Mission
The Cornell Cooperative Extension educational system enables people to improve their lives and communities through partnerships that put experience and research-based knowledge to work. This mission is shared with Extension associations in every New York county. In Genesee County, education efforts target agricultural production, policy, and economic development; adult and youth leadership development; nutrition, health, and human development; and public policy education.

Target Audiences
Audiences include homeowners, consumers, youth, and parents; municipal governments, agencies and community organizations; the food and agriculture industry; and local and state policy-makers concerned with a variety of issues affecting Genesee County communities and the region.

Funding Sources
The Genesee County Legislature, New York State and the federal government provide financial support for Extension through annual appropriations. These appropriations are supplemented with grants, contracts, program and user fees, and contributions. In the most recent reporting year, the total support for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Genesee County was $1,336,364. The Genesee County Legislature provided 28 percent, New York State provided 28 percent, and the federal government contributed 11 percent. The balance of the organization’s funding, 33 percent, originated from grants, contracts, program and user fees, and private contributions.

Organization
Cornell Cooperative Extension is a community-based, not-for-profit educational organization created by New York State Law as a subordinate form of government. An elected, volunteer board of directors governs the organization and helps to identify local needs, prioritizes educational programs, and works with Extension’s educational staff to ensure program effectiveness. Extension has provided quality educational programming and resources in Genesee County since 1917.

Educational Staff
Professional educators provide programming on a variety of topics for the Genesee County community. Cornell Cooperative Extension specialists provide research-based information and resources to the Genesee County agriculture industry. More than 100 adult volunteers work with 204 youth in 14 4-H clubs and 65 trained volunteers work as Master Gardeners providing lawn care and gardening information to homeowners and businesses. Leadership Genesee receives program support by trained staff and volunteers, including 300 alumni. Nutrition education targeting healthy living is provided by association educators.

Results
Thousands of Genesee County residents contact or participate in Extension programs each year to take advantage of the educational information and resources available from Cornell University and other sources. Extension’s professional educators collaborate and cooperate with a variety of community groups and organizations to provide effective educational activities and programs addressing current community issues. These groups include many departments of the county government, including Youth Bureau, Health, Planning, Social Services, and Mental Health; the City of Batavia; the Chamber of Commerce; GCC; GVEP; Farm Bureau; and schools. Over 500 volunteers worked with Extension to provide leadership and conduct educational programming with adult and youth audiences.

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