

2017 Annual Report

**Cornell Cooperative Extension
Columbia and Greene Counties**

In 2017 we celebrated 100 years of Cornell Cooperative Extension in both Columbia and Greene Counties. We have served both counties during this time through programs and activities including Agriculture, Community Horticulture, 4-H and Youth Development, Community and Economic Vitality, Parenting and Nutrition, Special Projects, and the Environment and Natural Resources.



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This year, we recognized many individuals, as well as many of you from our community, who enable our association to provide outstanding educational outreach to residents. Without our association, our communities would be a very different place in which to live and work. Whether you are a participant, donor, volunteer, or member of the community that enjoys your experiences with Cornell Cooperative Extension, we appreciate your support.

During the past 100 years, our association has served thousands of individuals through numerous programs and services. After 100 years, a question begs to be asked, "What do we do next to provide educational and research based program and activities to improve the lives of the people of our two counties?"

In 2012, the CCE Board of Directors approved our *Strategic Plan 2014-18 "People, Purpose, Impact: A Strategy for Engagement in the 21st Century."* This plan provided a focus for the work of our association board and staff. In 2018, we begin the process of developing a Strategic Plan that will begin in 2019 and end in 2023. We plan to include several steps to help us develop this plan after receiving input from the residents of our community, the CCE staff, and the Board, which will include retreats for staff and board members, a community survey, and a strategic planning meeting that will include staff, board and community leaders.

All of these initiatives will help provide direction and focus for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties for the next five years of operation. We continue to thank you for your support today and in the future. Our association gains strength and commitment with your help – the supporters and volunteers of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Columbia and Greene Counties.

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OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR WAS A VERY BUSY ONE

- In May, we celebrated the **10th Anniversary of the Agroforestry Resource Center**. We spent time with staff, partners and volunteers to look back at the history of the Center. We highlighted the programs, activities and research that continue now and where we are going in the future.
- In June, we joined Columbia-Greene Community College for a celebration of their 50th Anniversary as well as CCE's 100th Anniversary with "**Ag Day**." We provided workshops, demonstrations, and information displays exploring agriculture in our region.

- In June, we also sponsored a **Master Gardener Volunteer Pollinator Open House** in Hudson to bring attention to the importance of pollinators in our world as well as the opportunities provided by our Master Gardener volunteers and other CCE program areas.
- In August, 80 people boarded the "Marika" yacht for a **dinner cruise** down the Hudson River. We enjoyed music, food, and meeting people and talking about Extension and our work.
- We concluded our Centennial celebration with our **CCE Annual Meeting** on November 14. We recognized our staff, volunteers and supporters. In addition, we elected our Board members for the future and approved a revised constitution.

NUTRITION, FOOD SAFETY, & SECURITY



The Nutrition, Food Safety, and Security program, also known as the Parenting, Nutrition, and Special Projects program, was made up of six programs. Five of the six programs in this area were funded through grants and contracts, with the Food Preservation program being funded through fees collected for class participation.

Our program area operated three different parenting programs in 2017. The In-home Parenting Program was funded through a contract with the Greene County Department of Social Services. This program provided free, in-home parenting lessons to families exclusively referred by the Greene County Department of Social Services. During 2017, it reached 38 families. It was funded to continue in 2018.

The Parenting Skills Classes were also funded through a contract with the Greene County Department of Social Services. They were a series of sixteen parenting classes held at the Greene County Department of Social Services. They were free and open to the public. During 2017, they reached 14 families. They were funded to continue in 2018. The Parenting with Confidence program was funded through a grant with the Dyson Founda-

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tion. This program provided a free series of 6-10 classes to community organizations that served families considered at-risk of abuse and/or neglect. The community organizations could also make referrals for in-home classes for families that would benefit more from an individualized approach. During 2017, this program reached 108 people. It was also funded to continue in 2018.

Our program area operated two nutrition programs in 2017. The Hudson River Fish Advisory program is funded through a contract with CCE Dutchess County. The program allowed us to present a free nutrition education program at community organizations. In addition to the provided nutrition lesson, the participants also received information on what fish are safe to eat from the Hudson River and its estuaries, and were administered a brief survey about their fishing habits. During 2017, it reached 190 people.

t is funded through June of 2018. We have contracted with St. Peters Health Partners on the Creating Healthy Schools and Communities program. Under this contract, we are co-ordinating the community effort for the Hudson City School District, with the goal of improving the health of community members. This includes efforts in worksite wellness, improving access to healthy foods, and complete streets. This is the third year of a five-year grant.

