2015 Annual Report



Cornell University Cooperative Extension Columbia and Greene Counties

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia & Greene Counties

The mission of CCE is to put "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 a rapidly changing world."

The Vision Statement of CCE is that "we are a natural leader in creating positive change on behalf of families and communities through rigorously-tested extension programs. We create measurable change in five priority areas by aligning local needs with the resources and priorities of the land grant system and its state and federal partners."

On the following pages you will find information highlighting the successes of our program areas over the last year.

While our association's primary focus is providing strong, high quality programs and services, we know that we also have to provide the resources to support our program areas. These include:

Finances

Our association, like others, continues to struggle to find funding to support the programs and services we provide to our communities.

We greatly appreciate the continued funding provided by the Columbia County Board of Supervisors and Greene County Legislature, as well as our many partners.

We continue to look for new funding sources for our various program areas. We realize that funding through public and private grants and contracts is difficult to identify and attain. We know we must continue to expand our fund raising events and activities to complement our annual "Down Home Dinner" in Acra and the Baked Potato

Booth/Juice Bar at the Columbia County Fair, to support CCE programs. In 2015 we added a Chicken Barbecue. We are working to identify one new fundraising event to provide some needed, non-grant funding to support the association's activities. If you have any ideas, please contact a member of our board or Chuck Brooks, Executive Director cb657@cornell.edu.

In 2015, nearly 4,000 annual appeal letters were sent out to our program participants, volunteers and supporters, requesting a year-end gift to our association. If the work of the CCE is important to you and your family, please consider making a gift.

Facilities

Over the past year, we have completed an assessment of each of the buildings at both the Acra and Hudson offices. We plan to finalize a strategy on how to improve both these facilities in the future.

Community Survey

This summer we conducted a community survey to identify programs - new and old - that are of interest to local residents. Based on the responses, the Administrative Team is now working to determine programs and events in our five different program areas that could be developed. We intend to identify and develop programs to begin this winter as well as to discuss ways CCE program departments can work together and develop common program goals.

Long Range Strategic Plan

2015 marked the third year of our fiveyear strategic plan approved by our Board in September 2013. This plan continues to provide a direction for the focus of our association into the future.



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Nathan Chittenden 2015 Board President Chuck Brooks



Agriculture & Food Systems

The year brought a little different perspective to agricultural production and supportive businesses in the region, as well as across the nation. Prices that were halfway decent on most of the commodities a year ago have slid to a point that challenges the producers to do what they can to make a profit.

Many farms have transitioned to different enterprises or, in several cases, have even ceased to operate. However, through the year, many encouraging signs have emerged as well. Many new, beginning farms have begun operations in our counties (~17). Several farms have transitioned to new thriving enterprises (~8). Even a few new dairy farms have begun to sell milk and processed milk products (3).

Our work is primarily with agricultural production personnel (farmers and ranchers) and what we can do to help them get into the business, stay in the business, expand or transition their business or, when necessary, even help them exit the business. Through phone consultations, office calls and on-farm visits, we have connected with 317 producers this year.

The "home-comers" (beginning farmers) are one of the groups we work with to help them achieve their objectives (~36%). We refer to the established producers as "the down-home folks," or "down-homers" (~64%). We work with both groups of folks primarily in the five Ps of operations: Planning, Procuring, Producing, Processing, and Promotion (marketing). Quite a bit of our time is devoted to regulatory issues, governmental influence intercessions, and inter -agency negotiations.

Last year we prepared nine grazing plans through both our counties' SWCDs' Agricultural Environmental Management program. With assistance from H-M RC&D, we hosted an "Amazing Grazing Tent Revival" and pasture walk this past summer. We are grazing advocates and looking forward to continuing to push grazing plans and programs, as well as forage-based livestock and agronomic production.

With regard to regional agricultural programs, Mick Bessire, Agriculture Resource Educator, serves primarily as an ag generalist and front-line consultant and, when necessary, makes referrals to the team members with the particular expertise that may be required for certain situations. There is a wealth of information and expertise represented on the two teams.

We look forward to the future of agriculture and to the role that the Association will continue to play in assisting our agricultural community. We hope to continue working with agricultural producers in traditional areas deemed useful and relevant, and to forge ahead onto new paths for future agricultural programming at CCE of Columbia & Greene Counties. So stay tuned....

Community Horticulture Program

Program Educators Donna Peterson and Rick Burstell, along with assistance of the Master Gardener Volunteers (MGVs), have increased community involvement, heightened sensitivity to environmental responsibilities, and increased the number of Master Gardeners. There are now over 60 Master Gardener Volunteers poised and ready to help answer a variety of horticultural questions.

