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(County Agreement)

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between the County of Chemung

and the

Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Chemung County

Concerning

PAYMENT OF COUNTY APPROPRIATIONS

Dated: **January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**

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**WHEREAS**, (1) the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Chemung County has been duly organized and has been approved by Cornell University;

(2) the purpose of this agreement is to carry out in a legal and proper manner the provisions of Subdivision 8 of Section 224 of the County Law of the State of New York as amended, and to provide for the expenditure of the money appropriated by the Legislature of Chemung County for the support and maintenance of the work of the Cooperative Extension (a statutorily recognized subordinate governmental agency in said county and in the conduct of the extended educational programs of the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of Human Ecology, and other units at Cornell University.

(3) The County of Chemung has appropriated **\$343,940 (\$247,940 County Share, and \$96,000 In-Kind)** for the Cooperative Extension program.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is agreed by the parties hereto:

**FIRST**, that the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association shall expend the funds in accordance with an agreement between the Association and Cornell University as agent for the state for the cooperative management of the educational work of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and the proper employment and supervision of the staff employed therefore, and in accordance with the attached budget of the Association submitted to Cornell University and to the Legislature of the County. The budget may be amended by formal action of the Association Board of Directors in consultation with the representative(s) of the County of Chemung and with Cornell University.

**SECOND**, that the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association shall render an annual program report to the County Budget Office of said county accounting for receipts, expenditures, and financial condition of said Association.

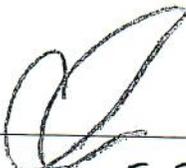
**THIRD**, that funds appropriated by the County of Chemung shall be paid to the bonded treasurer of the Association in such manner as may be agreed upon by and between the parties hereto.

It is understood that the aforementioned budget shall be considered to be executory only insofar as funds shall be made available therefore by the Legislature of the State of New York, the Federal Government, and the County.

In accordance with the provisions of Subdivision 8 of Section 224 of the County Law of the State of New York as amended, this agreement shall be non-executory until the Association has effectuated an agreement with Cornell University.

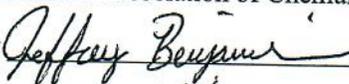
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be duly signed and executed by the County Executive of the County of Chemung and by the President of the Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Chemung County, the day and year first above written.

The County of Chemung

By  \_\_\_\_\_, County Executive

Date: 5-20-20

The Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Chemung County

By  \_\_\_\_\_, President

Date: 6/1/2020

Resolution # 20-096

## 2020 Program Narrative - CCE Chemung - County Appropriation

**DESCRIPTION:** The Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Chemung County (CCE Chemung) has been duly organized and has been approved by Cornell University. This contract serves the purpose to carry out in legal and proper manner the provisions of Subdivision 8 Section 224 of the County Law of the State of NY as amended, and to provide for the expenditure of the money appropriated by Chemung County to CCE Chemung for the support and maintenance of the work of the Cooperative Extension in Chemung County and in the conduct of the extended educational programs of the NYS College of Ag and Life Sciences, the College of Human Ecology, and other units at Cornell University to improve the quality of life of Chemung County residents. CCE Chemung will offer various programs and services in the areas of Youth Development, Agriculture, Nutrition, Community Development, Environment, and Volunteerism. These programs are more fully described in the CCE Chemung's Annual Work plan.

**USE OF SPACE:** Chemung County grants CCE Chemung the use of office space at 425 Pennsylvania Ave, Elmira, NY and the use of the Chemung County Fairgrounds and the 4-H Building for educational program events (including but not limited to ag awareness and education, 4-H programs, 4-H Fair, Household Hazardous Waste Collection and other educational programs and/or fundraisers without additional charge.)

### I. 4-H Youth Development

#### A. Program Description

"In 4-H, kids complete hands-on projects in areas like health, science, agriculture and civic engagement in a positive environment where they receive guidance from adult mentors and are encouraged to take on proactive leadership roles. Kids experience 4-H in New York through in-school and after-school programs, school and community clubs and 4-H camps." (<https://nys4-h.org/what-is-4h>)

Chemung County 4-H operates in both Traditional 4-H and Non-Traditional 4-H Programming.

**Traditional 4-H programming** is programming which takes place in the community club method.

**Non-Traditional 4-H** encompasses the variety of ways which 4-H interacts within the community such as, but not limited to, after-school and in-school activities.

