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Mission Statement:

The mission of Cornell Cooperative Extension is “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.” CCE Chemung uses the following abbreviated form of this mission statement: “CCE Chemung provides experience and researched based knowledge to help residents improve the quality of life in their communities.”

Organizational Objectives

To provide for a subordinate governmental agency consisting of an unincorporated organization of residents of Chemung County in cooperation with Cornell University and the United States Department of Agriculture; and in accordance with Subdivision 8(b) of Section 224 of the County Law as amended.

To extend the educational resources of Cornell University and the New York State Colleges of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Human Ecology and Veterinary Medicine, the Land Grant university system and other educational institutions, to the people of Chemung County to foster economic, social and environmental improvement of its individuals, families and communities.

To further the objectives of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chemung County and the State Extension system in the fields of agriculture, community and economic vitality, environment and energy, nutrition and healthy families, and youth development.
Is Cooperative Extension Worth the Investment?

Since the collapse of the financial markets in 2008, it seems everyone is a bit skeptical about making investments or at least there is less certainty about what makes a good investment. Before investing money, we all need to do our homework and decide if the expected return on investment is worth the risk. The same is true of investing in Cooperative Extension. Is it a good investment?

As a unique, sub-governmental nonprofit organization, we have many individuals and organizations that invest money and time each year. Our organization receives annual funding from the county, state, and federal government, contributions of cash and time from local supporters, and funds from various grantors. In return, we provide research and community based educational programs, including 4-H Youth Development, Agriculture, Master Gardener, Regional Dairy Team, Nutrition, Chemung Volunteer Action Corps, Recycling, Natural Resources, Local Foods, Poverty Reduction, and Community Energy. How do we measure the return on the investments made in these programs and is it worth it?

We measure the direct returns for each program by the benefits that each participant gets from participating in a workshop, a 4-H club, a consultation, and/or from reading a newsletter. This includes reporting the numbers of people who participated and when possible, reporting the impact of what that participation meant to each person. This is often difficult to gather and results may take several years to observe. So, when we have the information and consent of the person, we will tell their story, a story of how they applied the knowledge they learned in their lives. It is their success and their gratitude we receive in return, and that it is how we measure the outcome of our work. The success stories help us get a clearer picture of the true value of investing in Cooperative Extension.

In addition to the direct benefits to CCE program participants there are other indirect benefits to the greater community. These benefits include: youth growing into competent and caring adults; farmers applying best practices to increase profits and reduce environmental degradation; families learning how to grow and maintain gardens; dairy farmers monitoring and managing their field crops to maximize quality and yield; seniors staying fit and reducing the chance of falling and related health costs; residents helping to maintain a clean environment by disposing of items appropriately; community leaders accessing and using the latest information to inform their decisions related to the environment; families utilizing their SNAP and FMNP benefits at local farm markets; individuals taking steps out of poverty; and individuals accessing information and resources to increase home energy efficiency. Each of these, help to improve overall quality of life and reduce overall costs.

There is also a direct financial benefit to the county for maintaining a Cooperative Extension Association. For each dollar allocated to CCE Chemung by the county through our annual allocation and contracts, the association brings in an additional $2.5 from the federal and state governments as well as grants, contributions and fundraising. This totals more than $1 million annually that CCE Chemung brings into the county. With these funds, CCE Chemung hires staff and purchases local goods and services, which adds to the overall financial benefit. This is a great accomplishment since 12 years ago the association was facing a large deficit and while our state allocation has been flat since 1998.

As you look through the pages of this annual report, read about the program outcomes, and reflect on this message, I hope you conclude that Cooperative Extension is truly a wise investment.

