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A Message from the Executive Director

As we end 2025, we begin our 111th consecutive year of serving Westchester and welcome the Semiquincentennial of the country. We thank the supporters who have made our successes possible. Our incredible, diligent staff members are joined by dedicated highly trained volunteers and volunteer partners who number around 300 and help us deliver high quality programs. Our volunteer board members have consistently been there for us with excellent business advice and oversight.

Our Westchester County Executive and the Westchester County Board of Legislators have been supporters while also promoting us to their constituents. Our NYS Senators and Assemblymembers have made sure that our state resources are continually available. Our federal funding partners have helped us continue our program delivery during some challenging times. Our partners at Cornell University have given us so many services and so much support to help us delivery programs of the highest quality.

Our municipal partners and industry partners have supported us with program ideas. While they always thank us for providing services to them, we are actually the beneficiaries because they carry out our “best practices” in the community every day. CCE works with growers of all kinds to reduce pesticide use, improve efficiency, and support environmentally responsible practices. Their word-of-mouth recommendations about us have brought many new clients to our doors.

New programs in 2025: flower arranging, climate steward volunteers, more MGVs with a new class of graduates, and Urban Forestry Certified Tree Stewards. Our latest laboratory equipment has moved our analytical abilities to even higher levels. In addition to new EFNEP partnerships, we have piloted a new nutrition education curriculum. 4-H added new programs in STEAM to address the changing needs of our participants.

We have a great deal for which to be grateful. Thank you and we look forward to continuing to serve our community in 2026.



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Agriculture and Commercial Horticulture



Teaching landscape professionals.

Since **1915**, we have been continuously serving our Westchester community, as we adapt to the rapidly changing physical, social and environmental climate. Nevertheless, we still do serve farmers, just as we did **110** years ago but with updated information and advice to address their changing needs.

Our farmers have asked for advice on rotational grazing, crop pest management, hay production, insect and pest management around livestock and non-food animals (large equine industry in Westchester), invasive species and forest management. We receive a lot of calls about Spotted Lanternfly which can destroy grape vines. Pine beetles have damaged and killed evergreens, leaving forest owners and non-commercial farmers with serious damage that causes them to call us.

In order to make applying for Agricultural District inclusion easier for farmers, we worked with the Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board in 2025 to update the application and make it more clear and simple to fill out.

We are fortunate to have the only full-time, professionally staffed (not volunteers) state-of-the-art local lab on premises here in Westchester so that we can provide quick turnaround on diagnosing a wide variety of pests and plant problems. Farmers and others

can drop off samples 24/7 in our safe, clean depository at their convenience. That minimizes the time they are away from work.

We are the “first call” for many farmers who might need higher level specialized assistance, but they know that we can work with them and the right people at the university to solve their problems. Our network of experts allows us to save the farmers a lot of time in getting to the right people.

In teaching local residents of all ages about growing their own food, we foster the connection between the land and the people, while encouraging people to consider farming as an occupation and a way of life.

In addition to working with farmers, we supported over **600** Green Industry commercial entities with professional advice and guidance. This also included the turf & landscape industry, golf course industry, pest management industry, garden supply shops, nurseries, arborists and others who rely on us for reliable, unbiased help. We respect the businesses’ needs for confidentiality and are often complimented for that. We train their employees and assist public employees dealing with pest and plant issues, thus saving the taxpayers a lot of money.

Commercial and agricultural entities in Westchester County have relied on our knowledgeable staff for site visits throughout the year. In 2025, we went on **6** visits dealing in varying topics such as apple orchard insects and diseases, landscape plant problems, soil nutrient and pH problems on both private and public property.

In partnership with Putnam County CCE, the CCE Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program we worked with floral and vegetable farmers in Northern Westchester to trial an OMRI listed insect bait as possibility to deter European Mole Crickets, *Gryllotalpa Gryllotalpa*. This type of field testing helps growers of all kinds.

Horticulture and the Environment



Floral Arrangement Class

Horticulture and the Environment 2025

Services provided for the public and green industry of Westchester County:

- On site laboratory services to analyze soils, plants, insects and other pests.
- 24/7 drop-off of samples with “no touch” experience.
- Soil nutrient analysis with mail away kits.
- Training and certification programs for the green industry.
- Advice on anything that grows (plants, fungi, etc.).
- Best practices information to protect the environment.
- Education programs for the horticulture consumer and Green Industry professionals.
- Advice and assistance for farmers in the county.
- Advice to landlords, tenants and homeowners with pest management in single and multifamily dwellings.
- Advice on controlling insects and animals that damage plants or threaten public health.
- Site visits for both the Green Industry and horticulture consumer.
- Remote services concerning plant culture, pests, diseases and structural pests via phone, email and snail mail.

- Collaborative efforts with Westchester County trade associations involving educational outreach.

Horticulture and Pest Management Assistance (not all data captured)

- Telephone calls for commercial and consumer support: **744**
- Diagnoses completed through email and lab sample inquiries: **2,674**
- Soil nutrient and pH tests facilitated in response to inquiries for soil testing service: **150**
- Green Industry site visits to support local businesses: **6**
- Green Industry subscribers reached via CCE through Westchester’s contribution to Cornell’s Commercial Turfgrass Publication, ShortCUTT: **3,600** (mostly Westchester)
- Green Industry subscribers reached locally/regionally vis CCE Westchester’s **10 pest scouting activities** over 12 months for Cornell’s tree/shrub publication, Branching Out: **400**
- Individuals receiving our monthly newsletters: **1,853**



