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Thank you, though simple to say, is a significant sentiment to share as we head into this season of gratitude. For Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County (CCE Erie), which relies on a vast network of volunteers to multiply the work of 21 staff, it is the most basic way to express our appreciation for all who make CCE Erie an invaluable asset in our community. As 2017 comes to a close, we want to intentionally thank those who made CCE Erie successful in sharing research-supported education to the residents of the county.

Thank you very much to the…

**Staff** who expertly deliver and support the variety of CCE Erie programs offered throughout the county... **Directors of the CCE Erie Board** who oversee the fiscal and operational health of the association, and who continue to sort through options and ideas for an exciting, new home for CCE... **Program Committee Members** who are the ‘eyes and ears’ in our communities, sharing programming needs with staff... **Master Gardener volunteers** who answer questions about insects, plants, trees, soil and everything in between, as well as teach us all how to garden for food and for beauty... **4-H Alumni** who devote numerous volunteer hours in order to provide more opportunities to more Erie County 4-Hers... **4-H leaders and volunteers** who share their skills and knowledge with youth from ages 5 to 19... **4-H youth and adult program participants** who seek to learn and grow and contribute to their communities... **Farmers** who open their farms to research trials, school tours, and hands-on trainings... **Community partners**, especially those working with nutrition programs Eat Smart New York (ESNY) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), who make it possible to reach a diversity of audiences and who enhance CCE Erie’s educational mission... **Directors of the Board of the Extension Foundation of Erie County** who increase CCE Erie’s outreach with direct support... **Erie County Executive and Legislators** who provide the base support needed for CCE Erie to help put knowledge to work.

With much appreciation,

[Signature]

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**TOTAL OPERATIONS FUNDING** $2,319,472 (100%)
Nutrition

Eat Smart New York (ESNY) provides interactive community-based nutrition education and obesity prevention workshops for SNAP recipients and those eligible to receive SNAP. ESNY Western New York also collaborates with community agencies, organizations, and schools on sustainable policy, systematic, and environmental approaches. Together our goal is to make accessible and empower low-income and limited-resource residents to adopt healthful nutrition and physical activity behaviors conducive to positive health and well-being. These collaborations include Nourish Your Neighbor, a healthy food pantry initiative; Buffalo Healthy Corner Store initiative, which brings fresh produce into food desert corner stores; and school and community garden collaborations. During the 2017 fiscal year, ESNY continued the At the Stop to Good Health social marketing campaign, which promotes messages related to healthy eating and physical activity. Programming is focused on high-needs neighborhoods which face significantly poorer health outcomes in comparison to the rest of the county. Poverty rates are as high as 46% in these neighborhoods, which also face disparities related to race, ethnicity, and education.

► CCE Erie is the regional program lead in Western New York, coordinating programming across Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany, Genesee, Orleans, and Wyoming counties.
► Offer workshops and events throughout the community at locations serving low-income populations, including schools, community centers, farmer’s markets, grocery stores, and food pantries. All events are hands on, and often include a physical activity and an opportunity to prepare a healthy, tasty recipe.
  ▪ 1,019 – total direct events (workshops, cooking classes, and grocery store tours)
  ▪ 6,227 – total direct unduplicated adults (3,239) and youth (2,323)
  ▪ 5,930 – total direct duplicated adults (1,580) and youth (2,406)
  ▪ 883 – total indirect (marketing and outreach) events
  ▪ 24,187 – total adult (20,366) and youth (1,290) indirect contact

Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) offers hands-on interactive workshops to help low income eligible parents, caregivers, and expectant mothers to improve food and physical activity behaviors, food resource management, food safety, and food security. Adults learn how to make food choices to improve the nutritional quality of the meals they serve their families. Through a 6-9 lesson experiential learning series participants:
  ▪ increase ability to select and buy food.
  ▪ gain skills in food preparation storage and sanitation.
  ▪ learn to better manage their food budgets.
  ▪ Enrolled 221 eligible adults, graduated 201 with a 91% graduation rate.
4-H Youth Development

4-H Grows Here: public presentations; civic engagement; leadership; agriculture literacy, education, and animal husbandry; cooking; textiles; creative arts; citizenship; healthy living; STEM; recreation; fair exhibits, and more.