Sincerely,

Andrew Fagan, Executive Director
## Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chemung County

### 2018 Revenue and Expenses

#### Revenues

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- Prior Year Adjustment: 7,593
- Net for 2018: **$23,987**

**Thank you to Chemung County and all of our volunteers and financial supporters**
CCE Chemung Making a Difference!

4-H Youth Development Program

Program Goals: To provide youth between the ages of 5-19 with opportunities to engage and master projects and curriculum in the areas of STEM, Healthy Lifestyles, and Civic Engagement

Staff:
Sasha Diederich, 4-H Resource Educator
Elaine Noble, 4-H Program Educator
Matt Kent, Summer Assistant

Total youth numbers – 11,880 youth engaged in 4-H programs; 205 enrolled 4-H members; 24,445 youth engaged directly in CCE youth programming throughout the year as well as 40,536 residents benefited indirectly via media.

- Educational outreach on Ag related topics - Old MacDonald’s Farm, Farm City Day, and Birthing Center at State Fair.
- 4-H Goat Club held a goat awareness day in conjunction with Old MacDonald’s Farm event.
- A record number of youth showed in the New York State Fair in Animal Science. Chemung County was represented in Dairy, Goat, Beef and Pig contests as well in Leadership roles in the youth building. Great job to all youth who participated. For the first time in 6 years Chemung County had youth participate in the Dairy Challenge competition
- Our 4-H Horse program was once again rejuvenated since its hiatus about 6 years ago. We had 10 members compete in the Chemung County Horse Show and in the Hippology and Horse Bowl competitions.
- One of our youth won a state wide contest for the Guernsey Calf sponsored by the New York State Guernsey Association. Serenity Conklin competed against several other youth across New York State by writing an essay.
- A new volunteer Sarah Collier has rejuvenated a Family and Consumer Sciences 4-H program. The club Sew Perfect started out with 8 members and has grown to over 14 in just a few short months.
- For the third year we collaborated with EOP and continued to grow our STEMMED Club. 18 youth met weekly with colleagues Shona Ort, Jingjing Yin, and summer assistant Matt Kent to work on a garden beautification project.
- We were able to hold a multi-county multi-species Showmanship and fitting clinic in Chemung County for over 70 youth from 5 counties.
- The Chemung County Fair had 1,161 4-H exhibits this year.
- We held a leader forum for our 4-H leaders and volunteers, reviewing new policies and ending the evening with making a spa sugar scrub.
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4-H Youth Development Program – REACH Afterschool Program in Waverly and Spencer schools.

Program Goals: To provide youth in grades 3 – 8 with a safe space afterschool while providing tutoring, enrichment and recreation opportunities using 4-H curriculum models.

CCE Chemung Making a Difference with REACH program:

Between the Spencer PAVE (REACH) program and Waverly REACH Program, we have provided programming to 275 youth after school in year 2 of a 5 year grant.

REACH Afterschool is a collaboration between 4 school districts & CCE. It is funded by a 5 year 21st Century Federal Grant. CCE Chemung supports the program at Waverly Middle & Elm Street Schools and Spencer-VanEtten.

STAFF: Bernadette Raupers, Adam Park, Ross Storm, Nick Soprano, Trevor Bauman, Fred Kennedy, and Tara Kneebone