New to the program area for 2017 was a food preservation class series. There were seven food preservation classes held on canning, freezing, dehydrating, and fermentation. Thirty three people were reached through the classes, as well as four phone consultations on the topic of food preservation. Fifteen food preservation classes are planned for 2018.



MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

Over this past year, the Master Gardener Volunteer (MGV) program has been involved in many projects across our respective communities and beyond. With an active roster of 58 volunteers, including three trainees from 2016, our programs, information booths, school projects, educational workshops and office hotlines have reached over 1,000 people young and old.

The Master Gardeners have partnered with the Columbia Land Conservancy to work on removing invasive trees and shrubs and replacing them with native trees to help bring back the native ecosystem. They also participated with the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District to help plant a riparian buffer on part of the Ten Mile River Basin to prevent continued erosion.

MGV standing programs included working at the Mountain Top Arboretum, the Berkshire Botanical Gardens, Coxsackie, Hudson and Roeliff-Jansen Farmers Markets, fairs in Columbia and Greene Counties, soil clinics at various community events, Spring Gardening Day at Columbia-Greene Community College, and a Seed to Harvest workshop. At one of the Seed to Harvest workshops, one of the attendees used the information to help her attain a Silver Award in the Girl Scouts with her school project. These programs have resulted in over 5,000 volunteer hours.

The 2017 fall Plant Swap and Sale had to be canceled due to the appearance of a little-known invasive species called the *Amyntas agrestis* or jumping worm. Instead of hosting the event, the Master Gardeners launched an extensive media campaign to educate the public about this pesky invasive. The Columbia Greene Master Gardeners are working with Cornell's Horticultural Staff to train other MGV's on how to deal with this invasive which has no known natural predators.

Taking their training to heart, the volunteers continued the pursuit of education. Some individuals have taken action on specific interests to take additional Master Certificate programs such as Master Forester, Master Naturalist and Master Beekeeper, all of which add to the enhancement of a great program.



An MGV joint meeting in December.



MGVs collaborating with the Columbia Land Conservancy



MGVs at the Coxsackie Farmer's Market.



MGVs host "Breaking Point" on Movie Night at the Cairo Public Library

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



4-H members participate in the Columbia County Fair



Public presentations are a fun and engaging part of 4-H.



The 4-H Shooting Sports program fosters responsibility and helps youth acquire and enhance knowledge, skills and abilities.

Three full time staff make up the 4-H team. Margaret Smith is the 4-H educator for agriculture and STEM; Andrew Randazzo is the 4-H educator for natural resources and gardening; and Linda Tripp is the 4-H Issue Leader and 4-H educator for healthy living and volunteer support. We were fortunate to have two temporary staff, both students at SUNY Cobleskill, join us for the summer – Danielle Salisbury as our summer assistant and Ashley Foland as our summer intern. Following is a taste of the 4-H youth development reach throughout 2017.

Our **4-H Club Program** provides families with the most intensive, long-term opportunity to participate in Cooperative Extension youth programming. The 325+ members in our 32 4-H clubs have the opportunity to be involved in local, regional, state, and national 4-H events and activities. This year, six of our 4-H club teen members participated on NYS teams to national competitions. Over 250 volunteers have helped to enhance 4-H experiences for youth. Enrolled volunteers are vetted and trained to lead 4-H clubs. Many others support the 4-H activities as chaperones, drivers, evaluators, fundraisers and teachers.

Community Youth Education Programs take place at libraries, community centers, after-school programs, summer recreation sites, and in schools. Over 150 programs and trainings took place in 2017, each averaging six hours of education, to school-age youth participating at sites throughout the two counties. Over 4,350 youth were provided the opportunities to see, feel, touch, hear and do – where their active involvement in groups of twelve or less led to every child taking home new knowledge and enthusiasm for the topic. Most requested programs this year included: incubation and embryology, school gardening, international cooking, monarch raise and release, and messy science.

Over 35 youth came together for a **Veterinary Science program** with each of the two series consisting of five, two-hour sessions and a field trip. Youth were able to tap into local professionals and businesses to further their knowledge in the field of large and small animal veterinary science.