Parents of 4-H Tech Wizards boast of improved science grades, and youth as a whole show increased interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) as the program progresses through the year. National Mentoring Program, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

► 24 caring adult mentors worked with 51 youth, ages 7-16, 3 days each week at the Seneca Babcock Community Center on STEM projects and activities, service learning, and life skills.

► Seed to Salad project: growing vegetables and herbs in the community center’s courtyard raised-bed gardens and sharing the produce each week with the Food Bank and senior adults at the Community Center.

► National Youth Science Day celebration which featured STEM activity Drone Discovery.

Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Signature Program, New York 4-H Youth Community Action Network, Youth CAN, promotes civic engagement and workforce development among high need teens in Buffalo and Lackawanna.

► 30 youth participate in college and career prep and civic engagement by becoming change agents in their communities. Partners are Global Concepts Charter High School in Lackawanna; Buffalo Public School #156 Frederick Law Olmsted and Tapestry Charter School in Buffalo.

Youth development work in the city of Buffalo and Erie County:

► 4-H enrollment: 669 Youth and 191 Volunteers.

► 8 youth involved in 4-H robotics project; grant received to hire a new part time 4-H STEM Afterschool Educator in Buffalo.

► 8 teens participating in Healthy Youth Positive Energy (HYPE) an afterschool 4-H Club focused on promoting wellness for Buffalo students; HYPE teen leaders hosted a Transgender Awareness Panel.

► 100 afterschool educators trained in garden-based learning and Junk Drawer Robotics.

► More than 350 youth participated in Public Presentations countywide.

► 16 - 4-Hers attended State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR) at the NYS Fairgrounds (5 of whom led workshops); 12 - 4-Hers attended Career Explorations at Cornell; 6 - 4-H members attended 4-H Capital Days in Albany. *All numbers include youth from the cities, suburbs, and rural areas of the county.

► 4 Japanese Exchange students were hosted by 4-H families in August.

► 587 animals exhibited by 160 4-H Livestock program youth, and close to 2,000 youth development entries in the Erie County Fair.
4-H Youth Development

► 185 still exhibits evaluated at the NYS Fair, 23 received the Purple Rosette Award (the most awarded to any county).

► 72 animal program educational opportunities for youth in beef, sheep, swine, dairy, goat, horse, dog, rabbit and poultry programs, educating on livestock industries, Genomics, meat quality, feeding, showmanship, livestock judging, marketing.

► 4-H Sheep program used proceeds from the “Funder” lamb to take a bus trip to Kyle Farms, Rush, NY to view and learn about a sheep operation with 3,000 sheep.

► Ag Literacy week reached 946 students in grades K-4 in 6 different school districts & libraries, educating students about the grape industry with the book, “The Grapes Grow Sweet”.

► Pheasant Raise and Release program had 750 day old chicks dispersed to Erie County 4-H youth in June, with 475 being released into the environment in the correct habitat in September.

► 18 market animals were purchased and then resold to benefit the 4-H program with funds used to purchase educational materials for various livestock program areas.

► 7 youth donated poultry projects for auction, proceeds to benefit the poultry program.

► The Erie County Horse program had the highest number of participants in many years at the fair. 4-H leaders continue to help the program grow with educational opportunities, shows and competitions and continue to stress the importance of safety.

► Erie County 4-H has 2 youth traveling to Louisville, KY in November with the NYS 4-H Dairy Bowl team and NY State Horse Communication.

► Partnered with the Erie County Botanical Gardens in the spring and fall showcasing the program through the 4-H Farm.
WNY Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Taskforce: member of the taskforce with partners across the 8 county region.

- Attended 6 bi-monthly WNY EAB Taskforce meetings providing private landowners, municipalities, industry, a forum and resources to manage this invasive beetle.
- County launched an informational website on EAB.
- Current Taskforce focus: invasive forest pests including spotted lantern fly, Asian long horned beetle, hemlock wooly adelgid.

Forest Pests Outreach Survey Project: working with New York State Dept. of Ag and Markets, with funding through USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Forest Pests Outreach and Survey Project (USDA-APHIS FPOSP):

- Assist in identifying volunteers to serve as “citizen volunteer leaders” willing to receive and pass along information on key forest pests.
- Train-the-trainer and survey workshop held in August.
- Reached over 700 contacts.

