horticulture call center where over 6,000 residents come with gardening questions and problems. Residents are provided with the latest research-based solutions helping them save money and guiding them toward making the most environmentally friendly choices to improve and beautify their landscapes efficiently and effectively. Furthermore, these committed volunteers provide numerous community workshops and demonstrations, school-based enhancement classes and exhibits at fairs and farmers' markets throughout Albany County.

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				Count	Count	Expended	Adjusted	Requested	Proposed	Adopted
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Contractual Expenses										
A	8753	44476	Cooperative Ext Serv Assoc			\$1,201,196	\$874,008	\$831,349	\$831,349	\$0
<i>Contractual Expenses Subtotal</i>						\$1,201,196	\$874,008	\$831,349	\$831,349	\$0
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Total Appropriations						\$1,201,196	\$874,008	\$831,349	\$831,349	\$0
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Revenue										
A	8753	02418	Rent Cooperative Extension			(\$805,707)	(\$246,552)	(\$246,552)	(\$246,552)	\$0
Total Revenue						(\$805,707)	(\$412,547)	(\$319,888)	(\$319,888)	\$0
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County Share						\$395,489	\$461,461	\$511,461	\$511,461	\$0