Each MGV, both beginning and established, has gone through an 80-hour training in an extensive curriculum. Part of the 'contract' that they enter into as Master Gardener Volunteers is providing 75 hours of service to the community. Several of the exemplary MGVs go well beyond the 75hour requirement, year after year. Throughout the year, MG volunteers answered hundreds of questions and have had thousands of contacts via telephone calls or in-person office visits, at community events, presentations to community organizations or service groups, soil clinics, garden clubs, schools, senior clubs, county fairs and plant sales.

Master Gardener volunteers have done more than 50 programs and workshops this past year to help expand the public's knowledge of important environmental issues. As an example, over the last two years, Master Gardeners have highlighted the importance of pollinators in the landscape and how we can all help them flourish.

Another major program that originated within the Community Horticulture Department and the MGV Program last year was on tick-borne diseases. The program was held at Columbia-Greene Community College; the speaker was Dr. Brian Fallon Director of the Tick-Borne Disease Research Center at Columbia University. Approximately 400 "tick-aphobes" attended.

With well over 3,500 volunteer hours donated to the program last year, the Master Gardener Volunteers are helping solve horticultural challenges and providing links and scientific resources to our residents.

By Mick Bessire, Resource Educator



Master Gardener Volunteer Program Graduates of 2015

4-H Youth Development

2015 was an outstanding year for the 4-H Youth Development Program in Columbia and Greene Counties. It was a also a year of staff changes - with our Natural Environment Educator leaving in January and our Agriculture and STEM Educator leaving in February. We were fortunate to bring on a new Natural Environment Educator in April and a new Agriculture/STEM Educator in May. Unfortunately, our Natural Environment Educator left in October, leaving us down one staff person as the year ended. Throughout the changes, the Issue Leader provided continuity in programming. Despite all the changes, we were able to fulfill most program goals.

- **Our 4-H Club Program** provides families with the most intensive, long-term participation in **Cooperative Extension youth** programming. Members of our 42 4-H clubs have the opportunity to be involved in local, regional, state, and national 4-H events and activities. 4-H clubs and related activities could not be successful without the many volunteers who are vetted and trained to lead the clubs. Many other volunteers support the 4-H activities as chaperones, drivers, fundraisers and teachers. 4-H clubs generally meet two to four times a month right in the community where most members live. The 4-H members in each club are able to make decisions about their project activities (shall we learn about rabbits or how to grow a garden?) as well as how to invest their efforts in community service and which social activities they wish to become involved in.
- **Community educational programs** take place at libraries, community centers, after-school programs and summer recreation sites throughout Columbia and Greene Counties. Staff provided 70 programs, each with an average of six-hours of education, to schoolage youth participating at sites

reaching from Hillsdale to Windham and from Greenville to Canaan. Programs included "Pioneer Living", "Nature Detectives" and "Every STEM Hero has a Story". Youth were provided opportunities to see, feel, touch and do – where their active involvement in groups of twelve or less led to every child taking home new knowledge.

Following are just three specific examples of ongoing 4-H programming.

- **The 4-H Public Presentation Program** is one of 4-H's most beneficial and rewarding experiences, credited by 4-H alumni as having given them an edge above peers in both college and professional careers. 2015 found fully 40% of enrolled 4-H members participating in the local event. Ten were selected to participate in the regional competition with three selected for the state event. Other opportunities for public interaction include dairy bowl, horse bowl, horse communications, and meeting the public at community events. With these numbers, participation in public speaking increased to 60%.
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Nights were new this year and are introducing youth to the opportunities found in 4-H. Youth were able to get their hands right into experiments and activities such as the conductivity of electricity and rocket construction & launching – not just watch someone else do them! This has led to robotics and flight-themed lessons at afterschool programs.
- Environmental Awareness Days continue to expand and invite more sixth grade students to our natural areas – the Siuslaw Model Forest in Greene County and the Martin Van Buren Nature Trails in

Columbia County. Although the students visit several educational stations as they move through the forest throughout the day, the most important goal – of helping youth enjoy a positive outdoor experience – is reached when they go back to their buses with a smile on their faces and a blush on their cheeks!

By Linda Tripp, Issue Leader



4-H Public Presentations



4-H Cavy Show at the Fair



WeDo robotics at an afterschool program

Nutrition, Food Safety & Security

The Nutrition, Food Safety and Security Program, also known as the Community Health and Wellness program, was made up of six programs, with three being new for 2015. All programs in this area were funded through grants and contracts. They could be broken into three categories: parenting, nutrition, and community. Our program area operated three different parenting programs in 2015.