The program started with the Veterinary Science I series which introduced youth to the importance of animal health in a wide variety of species and began with the basics of anatomy as well as proper care. Youth learned how good management and sanitation practices keep animals healthy and happy; heard from local veterinarian and veterinarian technicians; and finished by making a donation to the Humane Society of Columbia-Greene Counties where they toured the facility and spoke with the animal care staff.

The second series, Advanced Veterinary Science, was much more in depth and hands-on, focusing on dissection activities. A trip to Rhinebeck Animal Hospital provided an in-depth tour of the clinic as well as a lesson on dentistry and anesthesia. Sessions including egg dissection and bovine reproduction led to the youth putting their knowledge to the test and working side by side with Dr. Karen from Copake Veterinary Clinic to perform a necropsy (animal autopsy). This was a crucial part of the class because the youth were able to test not only their safety skills and knowledge of animal anatomy and physiology, but their detective skills as well. 4-H member Kailey Proper shared, *"This class really helped get me out of my comfort zone. It allowed me to experience hands-on situations that vets or vet techs face, either in an ordinary work day or while going to school for their licenses."*

School Partners in Gardening (SPIG) is all about growing gardening skills of youth and the adults who work with them. In 2017, our SPIG committee expanded to Greene County and now offers grant support, education, and complimentary programming to three schools and two libraries within the county. Our work in Columbia County continues reaching almost every school in the county as well as three community organizations and one state park.

Professional development was provided around short season planting, grant writing, aquaponics, greenhouse based youth development, composting and more. Participants were also received an extensive amount of program supplies courtesy of a grant provided by the Hudson River Bank & Trust Company Foundation.

Several teachers from both Columbia and Greene Counties were given access to our Learn Grow Eat & Go Grant through the School Partners in Gardening Committee. This grant offered a teacher training, specialized curriculum, and an in-class cooking kit - all of which were designed to promote education through healthy living and a fundamental understanding of food systems.

Teens learned about elders, interviewing skills, and presenting findings to the public by participating in **Building Community Legacy Together** (BCLT). The goal of this program for the teens was to gather advice for living and recommendations about how to live a happier life. The elders readily volunteered to be interviewed, and found that they enjoyed the opportunity to not only share what they have learned over the years but to get to know a teenager a little better.

The teens asked the elders questions about how they dealt with stressful experiences in their lifetime, advice for a lasting marriage, how to choose a career, and how to take care of ones' health, among others. After collecting the interview answers on recorders, each teen identified life lessons from the interview data and then, as a team, the teens created a report based on the interview findings. As a closing of the program, the teens shared a community presentation of their findings at the CCE Columbia and Greene Counties' Annual Meeting as well as at the Cairo Community Library.

The teens found that collectively, ten life lessons were share by the elders:

- Loss is difficult but you can get through it
- Focus on your children – raising them requires individual communication
- There is always a source (Higher Power) greater than you
- Find work that you enjoy
- Marriage is always a work in progress
- Keep well in body and mind
- Keep moving forward – don't let misfortune get you down
- Lead a positive life
- Be honest
- Be open-minded



Advanced Vet Science



A regional professional development day for garden based educators.



Teens and elders at the community presentation.



Members of the NYS Forestry Team at the National 4-H Invitational.



Displays at the Greene County Youth Fair

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC VITALITY



CEV educational display featured at the Columbia County Habitat for Humanity's ReStore Eco-Fair



"Making Homes Healthier" programming was offered several times in 2017, outlining steps consumers can make to improve indoor air quality.



Above, Board member Alicia McCagg serves another satisfied baked potato customer.

As Baked Potato/Juice Bar Coordinator for the Columbia County Fair, Mayhew recruited over 40 individuals to work at both venues. One thousand, six hundred spuds were sold in six days, despite one day of unseasonably cold and wet weather.

In recognition of our 100th anniversary, favorite potato recipes were collected from staff, volunteers and the public, and a collectible booklet was unveiled during the fair.

Community & Economic Vitality (CEV) programs help build the capacity of individuals, families, and communities to direct their own futures as they deal with changing economic structures, demographics, communication technologies, and other challenges or opportunities that affect communities.