Monitoring for invasive fruit fly, pest of small fruit: completed 5th year of monitoring for the invasive fruit fly pest spotted wind drosophila (SWD).

- Monitoring allows growers to better time control measures to the arrival of this pest. With the advanced arrival of the pest this year due to the mild winter, growers faced significant losses having unsaleable fruit and shutting down u-pick operations early.

Bio Control Match Making: Participated in the first year of a two-year project, Managing Lily Leaf Beetles through Parasitoid Release of Lily Leaf Beetle Biocontrol.

- With Master Gardener volunteer assistance, established 50 oriental lily bulbs at the Parkside Lodge near the Buffalo Zoo.
- Released insects and will be monitoring the following season for bio-controls laying eggs in the lily leaf beetle larva to complete their lifecycle.

Grower Trainings

- 25 people participated in a basic (CORE) pesticide training for commercial agricultural producers and Master Gardener trainees covering the basic of pesticides and their application.

CommuniTree Steward Project: The Buffalo Green Fund generously provided support to offer a second series of Erie County Communi-Tree Steward (CTS).

- Classes held over five sessions in March and April. 12 people completed the course. Total number of trained Stewards up to nearly 30.
- Class series covers all aspects of caring for juvenile trees - biology, establishment, maintenance, pruning and ID.
- CTS Volunteers engaged in organized tree care projects between mid-April and early July to work toward completing a minimum of five hours of field work.
- With Buffalo Green Fund, engaged other local partners in the project including the City of Buffalo, Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, Re-Tree and area horticulture businesses.
- Partnered with the Arbor Day Foundation, City of Buffalo and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to have CTS volunteers assist in distributing 500 young trees in Buffalo to help replace the ash being lost to the Emerald Ash Borer.

Seed to Supper: Statewide Engaged Cornell project, Seed to Supper is a comprehensive beginning vegetable curriculum designed for adults gardening on a budget.

- 5-part weekly webinar Seed to Supper series, organized by students participating in an undergraduate course through the Engaged Cornell project.
- Local training on Buffalo’s east side, had 12 – 18 participants per session from community members, partner organizations, CCE nutrition staff and Master Gardener volunteers.
Engaged Cornell intern for the months of June and July: ties with community organizations, surveyed food pantries to determine interest in gardening, held a wrap-up workshop for 20 garden facilitators and interested partners.

**MFO: Second, one-year agreement to connect the CCE Master Forest Owner (MFO) Program to County woodlot managers.** The MFO volunteers are woodlot owners with experience, trained by Cornell specialists, who are available to visit property and provide non-technical assistance.

- 94% of Erie County’s forested acres (196,400) are privately owned.
- 5 Master Forest Owner volunteers in Erie County.
- 2 workshops in western New York: “Managing Invasive Plants and Pests in Your Forest” and MFO annual refresher training which included how to detect EAB and management strategies for private landowners.

**Farm Business Management: General**

- Expansion of MeatSuite.com (a free online directory of regional livestock farms selling meat in bulk quantities) via a ‘Meat’ the Farmer Meat and Beer pairing dinner where 45 people interacted with livestock farmers from 5 western NY counties in Rochester NY.
- Collaborated with the Cornell Vegetable Program to include marketing topics in two Fresh Market Vegetable Growers Meetings where 20 vegetable growers from Erie County and 60 from WNY were in attendance.
- Developed 2 agronomy crop (Alternative Markets for Barley and Industrial Hemp) Fact Sheets in collaboration with Harvest NY.
- Provided programming with the Cornell Pro-Dairy team and CCE staff from 3 western NY counties for the Dairy Executive Workshop.
- Developed HR (Human Relations) curriculum (Good to Great-Improving Agriculture Labor Management) with the Cornell Farm Worker Program and the Eastern NY Cornell Vegetable Team to provide educational workshops for fruit and vegetable farmers in Erie County.
- Provided an educational workshop for 25 rural landowners in Erie Country with topics about Ag District Law, Agriculture Assessment, and a Farmer panel discussion of cost of renting land in Erie county.
- Developed and taught a 4 day business planning workshop, Jumpstarting the Next Generation, for 20 Erie County farmers.
- Provided the Town of Holland with information pertinent to agriculture for their strategic planning process.
- Hosted a produce grading workshop for farmers who sell products to the Genesee Valley Produce Auction. Participants improved grading habits and increased price received per crop twofold.
- Received funding from the Warren Fund to host the Cornell Dyson School’s annual Strategic Marketing Conference. 50 people from all over the state attended the 2-day conference to learn about agri-tourism businesses in western NY.

