

new farmers); and the Ithaca Food Hub, a project that is now just in discussion but is envisioned to be an input/output facility to include food donations, food processing, storage and marketing.⁴

These initiatives fall within the goals of the Tompkins County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Plan to grow farms and preserve farmland. Roth and CCE-Tompkins Ag Educator Debbie Teeter (who will retire in February 2019) coordinated the process of gathering data, getting farmer input and writing the County's Ag Plan (first in 1996, then updated in 2015). In addition, Roth and Teeter were integrally involved in writing the Agriculture Plans for the Towns of Ithaca, Ulysses, Lansing, and Dryden. These documents help towns and the county understand agriculture and plan for its future.

The Seed Money for the Future Fund, established in honor of Roth's retirement, will support activities such as these, and others. Donations to Seed Money for the Future may be made by check payable to CCETC (with "Seed Money" in the memo line) sent to Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County at 615 Willow Avenue, Ithaca NY 14850, or online at: bit.ly/cceSeedMoney. ☼