The fourth **Columbia & Greene Interagency Awareness Day** was held May 25 at Columbia-Greene Community College. The goal of the event is to raise awareness, foster collaboration, and improve services. It featured a panel of speakers representing the Columbia Greene Controlled Substance Awareness Task Force, Columbia County Office for Aging "Safe at Home" Program Development Committee, the Columbia Greene Elder Abuse Task Force, and the Columbia-Greene Housing Coalition – Continuum of Care Program. Sixty five exhibitors from both counties and the greater Capital District were featured and more than 200 frontline health and human services professional attended. CEV Resource Educator Theresa Mayhew served as the one-day event chair. An updated Interagency Awareness Day Directory of Programs and Services will be distributed in early 2018.

Theresa Mayhew chairs the **Columbia County Housing Advisory Board**, which hosted its annual Landlord/Tenants Rights Forum on March 30 as well as its annual Fair Housing Poster Contest for third and fourth graders. This year's theme was "People and Houses on My Street." Local agencies are invited to share information on their efforts to reduce homelessness and advocate for affordable housing during HAB meetings. Even with an improved economy, the lack of affordable or workforce housing continues to be a need in the county.

Mayhew is an active member of the **Columbia County Office of Aging Safe at Home Committee** and the **Elder Abuse Prevention and Education Task Force Committee** being spearheaded by Common Ground. In that capacity, she was invited to get involved in the Village Movement of Northern Columbia County, which is part of a national aging in place program initiative, and has also been asked to participate in North Chatham Free Library's Enriching Life, Increasing Knowledge (ELIK) program.

Over 35 folks from eight lake associations attended the August 11 **CG Lakes Coalition** meeting coordinated by CCE and held at the Taconic Shores Lake House (Robinson Pond) in Copake. It featured speakers from DEC, the Capital/Mohawk Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (PRISM), and a local lakes roundtable. To provide support to the lakes coalition group, Mayhew attends Capital/Mohawk PRISM meetings and is a longtime Federation of Lakes Association (FOLA) board member serving on FOLA's long-range planning and fundraising committees.

The emphasis on **Reducing Food Waste** that started in 2016 carried over into 2017. About 90 billion pounds of edible food goes uneaten each year at an annual cost of \$1,500 for a family of four. This is a critical aspect of resource management when it comes to stretching one's food dollar, improving nutritional intake, reducing hunger, and reducing the amount of landfill waste. Program delivery included table top exhibits and presentations to consumer groups.

Mayhew represents CCE on the Columbia County **Head Start Policy Council** and serves as its representative to the Columbia Opportunities Board and on several sub-committees. This Head Start connection has enabled her to provide a variety of CEV programs to parent groups in Hudson, Philmont and Valatie.

Evaluations show that these programs have helped strengthen financial security and family resiliency. In addition, various family economic and resource management programs were presented to county organizations (both clients and staff) such as the Columbia County Office for Aging and Greene County Department of Human Services senior nutrition centers, Mental Health Association of Columbia-Greene Counties, Re-Entry Columbia County, and Twin County Recovery Services of Columbia County.

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The ENR program had another successful year providing crucial services and programs relating to forest and water resources, as well as securing a large percentage of funding to support these efforts. A wide range of topics were covered including providing culvert function data to municipalities to address dangerous, undersized culverts to working with our wonderful Master Forest Owners who share their passion for their woodlands with new woodland owners, giving them a great start in being good forest stewards. We also coordinated the efforts of volunteers who enthusiastically monitored the movement of tiny glass eels after a long journey from the ocean to the tributaries in the Hudson River Valley.

Another example of our work is our contract work to provide the core classes for loggers to obtain their Trained Logger Certification. We coordinate *Forest Ecology and Silviculture, Safe Chain Saw Use and Directional Tree Falling* and *First Aid & CPR*, programs which are required for loggers to have this certification. These classes have significantly reduced logging accidents and fatalities.

One project we'd like to highlight is the development of the Bowery Creek Training Facility (BCTF) for stream work. Increased extreme weather events have led to the establishment of a demonstration and education facility at the Agroforestry Resource Center, a facility of CCE Columbia and Greene Counties (CCECG) to provide municipalities and other stream stakeholders with hands-on training opportunities and information on stabilizing streams pre and post event. A reach of the Bowery Creek owned by CCECG was recognized as a suitable location to establish such an education and demonstration resource for watershed and flood resiliency efforts.