The In-home Parenting Program was funded through a contract with the Greene County Department of Social Services. This program provided free, in -home parenting lessons to families exclusively referred to CCE by the **Greene County Department of Social** Services. During 2015, it reached 58 families. Funding will continue in 2016. The Parenting Skills Classes were also funded through a contract with the Greene County Department of Social Services. A series of sixteen free parenting classes were held at the Greene County Department of Social Services. They were free and open to the public. During 2015, they reached 55 families. Funding will continue in 2016.



The **Parenting with Confidence** program was funded through a grant with the Dyson Foundation. This program provided a series of 10 free classes to community organizations that served families considered at risk of abuse and/or neglect. The community organizations could also make referrals for in-home classes for families that would benefit more from an individualized approach. During 2015, this program reached 53 families. It was also funded to continue in 2016.



Our program area operated two nutrition programs in 2015

The **Hudson River Fish Advisory** program is funded through a contract with CCE Dutchess. The program allowed us to present a free nutrition education program to community organizations. In addition to the provided nutrition lesson, the participants also received information on what fish are safe to eat from the Hudson River and its estuaries, and were administered a brief survey about their fishing habits. During 2015, the program reached 113 people and it is funded through June of 2016.

We have contracted with St. Peter's Health Partners on the **Creating Healthy Schools and Communities** program. Under this contract, we are coordinating the community effort for the Hudson City School District, with the goal of improving the health of community members. This includes efforts in worksite wellness and improving access to healthy foods. This contract began in October and is a five-year grant, so the effort is in the beginning stages. This year we expanded our community programming by partnering with the 4-H Youth Development program.

The Youth and Families with **Promise Program** was funded through a grant with the National 4-H Council. It paired children of incarcerated parents with mentors in small group situations. The youth would meet with their mentor once per week. We also held monthly "Family Night Out" programs where the families/caregivers of the children and mentors were able to get together for a fun evening of food and programming. Unfortunately, this program was not funded for 2016. However, 11 of the 14 youth are continuing their involvement as their mentoring groups are now becoming 4-H clubs.

> By Rebecca Polmateer, Team Coordinator

Community & Economic Vitality

Over 1,050 individuals took part in Community & Economic Vitality (CEV) classes, workshops and presentations offered by Resource Educator Theresa Mayhew. Topics covered included aging in place, organizing household records, cashing in with coupons, detoxing your home, energy conservation, identity theft prevention, making ends meet, and preventing elder financial abuse. Here are some programming highlights:

- Facilitated the Landlord/Tenants Rights Forum held on March 25.
 Sponsored by the Columbia County Housing Advisory Board, it featured a panel of six speakers from housing-related organizations in both counties, attracting over 45 members of the general public, including code enforcement officers. Landlord/tenant disputes make up a significant number of calls received by the Columbia County Fair Housing Officer so this program targeted many of those concerns.
- Secured speakers for the Columbia County Environmental Management Council (EMC) to talk about the importance of testing homes for radon and how towns can become Climate Smart Communities. Also coordinated EMC's Good Earthkeeping Awards which recognized five individuals and/or groups for their outstanding environmental protection and conservation efforts.



• Co-chaired the third Columbia-Greene Interagency Awareness Day held on May 19 at the Columbia-Greene Community College. Sixtynine exhibitors and 225 health and CCE volunteers Sarah Meyers, Bruce Meyers and Jason Post at CCE's Potato Booth



human services professionals attended. A worksite wellness panel featured regional health insurance companies as well as Coarc, which has seen its insurance premiums drop significantly due to the worksite wellness program it implemented five years ago. A program directory featuring over 65 agencies and groups that provide health and human services in both counties will be published in early 2016 as a reference tool for frontline health and human services professionals.

- Organized the Columbia-Greene Lakes Coalition meeting held at Robinson Pond, Copake on August 14 which featured a lake-scaping presentation by several Master Gardeners promoting natural shorelines and how to combat invasive species. Thirty property owners from seven lakes attended.
- Coordinated CCE's Baked Potato Booth/Juice Bar at the Columbia County Fair. Forty-one community volunteers logged over 215 hours promoting CCE and local agricul-

ture. Despite extremely warm and humid temps during the fair, over 1,640 spuds were sold. A new potato topping (salsa) and the addition of hot coffee to the juice bar menu were both well received.

Participated in the 23rd Annual
Golden Gathering held October 17
at Columbia-Greene Community
College. A residential lighting display board showcasing the differences between traditional incandescent, halogen incandescent, CFL
and LED bulbs attracted more than
500 attendees. Home Performance
with ENERGY STAR® assessments
(free for most New Yorkers) was
also promoted.