**Farm Business Management: Beginning Farmers**

- Individually consulted with 15 beginning farmers (defined as farmers who have farmed for less than 10 years) in Erie County on business planning and marketing.
- Provided a 3 month beginning farmer training, Baskets or Pallets, in collaboration with 2 other counties in WNY. 12 beginning farmers received certificates following the training.
- Hosted (in collaboration with CCE Allegany and CCE Wyoming) a Veteran Farmer Family Field Day, where 8 veterans and their families toured a small fruit farm, and an animal grazing operation in WNY.

**Farm Business Management: Refugee Farmers**

- CCE Erie partnered with Journey’s End Refugee Services to provide technical assistance to improve and expand an urban farm for 12 refugees. 2,220lbs of produce was harvested with a realized profit of $8,225.
- R.O.O.T (Refugee Onsite Occupational Training) Pilot Project was completed and an evaluation was developed for future iterations.
- Consulted with the Somali-Bantu Community Farm Project for soil testing and future crop planning.
The CCE Master Gardener Program builds on community members’ passion for gardening by providing them with environmentally sound, garden-based educational opportunities. These trained volunteers then share their knowledge with fellow community members. Through the Program, volunteers gain knowledge of and confidence in applying science based gardening practices and then share that information with members of the public, teaching others about environmentally friendly methods for controlling pests and soil testing techniques to allow proper fertilization of lawns, gardens and landscapes.

A snapshot:
- 89 Active Master Gardeners.
- 20 Program Apprentices who were trained in the spring of 2017.
- 35 Community Projects.
- 5,035 service hours provided to our local communities, along with 1566 hours spent completing training to improve themselves as Master Gardeners. Volunteer service is estimated at over $121,545 in value. An additional 524 hours were spent fundraising to support the Program’s educational efforts.
- 6 public gardening workshops, reaching nearly 150 individuals with environmentally sound gardening best practices.

Program volunteers staff a garden question hotline throughout the year fielding nearly 1000 questions, conducting nearly 110 soil pH tests and processing over 80 diagnostic samples.

Volunteers coordinate and host soil test clinics at farmers’ markets, libraries and other locations throughout the growing season.

Master Gardener Volunteers conducted outreach at events across Erie County with the two largest being the Fair and Plantasia making nearly 1300 contacts.

In 2017, a new project effort for our Master Gardener Program was the Cornell Vegetable Variety Trial Garden, an opportunity to cultivate a vegetable demonstration garden and report on how the various varieties performed in our growing conditions.

- Secured gardening space with the Community Garden beds in the Seneca Babcock neighborhood, which is overseen by the Seneca St. Community Development Corporation, as our Association doesn’t own land on which to grow a variety trial.
- Volunteers went to Ithaca to collect transplants, then later in the month planting began.
- Grassroots Gardens and other community partners renovated the beds.

Some key accomplishments:
- Provided an educational opportunity for residents and staff to learn the fundamentals of flower gardening and appreciate the joys and beauty of its end result.
- Improved children’s knowledge of locally grown fruits and vegetables and gardening.
- Expanded number of raised bed vegetable gardens. Students measured, installed, and planted new beds using square foot gardening method. They maintained plantings over summer, and had a plentiful harvest. Eat Smart NY, using their crops, demonstrated healthy cooking and eating techniques.
- Bus tours … expose the public to work and the importance of 14 environmentally conscious projects in the City of Buffalo.
Harvest New York

Harvest New York’s goal is to spur agricultural economic development in New York State with specialists in the following areas: Dairy Food Processing and Marketing; Local Food Distribution and Marketing; Urban Agriculture; Farm-Based Beverages; Livestock Processing and Marketing; Farm Strategic Planning.