The Catskill and Lower Hudson Valley regions are experiencing increased frequency of heavy rain events that impact the form and function of streams. The responsibility for dealing with these streams often falls on the impacted municipalities who don't always have the opportunity or resources to learn about, and practice, effective response and planning strategies.

Partnering with the NYS Water Resources Institute at Cornell, the Hudson River Estuary Program, and Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Bowery Creek Training Facility became a reality as a result of input from 17 agencies and organizations from partners across the region. The generated ideas, opportunities and challenges has led to learning station establishment, curriculum development, and site monitoring activities. The BCTF currently provides communities with training and planning tools to enhance their understanding of stream dynamics, post flood stream intervention protocols, and watershed planning approaches to reduce their vulnerability to floods in an era of increasingly heavy precipitation events.

The documented response of the Bowery Creek to a six-inch rain event on October 30, 2017 has created more learning opportunities through changes to channel dimensions, pattern, and profile! Steep, unstable, and non-functioning tributaries such as
ENR cont...

Bowery Creek pose increased flooding hazards for downstream communities, stream-side landowners, and infrastructure as the frequency of heavy precipitation events increases in the future. Our ability to respond effectively to such events on these tributaries will be enhanced through hands-on training, the establishment of instream protocols and appropriate structures, and vigilant monitoring of stream adjustments at the Bowery Creek Training Facility. For more information on the Bowery Creek Training Facility, visit our web site <http://ccecolumbiagreene.org/woods-water/bowery-creek-training-facility>

Hudson River Eel Project



CCE provided support to the NYSDEC Hudson River Eel project during the 2017 season by serving as the local partner at the eel net on the Hannacroix Creek.

ENR staff coordinated two training opportunities, assisted with multiple installations and removals of the net through fluctuating water levels and provided coordination and oversight to approximately 100 volunteers.



Bowery Creek culvert



Celebrating the Agroforestry Resource Center's 10 year Anniversary

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Capital Area Agricultural and Horticultural Program (CAAHP)

The Capital Area Agricultural and Horticulture team members were busy in 2017 providing one-to-one technical assistance to residents of Columbia and Greene Counties. Team members also prepared and delivered a variety of educational meetings during the year as well.

The CAAHP team includes:

Steve Hadcock, Agriculture Entrepreneur and Market Development
Lily Calderwood, Commercial Horticulture Resource Educator
Henry "Hank" Bignell, Senior Livestock Resource Educator
Sandy Buxton, Farm Business Management
Aaron Gabriel, Soils and Field Crops
Tove Foss Ford, Senior Administrative Assistant



Hank Bignell and Steve Hadcock hosted a Meat Pricing Strategy meeting. Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator, Matt LeRoux, shared with the audience an online pricing tool he has developed for livestock producers. Participants learned innovative marketing strategies and how to set specific marketing objectives to make their job easier. Cornell Cooperative Extension's NEW Meat Price Calculator was introduced to help develop pricing for meat sold by the hanging weight or by the cut.

Sandy Buxton conducted her Basic Farm Management meetings in each of the six counties the team covers. Sandy offers a 2 ½ hour class on business planning and farm business management designed to help an agricultural business achieve success. The workshop helps participants recognize some pitfalls to avoid that strike many small businesses and connect them with helpful resources, understand regulations and build a business plan to attract financing.

Hank Bignell also organized a three-hour Beef Quality Assurance Program training to discuss topics that included enhancing carcass quality, beef safety proper animal care, and the importance of vet and client relationships.

Aaron Gabriel held the Small Grain Conference in February. The 2017 Program included updates on Hudson Valley grain trials, understanding malting grain options for NYS markets, a big-picture perspective on the growth of value-added grains markets nationwide, and grower talks on adopting malting barley into vegetable operations and on novel marketing approaches and strategies to add value layers to grain.

Lily Calderwood held a Cut Flower Field Day at Tiny Hearts Farm. The focus was high tunnel and field cut flower production. Farm owners Luke and Jenny took us through almost every procedure they do on the farm. Steve Hadcock participated in several educational activities in 2017 surrounding market development. In March, the Capital District Direct Marketing Conference was held. Topics were shared with participants to help them think of new ways to market the products they produce.