Chainsaw Safety Program

Horticulture and the Environment



Japanese Beetle Trap

Educational Programs Facilitated by CCE Westchester in 2025

- 1/15- New York State Turf and Landscape Conference and Trade Show
- 1/22- Tropical Houseplants, HGLS Presentation by CCE Westchester staff
- 1/22, 1/24, 1/27, 1/29, 1/31- 30 Hour Pesticide Training Course Cat 3a, 3b and 25
- 1/28- Mole Cricket Research Meeting
- 2/4- Spotted Lanternfly Workshop at Benmarl Vineyard in Marlboro, NY Presentation by CCE Westchester staff
- 2/26- Adopt a Tree Program with White Plains community
- 3/17- Lower Hudson PRISM Education and Outreach Committee discussion
- 3/19- Gardening Challenges and Opportunities, Scarsdale Woman's Club by CCE Westchester staff
- 3/27- Discussion with Bedford Hills Elementary School
- 3/31- Pest management Scouting research for Branching Out newsletter
- 4/16- Pest management Scouting research for Branching Out newsletter
- 4/22, 4/23, 4/25, 4/28, 4/30, 5/2- Cornell Certified Tree Steward Program
- 4/30- Pest management Scouting research for Branching Out newsletter
- 5/1- Lower Hudson PRISM Partner Meeting
- 5/15- Pest Management Scouting research for Branching Out newsletter
- 5/20- MasterCard Panel Bees and Blooms
- 5/27- Pest management Scouting research for Branching Out newsletter
- 6/4- Mole Cricket Site Visit
- 6/5- Spongy Moth: Managing a Tree-Devastating Pest
- 6/7, 6/8- Fol-De-Rol Festival, booth teaching public
- 6/12- Pest management Scouting research for Branching Out newsletter
- 6/17- NYS IPM Pests at the Perimeter Conference participation
- 7/10- Lower Hudson PRISM Partner discussion
- 7/15- Pest management Scouting research for Branching Out newsletter
- 7/17- Japanese Beetle Sample Collection for Research
- 7/17- Beech Tree Sample Collection for BLD Research
- 7/18- Coastal Gardening Course Review
- 7/24- Japanese Beetle Sample Collection for Research
- 8/6- Japanese Beetle Sample Collection for Research
- 8/14- Japanese Beetle Sample Collection for Research
- 8/22- Japanese Beetle Sample Collection for Research
- 8/22- Pest management Scouting research for Branching Out newsletter
- 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10- Climate Steward Program New Class Training
- 9/3- Chainsaw Safety and Cutting Tips Workshop
- 9/15- Croton-on-Hudson Community Discussion

Horticulture and the Environment



Kathleen and Ryan Scouting for pests and diseases.

- 9/23- NYSTLA NYBG Educational program
- 9/30, 10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/6- Master Gardener Volunteer New Class Training
- 10/8- Gardener Misinformation
- 10/19- CCE Westchester Annual Meeting and Laboratory tour
- 10/22- Beech Leaf Disease: Nematodes Attacking Beech Trees Webinar
- 11/17- Cornell Turf Team discussion
- 11/18, 11/19, 11/20- Ag In-service, we taught on Master Gardener Volunteer Site Visit Program
- 11/22- Floral Arrangement Workshop

Media Appearances of 2025

- Lohud- March 24, 2025- Hudson Valley weather: False spring? What to know about wintry rebound
- Blue Water Healthy Living- July 24, 2025- Spotted lanternfly season is here: What to do if you spot one in Westchester, Rockland
- Yahoo! news- July 24, 2025- Spotted lanternfly season is here: What to do if you spot one in Westchester, Rockland
- LoHud- July 24, 2025- Spotted lanternfly season is here in Westchester, Rockland: What to do

- News 12- July 23, 2025- Spotted lanternflies infesting Westchester County, according to experts

Programming Highlights

Tree Steward Program: it's back!

During 2025 we reinstated the Certified Tree Steward Program which was a staple for our county since 2007 when we created this unique program. It is a 6-day intensive interactive class with our expert friends coming from all areas of the profession to teach in the classroom as well as through outdoor hands-on activities. We had 18 individuals in attendance. We had not only municipal employees attend but also landscapers and land trust workers. It was very well received by all municipalities and industries in the county.

Chainsaw Program

This new workshop for the green industry in Westchester County went through the parts of the chainsaw that need to be fully operational in order



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Horticulture and the Environment



Tree Steward Training class

to comply with safety regulations as well as go over necessary PPE, body posture, and cutting tips to enable you to address falling trees, limbing, bucking and cutting in general. This unique workshop helped landscapers, arborists, municipal works, and land stewards to learn about safety around this dangerous but crucial tool in the industry. It was very well attended because CCE has a good reputation for quality teaching. Throughout NYS, cooperative extension teaches tractor safety for farmers but our Westchester horticulture and environment industry is the Billion Dollar Green Industry which needs safety education for their tools and equipment. Our program enabled them to learn and appreciate the safety procedures associated with turf and landscape work.

Ongoing Research

2025 was a very busy year engaged in research to benefit our Westchester community! At CCE Westchester, we collected over 550 Japanese Beetles for the USDA Forest Pest Methods Lab to research the pathogen *Ovavesicula popilliae* and it's present in different locations across New York State. We also sent samples of *Fagus spp.* (Beech) leaves to our partners at the Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center to research Beech Leaf Disease. We partnered with

Putnum County CCE, the CCE Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program and local farmers to test control options for mole crickets.

Spotted Lanternfly

CCE Westchester was the first extension office in NYS to sound the alarm about the impending invasion of SLF and its potential destruction of trees. Our network of colleagues in nearby states and our perception that this was going to be a major threat to NYS enabled us to alert the other counties, the state and campus about this impending problem. We continually monitor the problem and help our community to deal with this destructive insect. It destroys some of the NYS important crops like apples, grapes, fruit trees and hops in addition to damaging local trees in Westchester. Throughout 2025, we made sure that our community knew the horrible consequences of this insect, and knew how to destroy it.



Hillary and Kathleen at a Bedford Oak site visit.

Environment & Water Resources Protection from CCE Westchester



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Many of our programs this year were geared toward protecting the environment and our water resources.

They include:

- **Pond management** consultations and advice to homeowners, HOAs and condo associations to protect and heal problems in their on-site water management issues.
- Partnering with the **NY Sea Grant** program which has their Westchester outreach in our office and helps us present water resources protections programs to our community.
- Referring farmers from our Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board activities to the **Watershed Agriculture Council** for assistance in **planning and implementing safe water protection plans**, especially in managing their agricultural lands in ways that respect the waterways and wetlands.
- Teaching and training commercial horticulture and pest management industry professionals in best management practices to **protect the waterways and storm water runoff as well as air quality**.
- Working with our local **Soil & Water Conservation District** for the last 2 decades to help our local communities follow the **best management practices**.
- Developing the new **Certified Climate Steward**

Volunteer Program to train local residents to help their communities to achieve better outcomes in managing water, land and air resources so they can reduce and prevent pollution, thereby making their communities healthier. CCE Westchester is one of about 6 NYS counties doing this program. The first class graduated in 2025.