Harvest New York is funded by New York State.

Increased market opportunities for NYS farms:

► Worked with the Buffalo Public School District to procure $313,026 of NYS produce during the 2016-17 school year, an 89% increase since program inception in 2014, to support increased access to healthy food options offered to an average of 6,710 students throughout 12 pilot schools.

► Worked with the Western NY Food Hub to increase purchases from NYS over the two-year technical support grant.

► Co-hosted a farmer-buyer meet and greet, which attracted over 100 attendees and resulted in the formation of new business relationships. Specifically, farmers felt confident they connected with an average of two new buyers and buyers reported connecting with an average of four new farm partners.

Provided assistance to the NYS craft beverage industry to support its continued growth:

► Hosted two field-to-pint supply chain tours that attracted more than 70 NYS craft beer stakeholders and were designed to extend knowledge and provide networking opportunities.

► Working with partner organizations and supply chain stakeholders to develop and test out a NYS online Craft Beverage Classifieds. The effort’s primary objective is to provide an online platform that will enable farmers and businesses to more effectively transact sales. Wraps up in spring 2018.

► Co-Hosting the inaugural Empire State Barley and Malt Summit, to be held in December.

Provided support and training to Erie County processors:

► Contributed to the following educational programming in Erie county in 2017 which resulted in 853 contact hours and reached 188 individuals.

► Held 3 Preventive Controls for Human Food trainings which reached 58 individuals from area food processors and also an Internal Auditing course which had 28 attendees. These trainings give employees of area food processors skills and certifications which are necessary to perform functions to ensure safe food and meet regulatory requirements.

► Held processor specific training sessions at businesses throughout the county and worked directly with area food processors to help them develop their food safety plans.

► In conjunction with Erie Community College’s Food Processing and Biotechnology program, delivered seminars related to dairy processing and educated students on careers in dairy processing.
Cornell Vegetable Program

The Cornell Vegetable Program is one of the premier regional agricultural Cornell Cooperative Extension programs in New York, serving 13 western and central NY counties. The Cornell Vegetable Program provides educational programs and information to growers, processors and agri-business professionals, arming them with the knowledge to profitably produce and market safe and healthful vegetable crops, contributing to the viability of farms and the economic wellbeing of New York State. Specifically, the program focuses on food safety, variety evaluation, market development, pest management, and cultural practices. Following are research projects in Erie County:

► Wildlife Management Sweet Corn and Cucurbits (Darcy Telenko, NYFVI grant)
► Precision Water Management with UB ((Darcy Telenko, NYFVI grant)
► Sweet Corn Pheromone Trap Network (Darcy Telenko)
► Western Bean Cutworm (Darcy Telenko)
► USDA_NIFA iPiPE Internship (Darcy Telenko)
► Long Term High Tunnel Sustainability (Judson Reid, NYFVI/NOFA-NY)
► TSF-Sustainable High Tunnel Soil Management (Judson Reid)
► FFF-Advancing Season Extension in NYS (Judson Reid)
► Conducted several GAPs on-farm food safety plan assessments (3) and one pre-audit assessment (Robert Hadad)
► Table beet leaf disease management (Julie Kikkert)

Lake Erie Regional Grape Program

The Lake Erie Regional Grape Program (LERGP) is a cooperative program between Cornell and Penn State Universities, Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations in Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Erie and Niagara Counties, Penn State Cooperative Extension – Erie County, NYS IPM Program, National Grape Cooperative, Constellation Brands, Walker’s Fruit Basket and growers of the Lake Erie Grape Industry.

► LERGP is providing the extension and research lead for the grant project “Efficient Vineyard” which involves New York, Pennsylvania and California.
► 16 Coffee Pot meetings – 256 growers attending
► 5 grant projects funded for a total of $6,252,355. LERGP Extension team share equal to $632,052.
► Applied research projects - 15 growers participating in three applied research projects this quarter.
► Publications - Lake Erie Vineyard Notes Newsletter (7) and LERGP Crop Update (27)
► Podcasts - 41 weekly podcasts produced to date. http://lergp.com/podcasts/
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