Eastern New York Commercial Horticulture Program (ENYCHP)

The Eastern NY Commercial Horticulture Program (ENYCHP) is the premier regional agricultural Cornell Cooperative Extension program in New York, serving 17 counties and multiple commodities in Eastern NY. With 11 specialists and 3 full-time support staff, the ENYCHP specialists work together with Cornell faculty and extension educators statewide to address the issues that impact the vegetable, small fruit, tree fruit, and grape industries. Please visit their website at <https://enych.cce.cornell.edu/>

The ENYCHP team includes:

Laura McDermott, Berry Crop Specialist
Charles Bornt, Vegetable Specialist
Dan Donahue, Tree Fruit Specialist
Mike Basedow, Tree Fruit Specialist
Anna Wallis, Tree Fruit Specialist
Jim Meyers, Viticulture Specialist
Elizabeth Higgins, Business Management Specialist
Amy Ivy, Vegetable Specialist
Teresa Rusinek, Vegetable Specialist
Crystal Stewart, Vegetable Specialist
Maire Ullrich, Vegetable Specialist
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Sarah Elone, Program Technician
Abby Henderson, Program Administrative Assistant



Greater Capital Shared Business Network (SBN)

The Shared Business Network (SBN) model allows local associations to have access to knowledgeable “leads” in the areas of Finance, Human Resources (HR), and Information Technology (IT).

The SBN leads in these functional areas provide statewide continuity and shared guidance between campus administration and the local associations.

Additionally, the SBN leads work with association staff to assist in addressing local business needs.

- Human Resources
- Finance
- Information Technology

Members of the Greater Capital SBN include: Albany, Columbia and Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Saratoga, Washington, Warren, and Fulton/Montgomery County associations.

SBN Staff:

Supervising Executive Director—Lisa Godlewski

Finance Lead—Michael Ryan

IT Lead—Eric Yager and Michael Bartholomew

Human Resources Lead—Jim McNaughton, PHR

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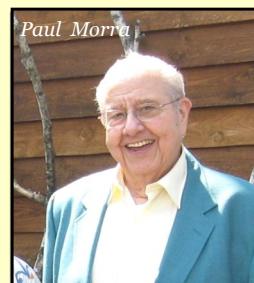
Tax-deductible donations are also accepted via PayPal on our website at www.cecolumbiagreene.org

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Gifts to these funds continue to honor the memory of the individuals, as well as help secure the future of the Cornell Cooperative Extension in your community. These gifts are placed in an investment fund supervised and monitored by the CCE Board of Directors.

Maria Morra and Paul Morra Scholarship Trust

Established in 2011 with a bequest from the estate of Paul & Maria Morra, long-time friends and supporters of CCE. Dividend and interest from the fund is used to provide scholarships to area students interested in pursuing post-high school academic work in the fields of horticulture, agriculture, forestry or natural resources.