REACH Program Activities Include:
- Daily Tutoring time during school year/summer program tutoring.
- Nutritious & balanced after school snacks for participants
- Daily Physical Recreation & Sports
- Numerous Enrichments available each day:
  1. Varied STEM programming
  2. Chess Club
  3. Wonder
  4. Creative Cooking
  5. Book Club
  6. Board Games
  7. Robotics
  8. Interactions with Cornell students.
- Summer Programs
  1. Nutritious Breakfast & Lunches served
  2. Summer School tutoring for academic retention/advancement
  3. Art
  4. Theater
  5. Literature
  6. Computer Programming
  7. Engineering
  8. Recreation/Sports time
- Field Trips
- Career Readiness Events (Cornell Career Explorations) 12 Jr. High Age participants, 3 REACH staff and 1 CCE educator attended event with 500 other students throughout New York State.
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- Overall, 1,805 individuals were directly educated which included 933 adults and 872 youth.
- Over 27,506 individuals were reached indirectly through social media, newsletters, public displays and printed resources.
- Answered agricultural, horticultural, and natural resource questions for 254 people.
- Distributed 70 Chemung County Buy Local Guides for Farm and Food Products within Chemung County.
- Distributed 13 Guides to Farming in NY, 5 Guides to Urban Farming in NY, and 259 Small Farms Quarterlies from the Cornell Small Farms Program.
- Hosted/co-hosted 10 agricultural workshops which educated 218 people.
- Monitored 8 Spotted Wing Drosophila traps on 2 berry farms in Chemung County as part of the statewide program facilitated by New York State IPM Program.
- Regularly attended the Chemung County Ag Promotion Committee and participated in the events they hosted.
- Participated in the Finger Lake Farm Country Initiative.
- Hosted a farm to table dinner, Taste of Chemung, which 108 people participated in or attended as guests.
- Attended the annual Ag-In-Service Training at Cornell University in 2019.

Agriculture Program: The main goal of this program is to sustain and increase the vitality and viability of agricultural businesses in and around Chemung County through educational programming, events, and resources. We also aim to help promote the awareness and importance of agriculture in our local and regional economies and communities.

Staff: Shona B. Ort, Ag Development Specialist
October, 2018—September, 2019 Impacts

- Communicated across CCE through participation in the Poverty and Economic Hardship Program Work Team;
- Strengthened campus-CCE Chemung connections by supervising a Cornell University intern during the summer;
- Diversified our funding with a mix of County, State and Federal grants, along with program fees, private donations and support from United Way, a local Rotary Club, and Chemung Canal Trust Company;
- Created a culture of innovation by sharing documents in our Toolkit for other agencies and organizations around the world to review and/or replicate on their own Poverty Stoplight initiatives;
- Held 3 research-based Tai Chi for Arthritis programs and 2 A Matter of Balance programs with 53 people completing;
- 27 volunteers led nearly over 1,000 research-based Bone Builders classes for nearly 300 participants at 12 locations;
- Volunteers constructed 9 portable access ramps for elderly and/or disabled individuals (111 to date); and
- Submitted successful grant applications to the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes, and the Hilliard Foundation;
- Submitted a successful grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission to expand ‘Move Forward Elmira’ to the City’s east and south sides.

Chemung Volunteer Action Corps (CVAC)

Recruits and educates a diverse group of volunteers who engage in community activities, while enhancing their own mental health and wellness, through the promotion of sound home management and general practices to individuals of all ages in Chemung County. CVAC also employs regular exercise and practical strategies to help older adults live healthier lives by preventing the onset of osteoporosis, and reducing the fear of falling.

Chemung Volunteer Action Corps (CVAC)

- November ‘18 the ramp crew constructed their 100th portable access ramp!
- September ‘19 over 20 Bone Builders class leaders met for their annual update session.
- Increased our social media presence through 59 Facebook posts that reached 6,322 individuals; and
- Completed 155 surveys as part of our “Move Forward Elmira” initiative.
CVAC Programs Address Senior Health and Wellness.....

- Prepared and distributed 6 issues of our THRIVE newsletter to nearly 600 people;
- Provided approximately 1,000 face-to-face advocacy and support contacts with individuals to promote good mental health;
- Had nearly 90% of our Bone Builder class participants report improvements; and
- Welcomed 15 new leaders in the Natural Leaders Initiative we conducted as part of our Move Forward Elmira initiative.

CVAC Advisory Committee
Mark Edgerly, Chair
   Gerry Brown
   Caryl Cavalier
Francine Hulslander
   Ceil Josbeno
   Richard Kuhn
   Kim Salisbury
   Ella Savey
   Livie Trexler
   Evelyn Williams

CVAC Staff
Carol Houssock
   Danielle Howie
   Mary-Lynn Rourke

...And Community Volunteer Engagement
**Program Goal:** Strengthening the dairy industry, enhancing farm profitability, and helping producers meet their goals.