- Assisting the **municipalities** abutting the **Hudson River and the Long Island Sound** in managing their potential sources of pollutants, as well as other municipalities where their pollutants can get into water resources and watersheds. Our new **Coastal Gardening Course** is designed for us to teach gardeners living near Long Island Sound how to successfully garden while respecting the sensitive nature of their proximity to the LIS. We are one of only 3 counties in NYS doing this program.
- Teaching youth through our **4-H STEM program** to understand the science and policies regarding the **environmental and water pollution issues** and how young people can help to improve local practices (and inform their parents).
- Working closely with **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation** to help them with their mission of protecting the



Staff training professionals in the Green Industry.

Environment & Water Resources Protection from CCE Westchester



CCE Tree Steward Training Program

environment (including water resources) by having CCE Westchester train people to qualify for the Pesticide Applicator Licensing Exam and teaching them to respect the water resource pollution potential when they do not follow the best management practices that CCE Westchester teaches them. We are the **NYSDEC** partner in this area for a new program called Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Training (**CCART**) designed to help municipalities invest in adaptation today that can reduce the costs of recovering or rebuilding from climate disasters and other climate effects in the future. CCE Westchester already has a reputation for working with municipalities in getting their employees trained in environmental best practices through such programs as the **Certified Tree Steward Program**.

- Working with **NYC DEC** to help them educate Westchester people in their watershed areas about potential pollutants (including the Croton Reservoir area) and avoiding adding to the pollutants.
- Providing **training** to the “Billion Dollar Green Industry” of **commercial** landscapers, golf course managers, municipal employees responsible for public lands and landscapes, nurseries, garden supply houses, and other commercial entities which use the types of

potential pollutants that can be best replaced or reduced so that waterways are not negatively impacted, yet their clients would be happy with the outcomes.

- Engaging our very highly trained **Master Gardener Volunteers** in carrying forth the message about protecting our waterways and finding better ways for homeowners to landscape.
- As a state-designated member of the Westchester **Agriculture & Farmland Protection Board**, we encourage farmers to join the agricultural district, follow best environmental practices and work with the Watershed Agriculture Council on farmland plans to protect waterways. CCE Westchester is also the entity responsible for certifying crop losses due to nature. CCE Westchester also works with farmers who are not applying for Agriculture District inclusion. Soil, crop, and pest management issues are requests we usually receive from farmers.



<https://extension.psu.edu/pa-lake-management-society-offers-directory-of-pond-and-lake-service-providers>

Master Gardener Volunteer Program



Almstead soil donation delivery to our Hart's Brook mini-farm.

Master Gardener Volunteers Demonstration Gardens

Our demo sites are usually visited by tens of thousands of people each year through passive visits to our site, in addition to the direct conversations the Master Gardener Volunteers have with the community. Current demonstration gardens include Muscote Farm, Hilltop Hanover as well as Hart's Brook Park and Preserve (mini-farm). Our Hart's Brook Garden donated **1,298** pounds of food to local food pantries in 2025!

Many of our MGV's help us out at community events such as farmers markets, county fairs, plant sales and industry events. They talk to visitors, answer basic horticulture questions and even play games to extend our mission to all age groups. They enjoy speaking to the community through our Speakers Bureau Program.

In 2025, we had **14** speakers bureau talks plus many booth appearances throughout the county like at the Lasdon Plant Sale, White Plains Touch-A-Truck Event, NYSTLA Professional Conference and Monarch Butterfly Festival! At these venues, we teach adults and children about plant and pest life and give advice on garden problems.

The Home Gardening Webinar Lecture Series saw **272** attendees and their guests spread over the

different presentations and tours. Since we put all webinars on our YouTube Channel after the live event, we have had an additional **186** views.

Master Gardener Volunteers also helped with **commercial programming** including the NYSTLA Conference and trade show on 1/15/25 with over 100 attendees.

Continuing education is provided to our Master Gardener Volunteers so they can deliver the most current information to the public. We trained a **new class** of Master Gardeners trained from September to January.

Advanced MGV education provided by CCE Westchester:

1/7/2025, Hart's Brook Planning Meeting
1/8/2025, MGV Potluck and Graduation
1/22/2025, Tropical Houseplants, Home Garden Lecture Series
2/12/2025, Adaptable Plants Under Changing Conditions, Home Garden Lecture Series
3/5/2025, Flowering Native Shrubs, Home Garden Lecture Series



White Plains Truck Day—Blaine and Lou

Master Gardener Volunteer Program

3/12/2025, MGV Meeting, Ryan Schmidt discussed Woolly Hemlock Adelgid
4/9/2025, Gardening in Small Spaces, Home Garden Lecture Series
4/9/2025, MGV Meeting, Spongey Moth, Beech Leaf Disease, and Drought Stress
5/14/2025, Shade Gardening, Home Garden Lecture Series
5/14/2025, MGV Meeting, Common Springtime Problems in the Garden
6/18/2025, Garden Tours at Hart's Brook, Home Garden Lecture Series
7/23/2025, MGV Meeting, Planting Talks
7/24/2025, Gardening in a Changing Climate
8/13/2025, MGV Meeting
8/21/2025, Tropical Plants as Houseplants
9/24/2025, MGV Potluck at Muscote Farms
10/15/2025, MGV Meeting with Margery Daughtrey, Laurel Wilt
10/23/2025, Biotic and Abiotic Stresses
11/5/2025, MGV Meeting, Jim Morris-Knowler presented on Library Resources

Climate Steward Volunteers

Cornell Cooperative Extension of **Westchester County** joined a few counties around the state and ran/piloted its first ever certified Climate Steward Volunteer program starting in September 2025! This **10-module training prepared participants to act as community leaders, addressing climate change** through educational outreach and mitigation projects. Volunteer participants who completed this program learned about the science of climate change, mitigation and adaptation strategies, and how to engage with and educate their communities.

Volunteers who successfully completed this training studied: climate science background, impacts of changing climate factors, working with local governments and community members, mitigation strategies, adaptation strategies, and effective science communication.

At the end of the course, the students made presentations about their project plans.

