The Cooperative Extension system was created in 1914 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to “extend” the research from the land grant university in each state to the people of that state. On April 21, 1917 during World War I the Home Defense Committee and other patriotic groups called a public meeting in the Suffern High School and the Rockland County Cooperative Extension system was started in an effort to aid the war effort and increase food production by obtaining expert advice from the Agricultural College at Ithaca. Almost 100 years later Rockland County Cooperative Extension is still providing that connection to the research-based information that comes from Cornell University. Their mission is to help people improve their lives and communities through educational partnerships that put research, knowledge and practical experience to work. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County’s information and advice is factual, unbiased, and rigorously-tested.

Mission

Cornell Cooperative Extension 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.

Vision

Cornell Cooperative Extension is a national leader in creating positive change on behalf of families and communities through rigorously-tested extension programs. We create measurable change by aligning local needs with the resources and priorities of the land grant system and its state and federal partners.
December 13, 2017

**Dear Friends of Extension,**

Not many organizations survive to celebrate their hundred year anniversaries but Rockland, along with ten other Cooperative Extensions across New York State, reached this important milestone this year. The Extension system itself as well as at CCE Rockland have undergone dramatic change over the decades. Our County has experienced a sevenfold increase in population and transformed from an agricultural and manufacturing base to a suburban, service economy. Nevertheless our CCE mission remains unchanged: to put the vast knowledge and resources of Cornell University to work in Rockland, promoting economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being.

Here’s a synopsis of some of our accomplishments this year.

- Partnering with the Stormwater Consortium our Environmental Educator advanced a project to map stormwater infrastructure using GIS applications which will benefit all municipalities within the County.
- Lead by several of our Master Gardeners, our volunteers charted more acreage of emerging invasive species than any other group participating in the Invasive Species Management Program.
- We hired another educator for our Eat Smart New York Program to promote better health through increased physical activity and healthy food choices.
- We are wrapping up our 31st year of “Vet Sci” in which we introduce high school students through hands-on sessions to the range of careers open to them working with and caring for animals.

As my Board term draws to a close, I am grateful for the chance to have worked with so many dedicated Board members, staff, Master Gardeners and other volunteers. Here’s to the next 100!

Paul Larsen
Board President
Dear Friends of Extension:

Imagine the people who have walked through our doors during the last 100 years: farmers, homemakers, chemists, teachers, brick makers, factory workers, shopkeepers and children of all ages – to name a few. Today we welcome business people, gardeners, lawyers, teachers, landscapers, and children of all ages – with smart phones and ear buds. Whatever the decade, people have come to CCE for the same reason - to take advantage of the classes that the Cooperative Extension system make possible.

Being around for a hundred years means that we’ve learned to be flexible, relevant and current. So while we used to offer programs on sewing and animal husbandry, today it’s more likely to be STEM related activities, such as robotics, and invasive plant identification. (Although sewing is making a comeback!)

How do we determine what workshops and classes to offer? We ask County residents, whom we are accountable to, for their suggestions and feedback. And in order to stay timely, we depend on our association with Cornell University to provide us with up-to-date research and information.

Over the years, many, many people have joined us as volunteers, donors, participants, staff, partners, board members, instructors and more. Thank you for working and learning with us; we look forward to seeing you again in 2018.

Best,

Suzanne Barclay
Executive Director
Carrying on the CCE Tradition for Another Century

Environmental Stewardship:

Rockland County residents were reached over 1,700 times this year by our Environmental Programs.

- Stormwater Radio Show on WRCR
- Stormwater Consortium
- Hudson River Fish Advisory
- Fertilizer Law Training Course
- Hudson River Estuary Program Participation
- Composting & Rain-Water Collection Education via Partnership with Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority

Nutrition:

Eat Smart New York’s contacts in Rockland Communities broke 5,600!

- Eat Smart New York Nutrition Education
- Rockland County Government’s Programs to Assist the Hungry (PATH) Grant Management
Horticulture:

Rockland residents participated directly in our Horticulture programs over 1,000 times this year and our indirect reach was about 20 times that number!

- Speaker’s Bureau
- School Garden Network
- Horticulture Therapy
- Gardening Lecture Series
- Master Gardener Volunteers
- Climate Change Education
- Community Gardens Consults
- Demonstration Garden Tours
- Children’s Library Reading Program
- Horticulture Diagnostic Laboratory
- Invasive Species Management (Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management)

Youth Development:

Our programs directly reached Rockland County youth over 2,600 times this year.

- 4-H Clubs & Youth Development
- STEM Education
- Veterinary Science Career Exploration
- Teen Leadership Rockland
- Financial Literacy

Community & Economic Vitality:

- Institute for Non-Profits Sustainability Seminars
- Economic Impact Survey of Rockland County Non-Profit Organizations
**Statement Activities**  
As of 10/31/2017

**Revenues**

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Unrestricted Revenues & Other Support Total          $ 704,529

**Expenses**

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Total Expenses                                      $ 691,394

**Statement of Financial Position**  
As of 10/31/2017

**Assets**

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Total Assets                                      $ 389,220

**Liabilities & Fund Balances**

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Current Fund Balances:

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Total Liabilities & Fund Balances                  $ 389,220

**Public Funding Partners**

**County**

County of Rockland  
Honorable Edwin J. Day  
County Executive  
Honorable Toney Earl  
Rockland County Legislative Chair

**State**

State of New York  
Cornell University  
Dr. Christopher Watkins, Director,  
Cornell University Cooperative Extension

**Federal**

United States Department of Agriculture

The County of Rockland, through the offices of County Executive Edwin J. Day and the County Legislature, provides substantial funding for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland’s programs and operations.

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