Our professional team of educators provide technical information, management expertise and training for producers and agri-serve, as well as encourage a better understanding of agriculture by community residents.

**Our Team:**
- Janice Degni
- Betsy Hicks
- Mary Kate Wheeler
- Melanie Palmer
- Fay Benson

**2018-19: Program Impacts:**
- 54 meetings & workshops with 1285 participants including skill building workshops addressing herd management calf care, dairy management, feeds & feeding, and herd health
- Individual Farm Consultations
- Profit Team Facilitation & Business Planning
- Extensive Outreach including newsletter reaching 600 farms; social media posts reaching 2,796 people.
- New Team Blog with 525 subscribers and 1,010 unique visitors.
- 10 public awareness events with 3,453 contacts.
- Soil health trailer (a traveling teaching lab) – 3,239 contacts

**Crop Management Education Supports Profitability & Sustainability**

Forage quality remains a key driver of production and profitability on dairy farms, and it can often be improved with low- or no-cost solutions. Our team delivers training and support for dairies to produce adequate forage quantity and quality. Through workshops and individual consultations, our Field Crops Specialist educates producers on current trends and technologies, Integrated Pest Management, and nutrient management, all within a broader framework of economic viability and environmental stewardship.

Our field crops program also covers industrial hemp, NY’s newest crop. We provide technical expertise to help producers cultivate hemp and navigate the permitting process.
Dairy Management Education Targets Herd Health & Performance

98% of US dairy farms participate in the FARM (Farmers Assuring Responsible Management) Program. These producers must meet animal welfare standards and ensure that employees receive animal care training. Our team helps farmers keep up with industry standards by organizing herd health and management trainings. On-farm workshops provide hands-on opportunities for farm operators and their employees to learn and practice key skills.

Our Dairy Specialist also works one-on-one with individual farms to improve facilities and procedures. Benchmarking facility measurements and other animal welfare indicators helps farmers to identify opportunities for improvement.

Business Management Education Builds Planning & HR Skills

Farmers need accurate information about business performance to make good decisions. We educate and support producers to improve record keeping systems, and we facilitate participation in financial benchmarking programs. Access to financial data helps producers make sound financial decisions and plan for the future.

Farmers are scrambling to keep up with new labor laws as employees are becoming harder to find. Our Business Management Specialist trains farms to implement employee onboarding and other HR best practices, including compliance with new sexual harassment prevention regulations. Improving labor management on farms has potential to boost employee performance while reducing exposure to liability.

Public Outreach Enhances Consumer Perceptions of Agriculture

Community relations are a growing concern for farmers, who face increasing public scrutiny. Public perception of agriculture shapes consumer preferences, regulations, and evolving industry standards. These, in turn, may affect production practices and requirements for market entry.

Our team supports outreach events that bring consumers onto dairy farms to learn about the industry. We also provide public relations training for farmers, and teach them how to be “ag-vocates” for themselves and their industry.
Nutrition Outreach: Through our Finger Lakes Eat Smart NY (SNAP-Ed) Program, we provide one-time and series education programs to low income individuals and families – both youth and adults - to encourage participants to eat more fruits and vegetables, drink fewer sugar-sweetened beverages, and practice healthy lifestyles. We do this through free workshops, food demonstrations, cooking classes, grocery store tours, and community events. We also support families and other community partners to build and sustain edible gardens, farmers markets, and school wellness committees. In addition, we work to strengthen the local food system and manage the EastSide Market in Elmira, NY. (see page 4)

Finger Lakes Eat Smart NY Staff:
Justine Cobb, Senior Nutritionist
Debbi Fry, Nutrition Educator
Joan Martin, Nutrition Educator
Sarah Hess, Regional Environmental Nutritionist

Outcomes and success stories:
• 8,278 youth and adults participated in a total of 492 nutrition activities provide by our Finger Lakes Eat Smart NY educators.