2025 HOME GARDENING WEBINAR LECTURE SERIES

TROPICAL HOUSEPLANTS
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

ADAPTABLE PLANTS UNDER CHANGING CONDITIONS
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

FLOWERING NATIVE SHRUBS
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

GARDENING IN SMALL SPACES
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

SHADE GARDENING
Wednesday, May 14, 2025

GARDEN TOURS AT HART'S BROOK
Wednesday, June 18, 2025



HGLS Tour

4-H Youth and Family Development



Experimenting with Gummy Chemistry

4-H STEAM is as popular as ever. In addition to library programs, we have been engaging with more elementary and middle schools in order to bring programming to supplement their curriculum. We scale the program down or up to tailor it to factors such as age, grade, learning capacity, and disability. Each module takes one or up to two hours each, depending on the topic and activity, giving kids an experience while absorbing information on topics they have might have not thought of before. We reached over 5200 youth and adults in these programs this past year.

In addition to our usual programming at libraries, schools and community organizations, we began working with new partners, such as Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Elmsford. They have been improving their campus and expanding their outreach, and they have asked us to provide services for children while their parents are also attending classes and

workshops of their own. Hudson Park Children's Greenhouse has continued to be one of our strongest newer partners, hosting us for events and classes all throughout the year.

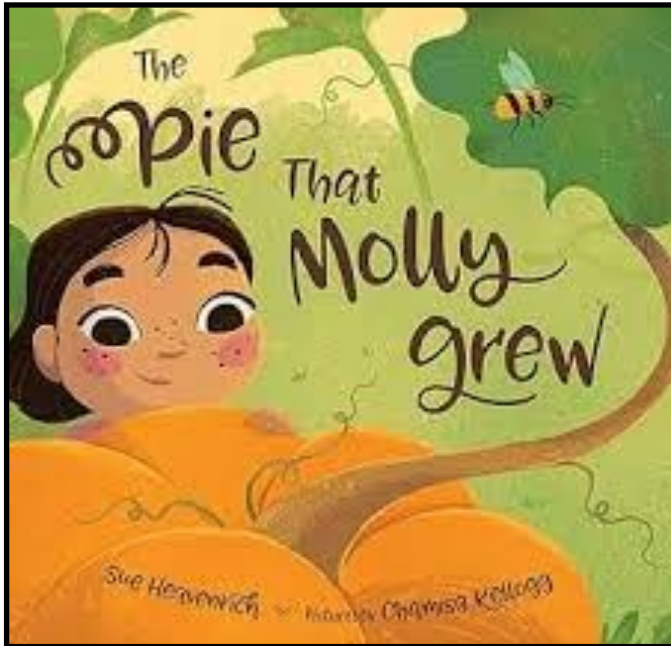
Our program modules have included:

- Unraveling DNA
- Bees' Knees
- Bees' Knees II
- Cookie Mining
- Gyotaku
- Quipu Math Knots
- Bioplastics
- Gummy Chemistry
- Earthworm Compost
- Who Polluted the River?
- Tree Journals
- Polar Bear Blubber
- Paper Electrical Circuits
- Crystal Gardens



Cactus Creations at The Field Library

4-H Youth and Family Development



Over 2500 students were reached and inspired to explore gardening and farming with *The Pie That Molly Grew!*

Continued...

Wool
The Three Sisters
Awesome Fossils
Cactus Creations
Hydroponics
Volcano!
Upcycling

Agriculture Literacy Week 2025 grew so large that, once again, a single week could not contain it in Westchester. 4-H educators, leaders, and volunteers visited schools, libraries, and community centers to read *The Pie That Molly Grew* by Sue Heavenrich and illustrated by Chamisa Kellogg. They led students in a teacher's choice of activities: either growing Baby Pam pie pumpkins from seed in peat pellets or making pumpkin pie in a bag using canned pumpkin pie filling, instant vanilla pudding, pumpkin pie spice blend, graham crackers, and milk. We reached **150** classrooms and **2510** youth in this program alone.

Our clubs continue to grow. This past summer, we chartered Nature Explorers as our newest club and the first Cloverbuds club in a long time. Garnet

Garden 4-H Club has continued to use their gardening skills to provide produce for food pantry Bread of Life. Hooves, Beaks, and Bills have shown their animals at the Yorktown Grange Fair and are instituting programming based on the 4-H Food Systems curriculum. K-9 Kids have been traveling to events such as Meet the Breeds, March Dog Madness, and the Yorktown Grange Fair and remain one of our most popular clubs.

Our current clubs include:

K-9 Kids
Hooves, Beaks, and Bills
Garnet Garden
Hands 4 Cavallo
Green Eagles
Nature Explorers



Hooves, Beaks, and Bills Award given at Grange Fair



Don Bosco community center summer camps in Port Chester, NY. Youngsters made their own healthy snacks made of yogurt, blueberries and granola.

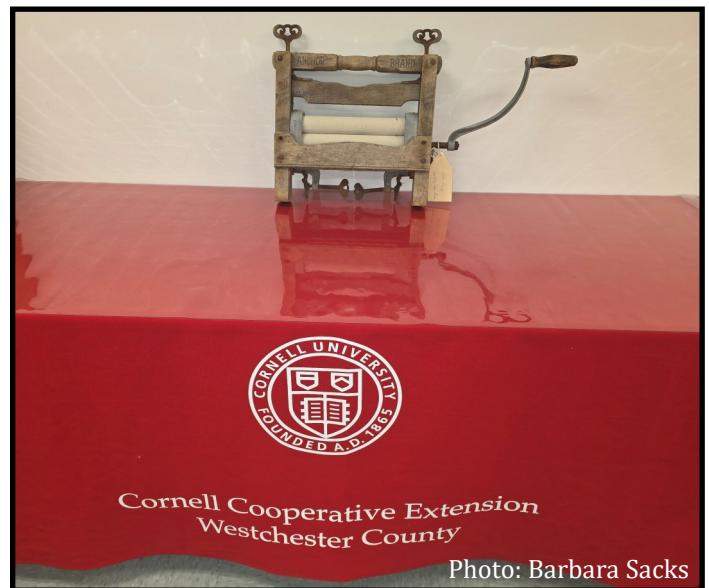
We were selected to pilot the new EFNEP curriculum, and we did so in Spanish to make sure it made sense for both our English speaking and Spanish speaking populations.

