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About Us

CCEDC, a subordinate governmental agency associated with Cornell University and its land-grant mission since 1869, provides research-based resources, tools and education for the residents and officials of Dutchess County. Our four program areas "Help People Help Themselves" through education on:

Agriculture & Horticulture

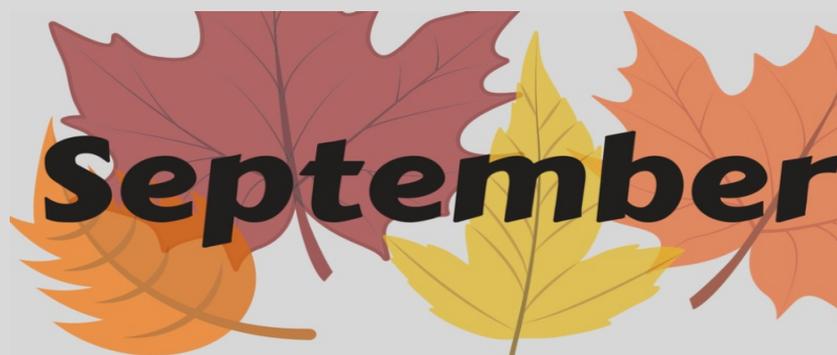
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Hello Friends,

Even though summer is nearly over, we are as busy as ever! Read on to find out more about our programs this month - and stop by our tent at the 2017 Dutchess County Fair!

The programs below are just a sample of offerings for this month. Learn more about these and other CCEDC programs by contacting us at (845) 677-8223, visiting our website at www.ccedutched.org, or checking out our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages!

Environment & Energy

An upcoming forum focused on green infrastructure

Green infrastructure practices are being utilized more and more throughout Dutchess County. Attendees are invited to learn about ways to enhance performance of these practices through suggested maintenance and monitoring methods, and take an afternoon bus tour to observe existing practices.

Unearthing Green Infrastructure:

Tips, Tools and Techniques for Maintenance and Monitoring

Date: October 5, 2017 8:30am - 4pm

Time: Morning session of presentations from 8:30am - 11:30am
Afternoon Bus Tour of local practice from 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Location: The Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barns

Registration: <https://unearthinggreeninfrastructure.eventbrite.com>

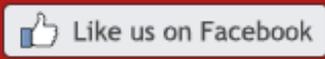
Join Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, the Environmental Cooperative at Vassar Barns, the Dutchess County MS4 Committee and the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District for tips, tools and techniques on maintaining and monitoring green infrastructure practices. The morning will include presentations and case studies about green infrastructure maintenance and a green infrastructure tool kit developed by

CCEDC Newsletters

Many of our four program areas have their own specialized newsletters, which are sent out regularly, as well. If you're interested in reading the latest issue of each newsletter, click on the links below:

- [Dutchess Dirt](#)
- [Dutchess County Agriculture...It's a Growing Thing](#)
- [Environment and Energy Newsletter](#)
- [4-H Newsletter](#)

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the Dutchess County Cooperative. The afternoon will include a bus tour of green infrastructure practices in the Poughkeepsie and LaGrange area led by the Dutchess County MS4 Committee and Soil & Water Conservation District.

Join us for both the morning and afternoon sessions or one or the other (please indicate in your registration whether you plan to attend both or one or the other.) The morning session will run from 8:30am - 11:30am. The bus for the afternoon session will leave promptly at 12:00pm and return at approximately 4:00pm.

A light breakfast will be provided for morning session attendees and lunch will be provided for afternoon bus tour attendees. Certificates of attendance will be provided for municipal training credit.

For more information or questions, contact Michelle Gluck, Mg822@cornell.edu or Carolyn Klocker, Cak97@cornell.edu.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the NYS Environmental Protection Fund through the Hudson River Estuary Program of the NYS DEC and by a Dutchess County Agency Partnership Grant.

Family & Consumer Education

We are happy to announce that we received another year of funding from the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for our Relatives As Parents Program. This will allow us to continue the great work we do with relative care givers and their families throughout Dutchess County.

Through that funding we were able to provide school supplies to several families in our RAPP program during the month of August. These supplies helped our families start the school year without worry. Our youth had a great time picking out their favorite colors and patterns of book bags and notebooks.



Additionally, we educated youth of the No Child Left Inside (NCLI) and Green Teen programs in Financial literacy for Youth (FLY) teaching them about needs and wants, budgeting, savings and how to find the right bank for their needs.

"Fall" in Love With Gardening All Year

CCEDC Master Gardener Volunteers

The arrival of Autumn does not mean you need to stop gardening. Learn about great fall garden activities from CCEDC Master Gardener Volunteers. Four classes are being offered; October 3rd, 12th, 19th & 26th. Each class is \$15 and is from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Classes will be held in room 1119 at Arlington High School, 1157 Route 55, Lagrangeville. For more information, contact Joyce at 845-677-8223 ext. 134.