CMATS, Horseheads
FLESNY Nutritionists Deb and Joan set up a CMATS (Cooking Matters at the Store) event at the Walmart Super Center in Horseheads. CMATS is a guided tour through a grocery store that shoppers can sign-up for on the spot. It teaches participants how to get the most nutrition for their food dollars with key shopping skills, such as how to use unit pricing and reading labels. After the tour shoppers are given the opportunity to do a $10 challenge, using the information they learned from during the tour, to plan a complete healthy meal for a family of four. Many shoppers stop and pick up information on healthy eating but not all have time to take the tour.

On this particular day, Deb had three shoppers in her group that were willing to take the CMATS tour and the challenge. One of the participants stated that she really enjoyed the tour, “I thought I was a good shopper, but you forget how much convenience will cost you. My daughter- in- law should take this tour because she spends a lot on prepackaged foods.” Another participant stated “I had forgotten how to use the unit price stickers, they could really help me get the best buys.”

Diven Elementary School, Elmira
After being rained out on Monday, over 400 students and staff eagerly arrived at school on a bright and sunny Tuesday morning for the annual Diven Field Day. Diven Elementary School is K-2nd grade school in Elmira, and 99% of the students qualify for free- or reduced-price school lunches.

Several classes had tie-dyed or hand-printed T-shirts made and signed by the kids for the event. About a dozen different activities were set up around the perimeter of the large playing field adjacent to the school, including an Eat Smart NY station with FLESNY Nutritionists Joan Martin and Deb Fry.
Using a “Go” and “Whoa” food activity based on the CATCH curriculum, kids formed a circle and “drove” around Elmira. When Joan or Deb called out a Go food, kids drove their imaginary cars around the circle. When a Whoa food was called out, everyone had to stop. To add some fun, “Put on the brakes!” was called out when an invisible apple rolled across the road. You wouldn’t want to hit and crush a healthy apple, would you? Then for a snack, kids sampled a healthy spicy bean dip (cannellini beans, parsley, garlic, and lemon juice) eaten with carrot sticks. A lot of kids and teachers really liked the dip. “This tastes like garlic bread,” was one comment. “I could eat this every day!” was another. Assistant Principal Jo Legare forwarded a copy of the recipe to school staff following the event. Food, fun, and sun: a great combination for kid health and happiness.

Cohen Middle School, Elmira Heights

On October 5th, FLESNY Nutritionists began working with Cohen Middle School in Elmira Heights by providing the students with the opportunity to participate in “Corn Day,” a Farm-to-School program. Using the Dig In! curriculum during lunch periods, students were given a quick interactive lesson on the importance of local farms and Farm-to-School. They also learned about the parts of a plant that food comes from (leaves, stems, flowers, roots, seeds, and fruit).

The featured vegetable was corn, so students were asked to guess what part of a plant a corn kernel is (seed). Then they tasted a “Cowboy Caviar” made with corn, beans, and salsa. Students voted on whether or not they liked the recipe and if they would want to see it on the school menu. The voting results were in favor of including it in future school meals: 91 voted “I Love It,” 39 said “Maybe,” and 27 said “No Thanks.” Students and teachers were also able to pick up kid-friendly recipes and tip sheets from the FLESNY table when they came up to vote.

One teacher said, “I don’t usually like to try new stuff, but I also want to be a good role model for the kids. And this (the Cowboy Caviar) was really good, I’d like to make it at home.”
2018 – 2019 Chemung County Master Gardener Volunteers:
Roxie Burrows, Barbara Classen, Chris Gagliardo, Matt Griffin, Linda Guindon, Jim Hassell, Steve Monroe, Christine Reiff, Rhonda Schweiger, Peg Weidemann, Ken Wida

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- Master Gardeners contributed 537 volunteer hours in total to the community in 2019.
- 181 adults and 415 youth participated in 22 gardening workshops we offered at Steele Memorial Library, CCE Chemung, and local schools.
- Directly reached 357 youth and 60 adults at a number of events, such as Old McDonald’s Farm Day, County Fair, Farm Fest, and Fall Festival.
- Offered youth gardening programs at EOP, Horseheads Intermediate School, and Big Flats Elementary School. Over 510 youth participated in these programs.
- Provided guidance and technical support to the local community gardens, including EOP garden, Able2 garden, and Big Flats American Baptist Community Church garden.