Completed first year of serving on Columbia Opportunities Head Start Policy Council and as the Policy Council's rep to the COI Board. CEV programs are frequently requested by Head Start parent groups. An overview of CEV programs available to Head Start staff and their clientele was presented during a staff training attended by more than 65 COI employees before the start of the school year.

> By Theresa Mayhew, Resource Educator

Environment and Natural Resources

The Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) program area had a busy year addressing a wide-range of issues impacting our region. We continue to respond to the problems our constituents and partners make us aware of, often through acquired grants and contracts. A total of 61 programs were offered with over 2,050 direct participants. We also field many calls which range from "what should I do with my woodlot" to "is this mushroom edible". Here are a few of the successful projects we were involved with in 2015:

Challenges to the Catskill Forests

On November 13, over 140 participants attended a conference "Challenges to the Catskill Forests," where key staff from Cornell University provided background information on deer impacts on forests, the impact of two forest invasive insects, the problem with interfering vegetation on forest regeneration and an understanding of the complexity and interaction of these issues. This event was supported through grants from the Catskill Watershed Corporation and Robert H. Wentorf Foundation.

Comments: "Great event. Good turnout. I am so glad so many people are aware and interested in the situation. I wish everyone was!" "Line up of speakers was great. They complemented each other very well." "The speakers were great and expanded my knowledge" "Overwhelming-unbelievabledepressing-excellent".

Catskill Creek Summit

On October 15, ENR staff hosted the "Catskill Creek Summit" which brought together over 40 elected officials from communities along the Catskill Creek corridor. Representatives from state



"Catskill Creek Summit" Participants



and county agencies, and conservation groups, such as the Columbia-Greene Chapter of Trout Unlimited, also attended. Participants discussed challenges and opportunities related to the Catskill Creek. The meeting was held as part of the Hudson Estuary Watershed Resiliency Project, and flood adaptation was a major focus of discussion. The meeting was successful in opening a dialogue about the potential for inter-municipal watershed management, and participants expressed interest in attending future meetings focusing on the Catskill Creek.

Lyme Disease Prevention Education

Together with the Community Horticulture Program, staff of the ENR program assisted with the very successful presentation by Dr. Brian Fallon, Director of the Tick-Borne Disease Research Center held at Columbia University at Columbia -Greene Community College.

Master Forest Owner (MFO) Volunteer Program

The Master Forest Owner (MFO) Volunteer program began in 1991 as an initiative to train woodlot owners to serve as peer-to-peer counselors who could work within their communities in support of sustainable forestry practices. Volunteers are trained annually via a campus based curriculum and learn about issues relevant to woodlot owners. In 2015. approximately 10 volunteers MFOs who are part of our regional coordination efforts, conducted 22 woods walk site visits and participated in numerous additional events such as county fairs. Woodlot owners visited by an MFO volunteer reported economic benefits (30%), plans to write a management plan (40%), meeting with a professional forester (55%), and setting of woodland management goals (65%).

By Marilyn Wyman, Issue Leader



In April, CCE Statewide Director Chris Watkins visited CCE's Agroforestry Resource Center.

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Staff, board members and 4-H volunteers worked the BBQ Fundraiser at the National Bank of Coxsackie in June.

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Summer Farmers' Program

Thanks to a generous grant by the Willow Springs Charitable Trust Foundation, CCE offered this program for children where they learned to grow their own organic vegetables, herbs and flowers in a children's garden at the Greene Farms in Cornwallville. Under the direction of the program coordinator, Jaime Winans-Solis, the children experienced investigations into ecology, science, math, and literacy through fun, hands-on learning.





Regional Programs Capital Area Agriculture & Horticulture Program (CAAHP)

Agronomy

Farmer Discussion Group meetings in Columbia and Greene Counties focused on soil health. Research is an important part of Extension work. About 30 high school students participated in an Extension curriculum "How To Do Research." The first "Annual Hudson Valley Value-added Grain School" was held in Leeds with 70 farmers attending to learn more about growing grains for brewing, distilling, and artisan baking. Farm visits were also made.

Farm Management

Annie's Project (an Educational Program for Farm Women) was conducted in Columbia County in 2015. The class was composed of mainly women who were interested in starting a farm or have started farming within the past four years. Attendees gained knowledge in financial management, communication skills and farm transition.

Basic Farm Business Management classes have provided opportunities for experienced and

start up farm owners to learn about some of the key financial statements and practices.

CCE also partnered with Farm Service Agency to provide a number of educational sessions in Hudson and Acra on topics related to Risk Management.