Class topics include:

- Putting the Garden to Bed in the Fall
- Dividing Perennials
- Extending Your Growing Season
- Deer Defense

4-H Club Program

The 'Fair' Face of 4-H Summer

With the 172nd Dutchess County Fair behind us, many of our youth are reminiscing on their final week of summer vacation before school came back in session with great memories! We had over 300 youth exhibiting at the Fair, entered in 2,565 classes. Classes included everything from their 4-H project animal to the cookies they baked to enter in the Exhibit Hall.

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The Taste NY Market on the Taconic Parkway opened its fourth annual Farmers' Market at Todd Hill on Friday, May 26, 2017. The outdoor market is open from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm and features vendors, like: Chatham Brewery, Farmers and Chefs Food Truck, Liberty Orchard, Mad Rose Ranch, RAD Soap Company, and White Pine Community Farm.

The Taste NY Market at Todd Hill is a vibrant marketplace featuring a curated selection of food and artisanal goods grown or processed in New York State. Known by locals and explorers alike, it is an historic destination and an experience that continues to attract new and returning customers. Located in the median of the Taconic State Parkway in Dutchess County, the Taste NY Market at Todd Hill is a project of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County (CCEDC). Todd Hill is a vehicle to deliver high impact programming to the region's food and agricultural communities.

Website: ccedutchess.org/taste-ny-at-todd-hill

Twitter: twitter.com/TasteNYTaconic



During the course of the Fair, youth had the opportunity to participate in various educational events, including the 4-H Judging Contest and the Livestock Skillathon, where their knowledge of various species was tested. Thanks to our sponsors, Zoe's Ice Cream Barn and G.E. Masten Feeds for supporting these initiatives.



2017 Winners of the Master Showmanship at the Dutchess County Fair - Photo, Courtesy of Brad Paris.

The Fair wrapped up with the annual 4-H Livestock Sale on Saturday and Master Showmanship on Sunday. The Livestock Sale was very successful this year. Special thank you to the buyers! Master Showmanship is a contest in which the top showmanship

winner in each species area compete against each other. Congratulations to Master Showmanship winner, Claire Martell, a Dairy Cattle 4-H member.

Looking to get involved with 4-H?

The new 4-H year begins on October 1! Youth ages 5-19 can enroll in a club of their liking. With over 30 clubs in Dutchess County, interest areas range from raising beef cattle to photography. The enrollment form for the 2017-2018 4-H year can be found on the website at <http://ccedutchess.org/youth-4h/4-h-club-program/4-h-member-resources/>

Interested in assisting as a volunteer?

4-H programs are always looking for additional volunteers. From evaluating public presentations, to facilitating events, there is something for everyone. Your commitment can be a few hours, or on going! Contact 4-H Educator, Cassie Messina at cmm473@cornell.edu or (845) 677 8223 ext. 108 to volunteer!

The 4-H Feel Good Factor

Many 'old' 4-H'ers and supporters have signed up to be part of the Dutchess County 4-H Alumni and Friends Society, which was launched in August. Like us, they hold the belief that we have an amazing organization which provides invaluable opportunities for our youth. Our first goal is to send out a newsletter to share some of the wonderful accomplishments of our young people, volunteers and supporters. It will be packed with fun facts and inspiring stories of what they get up to, as well as news about upcoming events. Contact us and be proud to support 4-H. Contact Program Leader Jane Rodd on 845-677-8223, ext. 105 or email jr825@cornell.edu

This program is funded through a grant with Dutchess County.

Green Teen Program

A Bountiful Summer

The Common Greens mobile market is still running strong through September and we have hired a former Green Teen who is available during the day to help us finish up the season. The Common Greens market is a collaboration between CCEDC's Green Teen Program and Common Ground Farm.



The Green Teen Community Gardening Program,
Summer 2017 - Photo, Courtesy of Helanna Bratman

As of the end of August, we harvested over 800 pounds of vegetables, taken a total of \$2,077.25, made 344 transactions, collected \$290 in EBT sales, \$244 in Farmers Market Nutrition Program WIC checks, \$440 in Farmers Market Nutrition Program Senior checks, and \$520 in Greens for Greens (our own Beacon-based market currency). This means that that \$1,474 of the total \$2,077.25 income (71%) was purchased using some form of assistance.

This is a great indicator that we are reaching our target audience of low-income market shoppers. Many of our customers would not be able to shop at a farmers market or purchase the quantity of food they would like to without these programs.

This program is funded through a grant with Dutchess County.

SAVE THE DATE...

**Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County
Annual Meeting/Breakfast**

October 18, 2017

**Farm & Home Center
2715 Rt. 44, Millbrook, NY 12545**

Date: 10/18/2017

Time: Breakfast—7:30 am

Keynote Speaker—8:00 am

Business Meeting—8:30 am

Silent Auction Winners—9:15am

MORE INFO TO FOLLOW....

Our Mission:

Through quality educational programs, Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County builds strong, healthy youth, adults, families and communities while enhancing the economic, social, agricultural and natural resources of Dutchess County.

Sincerely,

***Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess
County***

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