Community Horticulture

Program Goals: To provide the public with unbiased, research-based information and sustainable management practices in horticulture suitable for home gardens, local landscapes, urban environments and the community.

Staff: Jingjing Yin, Horticulture Educator

- Over 200 people came to the Master Gardener Annual Spring Plant Sale.
- 136 individuals received assistance from the Master Gardener Help Line.
- 86 youth participated 9 after-school classes we offered at Hendy Elementary School and Broadway Elementary School.
- 20 people attended “Seed to Supper” – a five-class gardening course that was offered in the spring.
- 65534 people received the gardening articles, fact sheets, and Master Gardener news from Facebook, our webpage, radio and TV.
- Partnered with several community organizations, schools, library and municipality on different gardening projects, including EOP, Friends of the Chemung River Watershed, USDA NRCS, Big Flats Elementary School, Horseheads Intermediate School, Chemung Soil and Water Conservation District, Steele Memorial Library, and the Town of Big Flats.
The fifth graders at Horseheads Intermediate School learned about container gardening, hydroponics, composting, and square foot gardening from the Master Gardeners’ presentations.

Over 200 people visited the Master Gardener Annual Spring Plant Sale this year.

Twenty people attended Seed to Supper Program we offered this spring. All of the attendees said they would highly recommend this free course to their friends.

Master Gardeners gave presentations at Old McDonald’s Farm Day on “Pizza Garden”. The students learned about the ingredients of a pizza and where they come from.

Master Gardeners giving educational gardening information and doing kids activities at the information booth at the Chemung County Fair.

Over 80 students at the Big Flats Elementary School learned about “native bees” from the activities designed and offered by the Master Gardeners.
Local Foods: EastSide Market

Program Goals: Increase access to fresh farm products (especially fruits and vegetables), for low-income families; Provide a viable and profitable market opportunity for farm vendors; Enhance community pride, understanding, and connections; Offer entrepreneurial opportunities for local craftspeople and cottage industries.

Staff: Danielle Howie

Outcomes:

- The EastSide Market ran for 18 weeks from June 14th through October 11th from 2:30PM-6PM. An estimated 2,000 customers, averaging over 100 customers per week, attended the market.
- 557 SNAP tokens were sold at the EastSide Market throughout the season. This is a 10% increase from the 2018 SNAP sales.
- The market ran the Fresh Connect Check Program which gives an additional $2 dollars for every $5 dollars purchased with an EBT card. 50 Fresh Connect Checks were distributed resulting in $100 additional dollars to SNAP recipients to use at the EastSide Market.
- The Market had 5 permanent vendors, Mann’s Country Gardens, Martin’s Produce, and Theresa’s Maple Mountain, Sunset View Creamery who attended over 80% of the market. New vendors, Linda Weaver, A Children’s Book Author and Sandra’s Boutique each attend over 5 markets.
- Local musicians, The Diagnosis, Andy Fagan, Mark Havillard, Ron Meinstereifel, Barbara and her Accordion, and Dragonfly Acoustic Trio performed throughout the season.
- EastSide Market partnered with several community organizations to provide educational outreach at the market, such as, Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Arnot Health, Fidelis, C-Tran, DSS Navigators and Southern Tier Tobacco Awareness Coalition.
- In collaboration with the Ag Promo Society, the EastSide market hosted Farm Fest Day on September 13th. The event had several different farm animals in attendance including, alpacas, a newborn calf, and goats. In addition to the farm animals, basket raffles, activities by Barbara Bush’s 4-H club, live music, educational displays, a goat milking demonstration and variety of vendors brought in over 450 customers to the market despite the very cold day.
- $1028 SNAP tokens were sold at the Wisner Market. 100 Fresh Connect Checks were distributed to SNAP recipients allowing 200 additional dollars to purchase fresh food.
- 93 Credit/Debit tokens were sold at Wisner and EastSide Markets resulting in 465 dollars available for patrons without cash to spend at the markets.