The CAAHP Team worked with various landowners in Columbia County and Greene County to discuss the potential for using (or purchasing) land for growing or producing an agricultural product. In cooperation with Hudson-Mohawk RC&D, the Capital District Direct Marketing Workshop was held in March. The day was filled with speakers covering a variety of topics including: customer service, using social media to promote your business and how to stretch your marketing dollars. One participant shared: "*Confirmation of my belief that we need to be more creative about finding outlets for produce*

and not lose sight of the importance of real human connection."

Livestock

Jim Taylor, a meat goat producer from Greene County, was a speaker at the Seventh Annual Winter Green-Up Grazing Conference.

A variety of educational activities for beef producers were conducted in Columbia or Greene Counties in 2015. CAAHP and Multi-Min co-sponsored a meeting for beef producers. Thirty producers learned about the importance of using vitamins when feeding their beef cattle. Over thirty beef producers

have obtained their Level I and II Beef Quality Assurance Certifications.

Pasture walks were held in various locations during the grazing season. The basics of pasture management and other concepts were shared during these educational activities.



Regional Programs continued...

Commercial Horticulture

Dr. Lily Calderwood was hired as the new Commercial Horticulture Sr. Resource Educator and is now based in the Albany County office. She developed and distributed a survey to participants at the 2016 Bedding Plant Education Day held on January 26, 2016 in the Albany Office. Sixteen producers have participated in the survey thus far and promotion continues. Lily began the dissemination of research based information on the CAAHP Facebook page and on the new bedding plant Instagram account: @FarmsInBloom. Lily will continue to attend regional commercial horticulture workshops as she develops a sense of Capital Area farmer needs.

Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program (ENYCHP)

The ENYCHP serves the commercial tree fruit, small fruit, vegetable and grape growers within 18 counties in eastern NY including Columbia County and Greene County. The team is comprised of 13 Extension Educators and 4 full-time support staff. In 2015, growers in Columbia County and Greene County received over 140 issues of commodity-based newsletters and email alerts. Growers from these two counties also attended more than 15 local and regional meetings hosted by the ENYCHP. Eight different growers in Columbia County and Greene County hosted various field meetings and research trials including potato variety trial, high tunnel nutrient management trial, high density apple planting, apple fruit load management, tree fruit pruning and thinning demonstrations, and a variety trial for a new small fruit called Haskaps which has potential for being grown in this area. The team was also responsible for the establishment, monitoring and reporting of several key pests including four sweet corn pests, Spotted Wing Drosophila in grapes and berries and Black Stem Borer and Brown Marmorated Stinkbug in tree fruit. These insect pests were reported directly to the growers in appropriate seasonal newsletters or email alerts. Team members also actively scouted various crops throughout the two counties and used the information again in seasonal newsletters and email alerts. Team members were also involved in many phone calls and farm visits with growers in the two counties regarding production, marketing, food safety and other related issues.

Greater Capital Shared Business Network (SBN)

The Shared Business Network (SBN) model allows local associations to have access to knowledgeable "leads" in the areas of Finance, Human Resources (HR), and Information Technology (IT). The SBN leads in these functional areas provide statewide continuity and shared guidance between campus administration and the local associations. Additionally, the SBN leads work with association staff to assist in addressing local business needs. 2015 featured an increase in support and coordination in the following areas:

Human Resources

Policy and procedure interpretation; employee relations; unemployment and reduction in force support; position description and classification review (increased support related to the 2016 updated job classification process); staffing/recruiting; staff and supervisor trainings; HR compliance; and HR Information System (HRIS) / "Workday" business processes.

Finance

ACCPAC upgrade (accounting software) and work load efficiencies; merchant services; support for statewide updates and requirements; federal, state and year-end review; grants management and training; technical support for various finance issues; guidance on indirect cost rate (IDC) for local finance staff; and upcoming board financial education tool.

Information Technology

Full service IT; Specific IT support and installation to Columbia and Greene Counties in 2015 included:

- Server updates for both offices (servers are now running Microsoft Server 2012R2).
- New network switches were installed in both counties.
- New Wireless Access points were installed in both counties.
- As part of the Association's replacement/upgrade process, four computers were purchased with the older computers cleaned up and reassigned to staff. Two old laptops were assigned to the 4-H Robotics Program and at least ten computers were updated or had operating systems reinstalled. All staff computers are running Microsoft Office 2013 (Cornell University provides CCE associations with the Microsoft licensing at no additional cost).

Members of the Greater Capital SBN include: Albany, Columbia and Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, Washington, Warren, and Fulton/ Montgomery county associations.

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Established in 2013 in memory of Mike Greason, a long-time CCE supporter, board member, and local forester. Interest from this fund will be used to support forestry programs, projects and initiatives of CCE.

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