

Department Name	Cornell Cooperative Extension, Albany County
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Department Function

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) works to enable people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research knowledge to work. Extension staff and trained volunteers deliver educational programs and trainings, conduct applied research, and encourage community collaborations. Our educators connect people with the information they need on topics such as commercial and consumer agriculture; food-systems; nutrition and health; youth and families; financial and energy efficiency; economic and community development; and sustainable natural resources, climate, and environmental stewardship. Our ability to link land-grant systems and university resources with community needs helps us play a vital role in the lives of individuals, families, businesses, and communities throughout Albany County.

Current Year Highlights

- The City of Albany Normanskill Farm Program reached more than 450 second graders in the Albany City Schools, providing education on the importance of agriculture and food systems. An additional 2,050 school-aged youth participated in Dairy Education programming.
- Master Gardener Volunteers (MGV) responded to over 5,500 inquiries through the Speakers Bureau, the Consumer Call Hotline and virtual and in-person programming. In partnership with Albany County Veterans, MGVs have designed and implemented three veteran-lead gardens in the county.
- Healthy Homes initiative assisted 500+ Albany County residents to improve the health and safety of environment.
- Over 3,300 Albany County households were provided with energy education and assistance through the HEAP Heating and Cooling programs. Additionally, staff responded to over 9,000 inquiries from potential applicants.
- CCE Community Nutrition and SNAP Ed programming reached more than 11,000 county residents.
- More than 300 youth and adults participated in financial literacy education through virtual and in-person programs.
- Positive parenting education was presented to 500+ parents and caregivers.
- More than 1,200 families were informed about the safe consumption of Hudson River fish.
- The New York State Public Health Fellowship Program supports Albany County's capacity to address public health emergencies and provide education to community members. To date, the fellows have provided more than 6,000 hours of education on a variety of other topics.
- The Capital Area Agriculture and Horticulture Program provided trainings and workshops for local producers reaching over 800 producers and new or beginning farmers. Collaborative grant dollars have focused on support for local grain production, applied research of controlling specific pests, and special workshops for veterans that plan to start farming operations.
- The Capital Region Clean Energy advisors provided hundreds of residents with energy education on free home energy assessments, lighting, heat pumps, and solar options, all leading to energy savings.

Next Year Projects

Public Health Fellowship Program- CCE Albany County will continue to participate with NYSDOH Public Health Corps and the ACDOH to enhance public health capacity.

Urban 4-H- CCE educators will continue to offer on-going STEM, healthy lifestyles, environmental stewardship, and career education to youth throughout the county.

Summer Youth Employment- CCE will remain committed to assisting county program efforts by placing youth at worksites and providing opportunities for professional and work-related skill development.

Hudson River Fish Advisory- CCE Albany County will continue to deliver health information and educational materials.

Aging and Nutrition- CCE's Registered Dietician will continue to provide nutritional services for the county's Office for Aging, supporting and educating thousands of seniors annually.

Strengthening Families / Parenting- Parents and caregivers will continue to learn how to manage the impact of stressful life events on children, youth, and families.

Farm to School- CCE will work with school districts to connect communities to local foods.

Master Gardener Program- MGV's will support continuation of the veteran gardening projects in Albany County.

Capital Region Clean Energy Hub – This project is an effort to support equitable access to cleaner and more efficient energy. CCE Albany County energy advisors will help connect consumers with cost saving energy solutions.

Healthy Homes- CCE educators will continue to provide free home visits, education, referrals, and products to improve the health and safety of Albany County residents.

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2024 CCE Direct Program Participant Outreach by Educational Priority Area