On June 14, 2019, the EastSide Market hosted Kent Gobin from the Southern Tier Bicycle League to offer free bicycle helmets to children and adults who attended the market.
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NATURAL RESOURCES: We promote responsible waste management in Chemung County through Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Education, Chemung County’s Household Hazardous Waste collection events, Chemung County Adopt-A-Highway program, community events and other programs for local municipalities. We coordinate the Environmental Management Council (EMC). We help leaders & residents understand environmental or energy issues, opportunities, and/or regulations.

STAFF:
Antoinette Gardner, Solid Waste/Recycling Educator
Jennifer Trimber, EMC Coordinator
Eileen Hanrahan, Community Energy Educator

The Natural Resources programs directly educated 7,404 individuals (youth and adults) and reached over 35,000 indirectly.

The Natural Resources programs:
- Promoted and researched the Adoption of Clean Streets Resolution & Climate Smart Communities program.
- Provided Recycling/Renewable Resources programs to over 600 youth at local Spring events - Environmental Field Day/Old McDonalds Farm Day Earth Day celebrations/Scouting and 4-H programs
- Updated weekly/monthly to CCE social media and guides
- Provided educational support to the more than 12 Chemung County Adopt-A-Highway groups, who collected over 30 industrial size bags of roadside garbage with 2 new groups joining the Chemung County Adopt-a-Highway program
- Provided over 1,518 one-on-one educational consultations to Chemung County residents in regards to Proper Waste Management and Recycling with 1,585 taking part in Chemung County’s Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events and Chemung County’s Electronics Recycling Events.
- Provided education to 427 Chemung County residents who learned new ways to save money on heating and cooling costs/the impact heating and cooling has on the environment and low cost energy saving tips, with 86 residents signing up for home energy assessments.

- Provided over 15 lessons to 390 youth at the ARCADE/Elmira City School District and REACH in Waverly NY programs.
- Facilitated 9 EMC meetings and arranged for 3 informational speakers, and tours.
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WHAT DOES CCE CHEMUNG OFFER?

Research-based educational programs and community partnerships that help people improve their lives.

Agriculture & Horticulture
- Master Gardeners Program
- Farmer Education and Training
- Farm and Garden Newsletter
- Agricultural Economic Development
- South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops Team

4-H Youth Development
- 4-H Club Programs
- Teen Leadership Opportunities
- Engagement, STEM, and Healthy Lifestyles
- 4-H Youth Fair (part of Chemung County Fair)
- Afterschool Programs
- Ag Literacy Education

Community Action, Nutrition & Wellness
- Bone Builders, A Matter of Balance & Tai Chi
- Chemung County Poverty Reduction Coalition
- Chemung Volunteer Action Corps (CVAC)
- EastSide Market and Farmers’ Market Promotion
- Finger Lakes Eat Smart NY Nutrition Program (SNAP ED)
- Chemung County Non-Profit Network

Energy & Environmental Education
- Adopt a Highway
- Smart Energy Choices Program
- Environmental Management Council (EMC)
- Household Hazardous Waste collection
- Solid Waste and Recycling Education

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Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chemung County connects people with the information they need on topics such as agriculture, nutrition, health, youth development, community action, recycling, sustainable natural resources, and more! Extension staff and trained volunteers deliver educational programs, conduct applied research, and encourage community collaborations.

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