Michael G. Greason



Michael C. Greason Memorial Fund

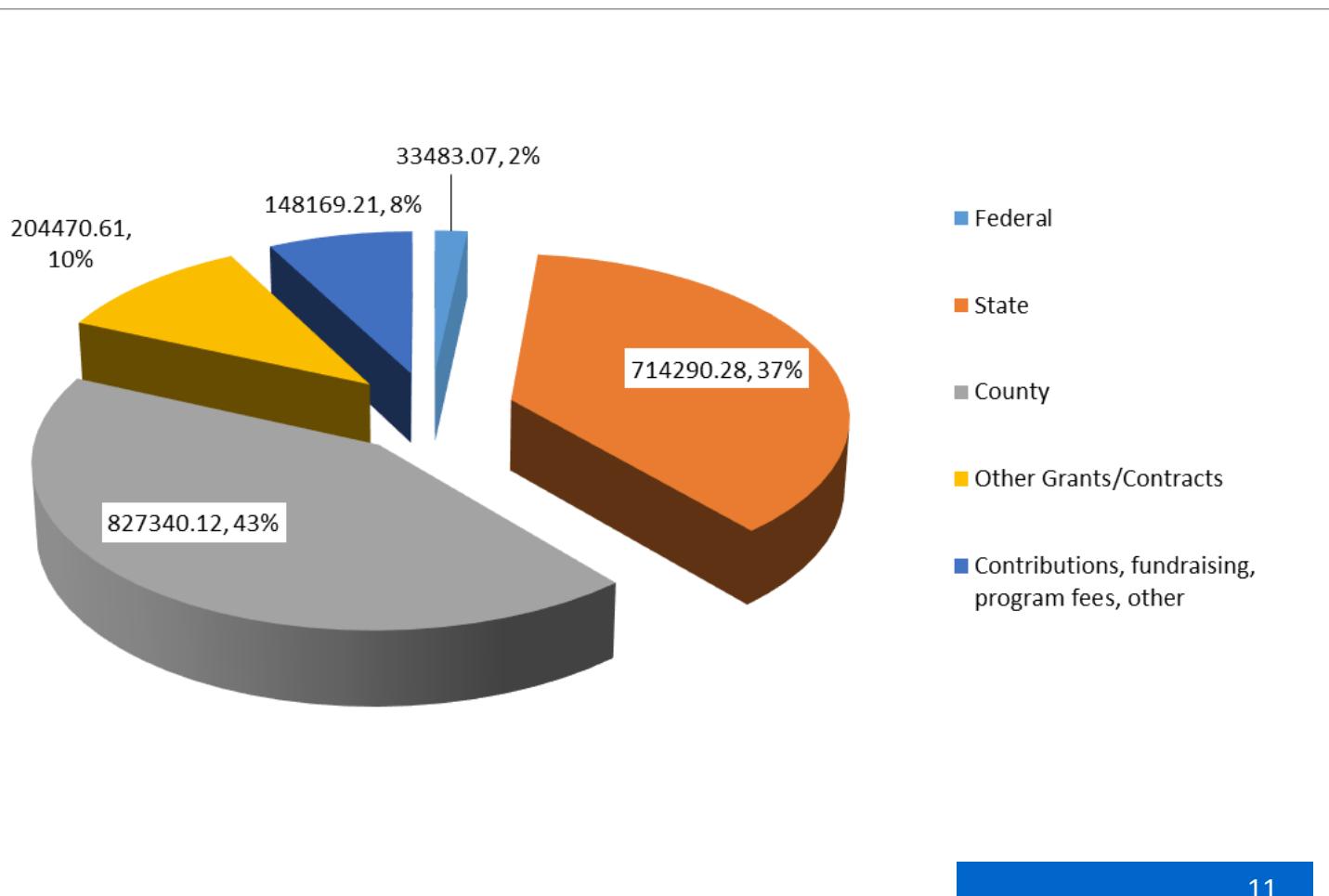
Established in 2013 in memory of Mike Greason, a long-time CCE supporter, board member, and local forester. Interest from this fund will be used to support forestry programs, projects and initiatives of CCE.

To make a donation to any of the above gifts or funds, or to establish a fund in the name of an individual or family, contact Executive Director Chuck Brooks at (518) 622-9820 X35 or (518) 828-3346 X108 or email cb657@cornell.edu.

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2017 Financial Income Sources



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS AT CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF COLUMBIA AND GREENE COUNTIES

10th Anniversary Celebration of the Agroforestry Resource Center

CCE celebrated with key partners who helped establish a place where people could come and learn about trees and forests and understand good stewardship practices. Accomplishments were highlighted as we recognized our amazing partners at the May 19 event.



Ag Day Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Columbia-Greene Community College

This event gave community members the opportunity to visit with and get to know their farm neighbors and the businesses/organizations that support them. Held on June 3, this family-friendly event offered hands-on activities that provided a window into the life of neighbor farmers, including live farm animals plus food and farm product demonstrations.

Pollinator Open House

On June 17, CCE staff and Master Gardeners hosted a Pollinator Open House at the Extension Education Center in Hudson. This kick-off event celebrated National Pollinator Week with a fun day of classes and activities for kids and adults such as learning how to build Native Bee Houses with Columbia Land Conservancy and 4-H, making wildflower seed balls to take home and plant, and learning how to make a container garden to attract pollinators and beneficial insects.



Hudson River Dinner Cruise

The *Marika* yacht was transformed into a floating Polynesian party on August 19 where guests enjoyed food from the Che Figata Italian Bistro, music and fun.

CCE Annual Meeting

The 100th year celebrations ended with the CCE Annual Meeting held on November 14 at the Inn at Leeds. Guests enjoyed a light fare and refreshments while recognizing CCE volunteers, staff and supporters. Special guest Dick Brooks was on hand to share his thoughts.