We were renewed for another year by the USDA and for the 5-year reauthorization. Our numbers this year were well above the quotas set for us by the USDA and Cornell University. We were able to teach more low-income families and their food preparation individuals, as well as children who are eligible for EFNEP. The kids were able to learn the best ways to save their spending money, make their own delicious and nutritious snacks, and learn the basics of nutritional education so they can use it going forward into adulthood.

The City of Yonkers and Yonkers School District selected us as “Business Partner of the Year for 2025” based on our EFNEP programs which they have hosted throughout the year. Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Senator Shelley Mayer issued special awards and certificates for us in appreciation of our EFNEP program.

We successfully taught **595** participants in our classes in 2025 representing **2,380** family members, including children. Among our notable programs this year were:

- Head Start
- VIVE School
- Boys & Girls Clubs



Between 1890 and 1910, these hand wringers for wet handwashed laundry were very popular. They made doing the family laundry so much easier and were considered revolutionary in the early 1900's. CCE Westchester began serving Westchester County in 1915, a time when our home economics educators were teaching the latest “family science” to our residents. We don’t use washtubs and wringers anymore, but we still teach our families how to live better and healthier lives. This wringer in our office constantly reminds us of our heritage in helping people by using the latest science.

Nutrition and Consumer Sciences



EFNEP graduating class.

Our curriculum teaches families to:

- Stretch their limited food procurement dollars
- Shop smartly with lists and pre-planning to take advantage of sales
- Food safety handling and preparation, refrigeration, heating and cooking
- Food preparation in a healthy, low sodium, low fat and low sugar manner
- Monitoring the food intake of their family members, including children
- Smart shopping and using the internet to find best bargains
- Comparison shopping and reading food labels

Success stories included EFNEP graduates seeing changes in the health of their families, and finding that their limited food dollars were able to stretch to the end of the month. Graduate reported learning to read labels and being able to now compare prices of different foods.

SUCCESS STORY

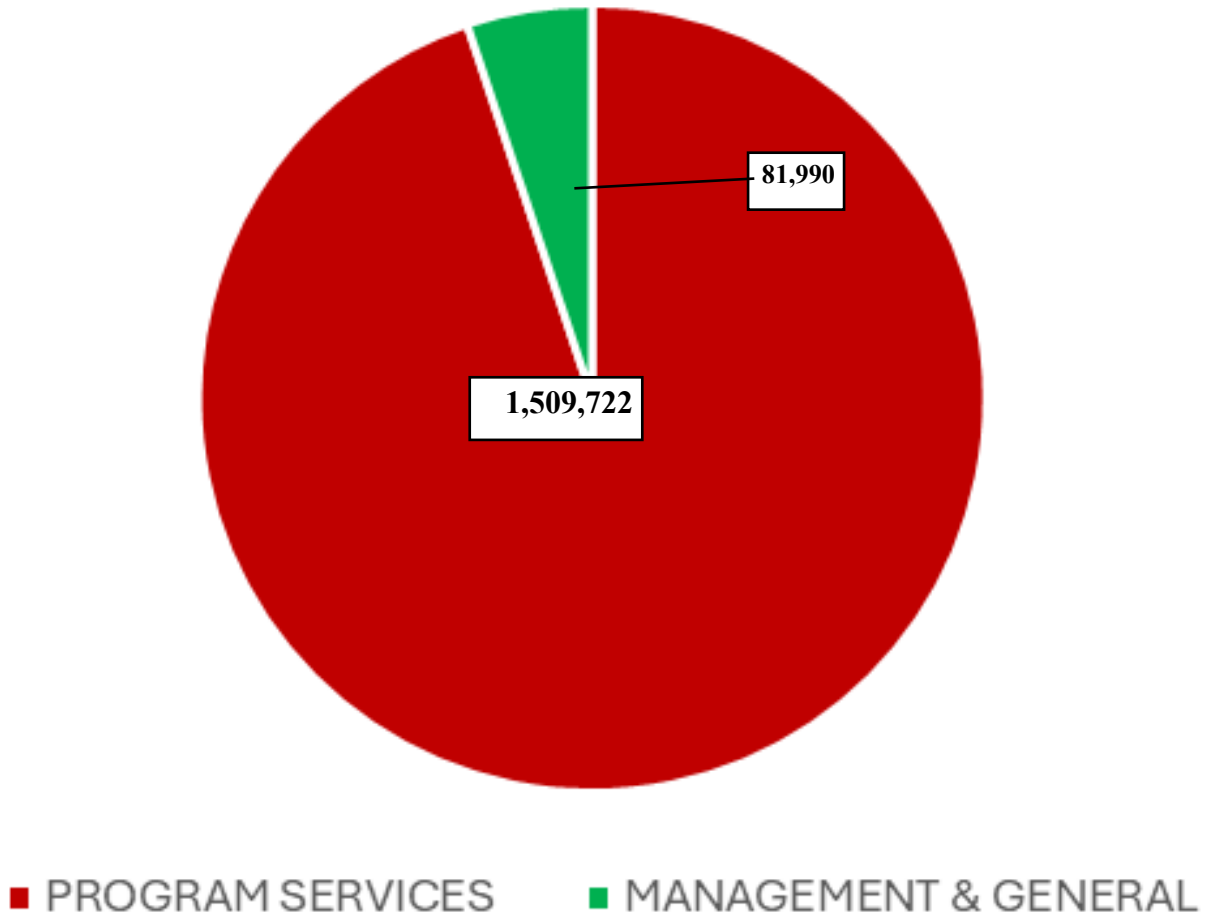
LT attended the EFNEP nutrition class this year. On June 11, 2025, LT received the Student of the Year award from the adult education program. At the school's End Of The Year Ceremony, when LT was accepting the Student of the Year award, LT made a speech and mentioned that graduating

from the EFNEP nutrition classes at VIVE School's Pathway to Success helped her to implement better eating habits for her and her family. LT also stated that she learned a lot about making healthier food choices, saved money when food shopping, and learned how to read food labels, which she commented that she does a lot now. LT said that her family eats more vegetables, learned portion control of their food servings, exercise and how to calculate the sugar contents in both food and drinks. LT mentioned that the Food Safety lesson helped her a lot and gave her the confidence to take the Food Safety test, which she passed. She felt that the EFNEP Food Safety lesson really helped her to achieve getting her Food Safety certificate. LT mentioned that it helped knowing not to leave meat out to defrost and not to leave cooked food out no more than 2 hours and the importance of using the meat thermometer, so the food is safe to serve. She also learned the proper way to wash her hands, especially when handling food. With the knowledge LT learned, she was proud to announce that she is now working at the Yonkers public-school cafeteria, and this would not be possible without the knowledge she learned in the EFNEP nutrition program.



