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Cornell Cooperative Extension Energy Program Initiative: Update

Director Helene Dillard is pleased to provide an update on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Energy Program initiative. CCE recognizes that energy and climate are urgent contemporary issues that connect New York State residents with the global community and that cross many research and policy areas. CCE is making a two-year investment in the CCE system to expand and strengthen energy programming state-wide. We are emphasizing interdisciplinary programming that addresses residential and other building energy conservation, agriculture and energy, communities, and climate change, and are targeting youth in particular with broad energy education programs. Our investments include contracting for the time of experienced CCE educators in 5 Associations to focus on energy and climate; a summer intern; a 4-H summer camp program; 40% of an Assistant Director's time; and additional operating costs such as professional development for the entire CCE system. CALS and CHE faculty are closely involved in the CCE Energy Program, including as faculty partners for the CCE "energy educators" and in an advisory role for the program.

This effort aligns with the new USDA NIFA priorities, New York State's energy and climate efforts, and other state and federal initiatives. We will refer to both NIFA priorities and the New York State Energy Plan as we develop the goals and intended outcomes of the CCE Energy Program. As first steps, we will be bringing appropriate employees of the CCE system up to a common level of energy literacy, and working to establish some internal goals and outcomes for the CCE system.

Faculty partners: Joe Laquatra, Larry Smart, Antonio Bento, Susan Riha.

Educators: Allison Chatrchyan, Mary Wrege, Nancy Reigelsperger, Sharon Anderson, Dominic Frongillo, and Chip Malone

Others on the advisory committee: Drew Lewis (CUAES), Dan Roth (Cornell Sustainability), Anu Rangarajan (Horticulture), David MacNeill (NY Sea Grant), Marc Smith (NYSAES), Peter Landre (Executive Director, CCE of Yates County).

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CCE-Seneca County Announces 'The Wild Harvest Table' Blog

Wild fish and game are abundant in Seneca County and play a role in the diets of local sportsmen, women, and their families, yet are often overlooked as a local food resource and part of a nutritious diet. Recognizing this information gap, CCE-Seneca County, in consultation with Cornell's Department of Natural Resources, has piloted an educational web resource for seasonal fish and game recipes, nutrition information, regulations, and health/consumption research along with government guidelines and useful links. Recognizing the culinary bounty that wild fish and game represent in Seneca County, this blog resource, "The Wild Harvest Table", offers recipes and information on a bi-weekly basis about fish and game that is currently or soon to be in season. The information is archived and indexed according to subject, such as fish or game species, menu item, or nutrition fact. Investigating linkages between fish and game consumption and food security for low income residents in Seneca County (ESNY), and barriers to game consumption, is an important component of this educational web resource. The website can be accessed at; <http://senecawildharvest.blogspot.com>. Contact Moira Tidball, mmt65@cornell.edu, for more information.

Using eXtension for More Competitive AFRI Proposals

USDA/NIFA has just released the new AFRI RFAs. According to program guidelines, funds may be requested, among others, for stand-alone Extension projects and Integrated projects. Both of these can be used to establish new and/or enhance existing eXtension Communities of Practice in areas consistent with AFRI program priorities.

With this in mind, please consider encouraging your faculty to involve Communities of Practice either in lead roles or in supporting roles in proposals. CoPs are available due to the investments you and others have made and provide a good core of collaborating Extension professionals from multiple states.

For a list and brief description of eXtension Communities of Practice visit:

http://about.extension.org/wiki/eXtension_Communities_of_Practice_with_Brief_Description

For detailed information on some ways to include eXtension in AFRI applications, visit:

http://about.extension.org/wiki/NIFA_RFA_Information

For more information about eXtension, visit: <http://about.extension.org> (information about the eXtension Initiative) <http://extension.org> (subject matter resources provided to the public).

If you have questions or comments, or wish to contact Community of Practice leaders, please contact Craig Wood at craig.wood@extension.org, 859-323-8472, Ashley Griffin at ashley.griffin@extension.org, 859-323-8473 or Dan Cotton at dan.cotton@extension.org, 402-472-8841.

AFRI represents exciting program opportunities for Cooperative Extension and eXtension can help ensure that appropriate teams and multiple institutions are involved.

North Country Agencies Meet April 23 to Collaborate on Grant Funding Strategies

CCE-St. Lawrence County is inviting North Country research, education, and extension personnel in the fields of food, agriculture, nutrition, community development, bioenergy, and climate change to participate in a North Country NIFA Planning Conference April 23, from 10am-2pm at the CCE-St. Lawrence County Extension Learning Farm in Canton and with availability via sites in Watertown and Plattsburgh and via teleconference.

NIFA is the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (www.nifa.usda.gov), and represents a stream of \$200 million annually in Federal grant money funding research, education, and extension initiatives in food and agriculture and related fields. There have been significant changes to this area of Federal funding in recent years.

The meeting agenda includes about one hour of training on the nuts and bolts of the NIFA grant programs, followed by facilitated discussion about broad strategic approaches. Smaller group task teams will begin to work on specific strategies based around the separate funding priorities set by NIFA.

For more information contact Stephen Canner at src93@cornell.edu or call 315-379-9192 ext. 233.

Fly Camp I - IPM Teleconference – April 22

In New York, fly complaints associated with livestock operations are often addressed locally by various members of a county CCE team. In Pennsylvania, response to these situations are coordinated by the PA Agricultural Ombudsman Program. The PA Ombudsman approach assesses the nature of the complaint and refers it to trained "SWAT team" members. The trained responder may do site visits, offer fly minimization recommendations to farmers and neighbors, and ensure the follow-up is documented with the PA Ombudsman Program. NY is in need of additional individuals with fly IPM skills. Topics to be covered are:

Basic fly ID	Integrated Pest Management
Potential sources of flies	Fly IPM resources
Sensitivity when handling complainants	Documentation of response
Fly minimization practices	

The teleconference training will be offered by polycom (8:30am- 12pm) at various CCE and Penn State University Extension Offices (locations to be announced). The training is for anyone who is interested in knowing more about fly ID, sources, how to minimize flies, and is willing to respond to fly complaints.

Sponsored by: Cornell University, Cornell Cooperative Extension, New York Integrated Pest Management Program, PA Ag Ombudsman Program, Penn State University, and Penn State Extension.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, please contact Keith Waldron at jkw5@cornell.edu.

Reaching...Not Just Teaching – May 12

This is a facilitation skills training workshop which will address group facilitation to encourage learner involvement, honor learning styles and sharpen presentation techniques. It will also provide an introduction to adult learning principles and group facilitation skills with guided practice. This training is intended for any interested professional/educator/home visitor with responsibility for public presentations/trainings and is designed for professionals with experience presenting/training groups of staff, community members, peers.

The training will be held at the CCE-Ontario County office in Canandaigua and will run from 9am-4pm. Registration fee of \$50 is due by May 4.

For more information and a registration form contact Isabelle Jensen at 585-394-3977 or idj1@cornell.edu.

Marcellus Shale Webinars – May & June

These webinars are for CCE Educators, community task for members and local officials.

May 12, 1:30-3:00, Marcellus Shale: Community and Economic Considerations

Presenter: Jeffrey Jacquet, Cornell Department of Natural Resources

Register at:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dE10Mk1qWUhOSnIFWHVXMWh3TD BONEE6MA>

June 23, 1:30-3:00, Marcellus Shale: Local Roads Impacts

Presenters: Lynne Irwin and David Orr, Cornell Local Roads Program

Register at:

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dDNNdTFuMWdOeU9Namx1Y2otT2V 3RIE6MA>

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