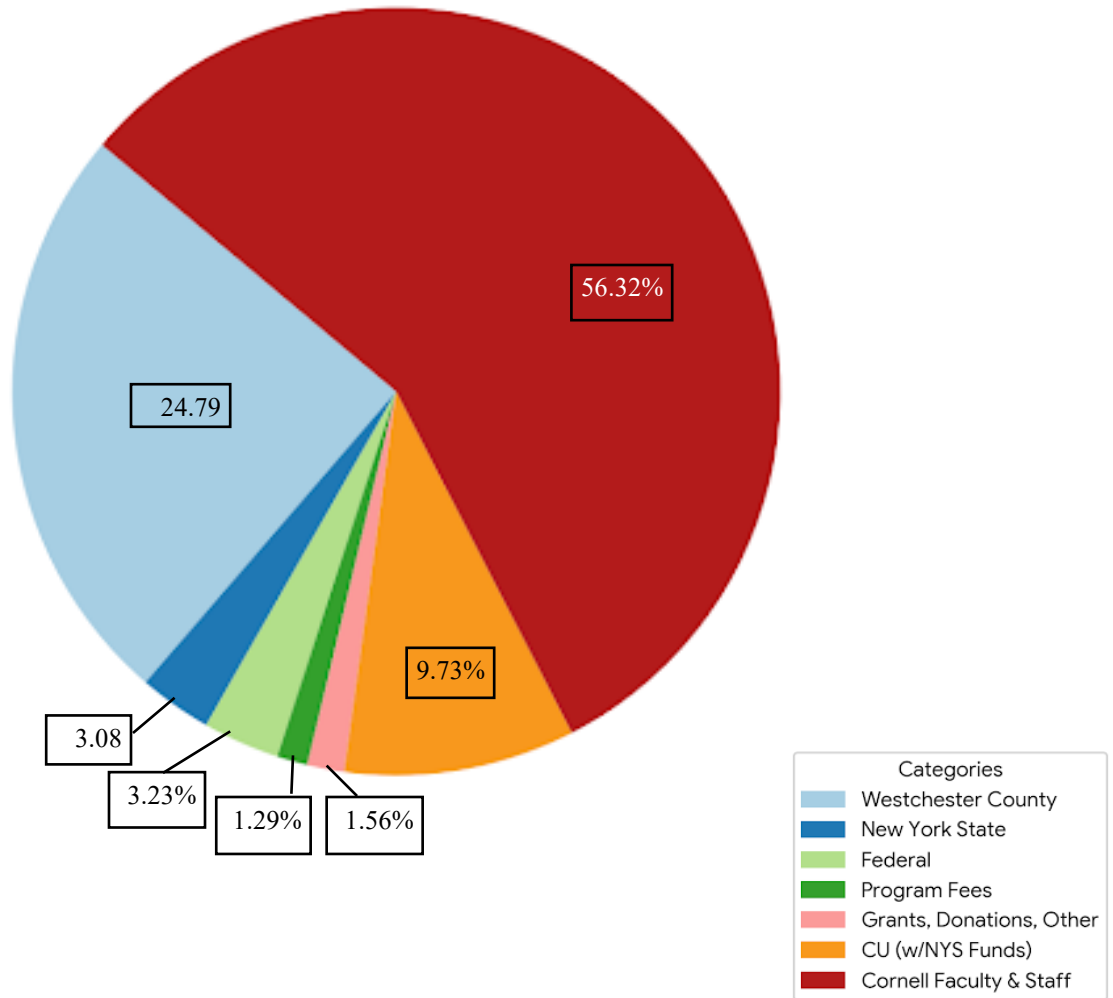
EFNEP graduating class

2025 Functional Expenditures



Y.T.D. TOTAL	PROGRAM SERVICES	MANAGEMENT & GENERAL
1,571,712	1,509,722	81,990
1.00	0.95	0.05

2025 Paid Support for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Westchester County



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Westchester County	983,779	24.79%
New York State	122,143	3.08%
Federal	128,234	3.23%
Program Fees	51,184	1.29%
Grants, Donations, Other	61,819	1.56%
CU (w/NYS Funds)	385,989	9.73%
Cornell Faculty & Staff	2,235,078	56.32%
	\$3,968,226	100.0%

Westchester County’s investment leverages four times the resources brought into our county through CCE. Additionally, hundreds of thousands of dollars in volunteer and volunteer partner time are given to us each year.

Partners and Collaborators

Aisling Irish Community & Cultural Center, Yonkers	Community Resource Center, Mamaroneck	Cornell University, Plant Disease Diagnostics Clinic
Albert Leonard Middle School, New Rochelle	Compost Werks, Mt. Kisco	Cornell Urban Horticulture Institute, Ithaca
American Kennel Club	Concord Road School, Ardsley	Cornell Waste Management Institute, Ithaca
Anthony Veteran Park, Greenburgh	Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT	Cross Hill Academy, Yonkers
Ardsley Public Library	Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	Croton Public Library, Croton-on-Hudson
Aspen Tree Expert Co., Inc.	Consolidated Edison	Cuddy & Feder, White Plains
Barbara Giordano Foundation, White Plains	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County, Millbrook	Daniel Webster Magnet School, New Rochelle
Bartlett Tree Experts	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County, Rochester	Davenport Park Shakespeare Garden, New Rochelle
Beacon Communities, Yonkers	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County, Hempstead	Dayspring Community Center, Yonkers
Bedford 2030	Cornell Cooperative Extension of New York City	Dig Farm, North Salem
Bedford Hills Correctional Facility	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County, Middletown	Dimensions, New Rochelle
Bedford Road Elementary School, Pleasantville	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County, Brewster	Dobbs Ferry Garden Club
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, Yorktown	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rensselaer County, Troy	Dobbs Ferry Public Library
Bethel Baptist Church, White Plains	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County, Stony Point	Don Bosco Community Center, Port Chester
Bowen Memorial Baptist Church, Mt.Vernon	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, Riverhead	Dow's Lane School, Irvington
Bracy Apartments, New Rochelle	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, Liberty	Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester Farm Bureau
Bronxville Public Library	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, Ithaca	Eastchester Community Action Partnership, Tuckahoe
Bronxville School District	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, Kingston	Eastview School, White Plains
Brooklyn Botanical Garden	Cornell Garden-Based Learning Program, Ithaca	Edward Williams School, Mt. Vernon
Brookside Elementary School,	Cornell Healthy Soils, Healthy Communities Program, Ithaca	El Centro Hispano, White Plains
Bylane Farm, Lewisboro	Cornell Insect Diagnostic Lab, Ithaca	Elmsford Union Free School District
Calcagno Houses, Yonkers	Cornell University – Branching Out	Family Services of Westchester, Mt. Vernon, Ossining, White Plains
Career Achieve, Yonkers	Cornell University Long Island Horticultural Research Lab & Extension Center	Family Ties, Yonkers
Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School, Croton-On-Hudson	Cornell University, Ithaca	Farm Bureau
Catholic Charities Community Services, Yonkers	Cornell University, Pesticide Management Education Program (PMEP)	Feeding Westchester Mobile Pantry
Center for Continuing Education, Yonkers		Field Library, Peekskill
Chappaqua School District		First Congregational Church of Chappaqua (Program Venue)
Child Care Council of Westchester, Scarsdale		First Step Headstart, Ossining
City of Mt. Vernon		Friends of Purchase Library
City of New Rochelle		FSW, White Plains
City of Peekskill		Garden Club of Dobbs Ferry
City of Rye		Garden Club of Larchmont
City of White Plains		George Washington Elementary School, Mohegan Lake
City of Yonkers		Good Counsel Homes, Harrison
Cluster, Yonkers		
Community Center of Northern Westchester, Katonah		

Partners and Collaborators

Grace Church, White Plains
Graham Elementary, Mt. Vernon
Green, Ossining
Greenburgh Nature Center,
Scarsdale
Greenburgh Public Library Garden
Greenville Elementary School,
Scarsdale
Greyston Foundation, Yonkers
Hackley School, Tarrytown
Hamilton Elementary School, Mt.
Vernon
Hamilton Middle School, Elmsford
Harrison Public Library, Harrison
Hart's Brook Park & Preserve,
Hartsdale
Hartsdale Community Garden
Harvest Moon Farm & Orchard,
North Salem
Harvest New York
Hastings Nursery School
Hastings-On-Hudson
Hawthorne Elementary School,
Hawthorne
Hendrick Hudson Free Library
Hendrick Hudson High School
Henry Barnard School,
Herb Society of America, NY Unit
Heritage Hills Community Garden,
Somers
Heritage Hills Garden Club, Somers
Highview School, Hartsdale
Hillcrest Elementary School,
Peekskill
Hillside Elementary,
Hilltop Hanover Farm, Yorktown
Hommocks Middle School,
Larchmont
Hudson Highlands Land Trust
Hudson Park Children's
Greenhouse, New Rochelle
Hudson River Audubon Society
Huguenot Nursery School, Pelham
Hutchinson Elementary, Pelham
IBM, Hawthorne & Yorktown
International Society of
Arboriculture, New York State
Chapter
Irvington Beautification
Committee
Irvington Parks & Recreation
Issac Young Elementary School,
New Rochelle
Jacob Purdy House, NY State
Historic Site, White Plains
Jennie's School, Mt. Kisco
Job Central at Lifting Up
Westchester
Job Star, Westchester
Community College, Valhalla
John C. Hart Memorial Library,
Shrub Oak
John F. Kennedy Elementary,
Port Chester
John Jay Homestead State
Historic Site, Katonah
John Paulding School, Tarrytown
Journal News, White Plains
Katonah Elementary School
Katonah Village Library
Kensico School, Valhalla
Lakeland Copper Beech Middle
School, Yorktown
Larchmont Avenue Church,
Larchmont
Larchmont Community Garden
Larchmont Gazette
Larchmont Public Library
Lasdon Park and Veteran's
Memorial Arboretum, Somers
Lee F. Jackson School, White
Plains
Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers
Lewisboro Community Garden
Lewisboro Garden Club
Lewisboro Library
Lexington Center for Recovery,
Mt. Kisco
Lifting Up Westchester
Lincoln High School, Yonkers
Longfellow School, Yonkers
Lower Hudson Partnership for
Regional Invasive Species
Management (PRISM)
Lower Hudson Prism
Lyndhurst Castle Rock Garden,
Tarrytown
Mamaroneck Avenue Elementary
School, White Plains
Mamaroneck Mayor's Advisory
Committee on Water Quality,
Mamaroneck
Marble Hall Apartments, Tuckahoe
Mariandale on Hudson, Ossining
Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet
School, Yonkers
Master Card Headquarters
Meadow Pond Elementary School,
South Salem
Midland School, Rye
Mohawk Country Day,
White Plains
Montessori School 31, Yonkers
Montrose
Montrose Veterans Hospital
Mt. Kisco Elementary School
Mt. Kisco Food Pantry
Mt. Kisco Library
Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Mt.
Pleasant
Mt. Vernon Firehouse
Community Garden
Mt. Vernon Head Start,
Mt. Vernon Library, Mt. Vernon
Mt. Vernon School District
Municipal Housing Authority,
Yonkers
Murray Avenue School, Larchmont
Muscoot Farm, Katonah
Museum School 25, Yonkers
My Sister's Place, Yonkers
Native Plant Center at
Westchester Community College,
Valhalla
Neighbors Link, Mt. Kisco,
Ossining and Yonkers
Nelson Mandela/ Hosea Zollicoffer
High School,
New Jersey Department of
Environmental Protection
New Rochelle
New Rochelle Downtown
Beautification Program
New Rochelle Library
New Rochelle Municipal
Housing Authority

Partners and Collaborators

New Rochelle Parks & Recreation
New Rochelle School District
New York Botanical Garden, Bronx
New York Power Authority
New York School for the Deaf, Valhalla
Ninth District Federated Garden Clubs of New York
North Castle Public Library
North Salem Open Land Association
NYC Department of Environmental Protection, Valhalla
NYS Arborists Association, Albany
NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Albany
NYS Department of Education, Office of Professions
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation – Bureau of Pesticides
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation – Invasive Species Coordination Section
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation – Urban Forestry Program, Albany
NYS Department of Labor, White Plains
NYS Department of Taxation & Finance EAP, White Plains
NYS Energy Research and Development Authority
NYS IPM Program at Cornell University, Geneva
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation
NYS Office of the Comptroller, Albany
NYS Pest Management Association
NYS Turf and Landscape Association, White Plains
NYS Turfgrass Association, Albany
O’Hara Nature Center, Irvington
Oakside Elementary School, Peekskill
OPUS: Organization of People Undaunted by Stroke, Hartsdale
Orange County Water Authority
Ossining
Ossining Community Garden
Ossining Farmers Market
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Elmsford
Pace University, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences
Parsons Memorial, Harrison
Pearl’s Hawthorne School, Yonkers
Peekskill High School
Peekskill City School District
Peekskill Garden Club
Peekskill Youth Bureau
Pennington School, Mt. Vernon
Pepsico, Purchase
Pequenakonck Elementary School, North Salem
Pfizer, Inc.
Philipse Manor Garden Club
Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, Sleepy Hollow
Pierre Van Cortlandt Middle School, Croton
Pleasant View Farm, Brewster
Pleasantville Children’s Center
Pleasantville Farmers Market
Pleasantville Garden Club
Pleasantville Public Pool
Pocantico Conference Center, Sleepy Hollow
Pocantico Hills School, Sleepy Hollow
Port Chester Carver Center
Pound Ridge Elementary School
Preservation Company, Peekskill
Preston School, West Harrison
Primrose Elementary School, Lincolndale
Project Hope, Peekskill
Pruyn Sanctuary, Saw Mill River
Audubon Society, Chappaqua
Pulaski Elementary, Yonkers
Purchase Free Library
Putnam Valley Elementary School
Putnam/NW BOCES, Yorktown
Ridgeway Elementary School, White Plains
Rippowam Cisca School, Mt. Kisco
Rotary Club, East Yonkers
Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Soil Testing Laboratory, New Brunswick, NJ
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Plant Diagnostic Laboratory/Ralph Geiger Turfgrass Education Center, New Brunswick, NJ
Ruth Keeler Memorial Library, North Salem
Rye Free Reading Room
Rye High School
Rye Nature Center
Sanford Terrace, Mt. Vernon
Scarsdale Public Library
Scarsdale School District
Scholastic Academy, Yonkers
Seabury Home, Yorktown
Sheldrake Environmental Center, Larchmont
Sherwood House, Yonkers
Shiloh Baptist Church, New Rochelle
Silver Lake Community Garden, Croton-On-Hudson
Sleepy Hollow Garden Club
Sleepy Hollow Manor Garden Club
Somers High School
Somers Library
Sony Corporation of America
Southern Westchester BOCES, Valhalla
Springhurst Elementary School, Dobbs Ferry
St. Christopher’s School, Dobbs Ferry
St. Christopher’s School, Valhalla
St. Francis AME Church, Port Chester

Partners and Collaborators

St. Matthews Episcopal Church Parish House, Bedford (Program Venue)
Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Ossining
State University of New York
Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture, Pocantico Hills
SW BOCES at Carver Center, Port Chester
Taconic Gardeners Club
Taconic Hills Kennel Club, Yorktown Heights
Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Farmers Market
TD Bank, Thornwood
Teatown Lake Reservation, Ossining
The Community Builders, Yonkers
Thomas Edison Elementary School, Port Chester
TOP (Transitional Occupation Program), Yonkers
Town of Bedford
Town of Cortlandt
Town of Dobbs Ferry
Town of Greenburgh
Town of Lewisboro
Town of Mt. Pleasant
Town of North Salem
Town of Ossining
Town of Somers
Town of Somers Conservation Board
Town of Yorktown
Trinity Elementary School, New Rochelle
Union Free School District of the Tarrytowns, Tarrytown
United Hebrew Geriatric Center, New Rochelle
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
University of Massachusetts
Untermeyer Gardens, Yonkers
Urban League of Westchester, White Plains
Village of Bronxville
Village of Chappaqua
Village of Croton
Village of Elmsford
Village of Larchmont
Village of Scarsdale
Village of Tarrytown
Village of Tuckahoe
Vive School, Yonkers
Ward Acres Community Garden, New Rochelle
Warner Library, Tarrytown
Watershed Agricultural Council, Yorktown
Wave Hill, Bronx
Weinberg Nature Center, Scarsdale
West Harrison Library, West Harrison
West Patent Elementary, Bedford Hills
Westchester Community College
Westchester County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board
Westchester County Department of Planning
Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities – Recycling Office, White Plains
Westchester County Department of Health, White Plains
Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation, Mt. Kisco
Westchester County Department of Senior Services, White Plains
Westchester County Department of Social Services, White Plains
Westchester County Global Warming Task Force
Westchester County Office of Soil and Water Conservation
Westchester County Pest Management Committee
Westchester County Youth Bureau, White Plains
Westchester Greenhouse, Hartsdale
Westchester Jewish Community Services, White Plains, Yonkers and Mt. Vernon
Westchester Library System
Westchester Turf Supply, Inc., Lincolndale
Westchester-Fairfield Horticultural Society, Cos Cob, Connecticut
WestCop, Elmsford
Westhab, Mt. Vernon, White Plains, Yonkers
Westlake Middle School, Thornwood
WestPAC, White Plains
White Plains Beautification Foundation
White Plains Department of Public Works
White Plains Gedney Recycling Center
White Plains High School
White Plains Historical Society
White Plains Library
White Plains Planning Department
White Plains School District
White Plains Youth Bureau
WIC, New Rochelle
Wilkins Farm, Yorktown (program venue)
Willow Hill Equities, Croton -On-Hudson
WL Morse School, Sleepy Hollow
Working Gardeners of Bronxville Garden Club
YCAP, Yonkers
Yonkers City School District
Yonkers Early Childhood Initiative (ECI)
Yonkers Historical Society
Yonkers Municipal Housing Authority
Yonkers Public Schools
Yonkers Will Library
Yorktown Community & Cultural Center
Yorktown Grange, Yorktown
YWCA, Yonkers

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