Offer youth and volunteer participants in Chemung County the opportunity to:

1. Develop skills in the 3 National Mission Mandates areas:

- a. Science, technology, engineering, arts/agriculture and math (S.T.E.A.M)
- b. Healthy Lifestyles
- c. Civic Engagement
- 2. Learn using the Experiential Learning Method to establish strong connections between experiences and daily life.
- 3. Achieve marketable skills through experiential learning activities:
  - a. Head - independence, positive attitude, critical thinking, decision making, and achievement
  - b. Heart - a sense of belonging with responsive, caring adults to foster empathy, cooperation and communication.
  - c. Hands - encouraging youth to create opportunities to have a positive impact on their community.
  - d. Health -the ability to make healthy lifestyle choices and think independently with confidence.
- 4. Receive professional development in Positive Youth Development techniques to be highly effective volunteers.

#### **B. Services**

- a. Extension Educators, falling under the Cornell Cooperative Extension umbrella of 4-H/Youth Development, will provide the youth community with educational outreach. Subject areas will fall under 4-H mission mandate through special events, school enrichment, and parent/child (family activities) i.e., Ag Awareness programs, Conservation Field Days, Natural Resources. Estimated youth to be served is approximately 12,000 educational units of programming. Work in cooperation with Community Based Organizations, Schools, and County Agencies to provide accessible youth programming in Chemung County.
- b. Coordinate, facilitate and implement County, Regional, District, and State 4-H programming.
- c. Work with neighboring Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H programs to diversify opportunities for Chemung County 4-H Members
- d. Promote Agriculture Literacy through positive youth development activities such as Old MacDonald's Farm, Ag Literacy and after-school activities.
- e. Establish curriculum packages and programs that bring the pillars (Science, Citizenship, Agriculture and Healthy Living) into the classroom.
- f. Provide professional development to community volunteers to establish a core of highly trained caring adults to be utilized in youth programming.
- g. The Chemung County 4-H program will recruit, screen and provide professional development to 30 program organizational volunteers.

**C. Performance Outcomes**

- a. Outcome 1 - 80% of the 4-H enrolled youth will participate in S.T.E.M. educational opportunities.
- b. Outcome 2 - 80% of the 4-H enrolled youth will participate in healthy living educational opportunities.
- c. Outcome 3 - 80% of the 4-H enrolled youth will participate in civic engagement opportunities.

**II. COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE VITALITY**

**A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

For the current and potential agricultural operations of Chemung County

- Provide technical support and education to Chemung County Farmers to enhance farm viability.
- Support the profitability of commercial dairy and field crops enterprises by providing information, and by consulting on decision-making and business options.

**B. SERVICES**

- Dairy/Field crop support for commercial dairy farmers from South Central NY Dairy and Field Crops (Cornell) Team of professional staff.
- Support for non-dairy farmers from local and regional extension staff and Cornell faculty.

**C. PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES**

- Regular educational programs, events and consultations related to farm production and business management.
- Information shared via electronic and/or printed newsletters, web-based resources, and/or media releases.

**III. AGRICULTURAL AWARENESS**

**A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

- Promote awareness of agriculture and its role in the local economy and community.
- Raise community awareness of agricultural endeavors in Chemung County and region.

## **B. SERVICES**

- Coordinate and/or deliver ag education and awareness programs or activities throughout Chemung County to children and families.
- Assist in development and delivery of ag educational programs to increase awareness and understanding of local agriculture and the food system.

## **C. PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES**

Programs and events to promote agriculture awareness:

- Coordinate the annual Ag Literacy Week to promote awareness of a specific field of agriculture to school children across Chemung County through guest readers reaching over 400 students.
- Help organize and/or promote Ag Educational activities including the Chemung County Fair, Farmers' Markets, Fall Festival, and Farm/City Day reaching over 2,500 people annually.
- Organize and host a local foods event featuring local farms and restaurants reaching more than 150 people.

## **IV. Ag Enhancement**

### **1. Program Description:**

CCE Chemung will work with the County, Agriculture, and Community Leaders to help implement the recommendations of the Chemung County Ag and Farmland Protection Plan. This plan includes the following recommendations:

- a. Participate in the Chemung County Ag Promotion Committee to enhance community awareness and understanding of agriculture.
- b. Encourage the development and use of effective land use plans and programs that protect productive farmland and that direct development to land less suitable for agricultural production.
- c. Develop focused public education programs about Chemung County Agriculture.
- d. Identify, develop and/or deliver programs/resources that will improve agricultural PROFITABILITY and enhance marketing opportunities within Chemung County and/or the region.
- e. Develop and maintain support for coordinated educational programming and technical resources for local farm operators.

## 2. Services

- a. Organize and/or meet with various ag business, and community leaders on a regular basis to work together to assess needs and opportunities for agriculture and the food system.
- b. Assist the County Planning Department in educating the county and municipal Planning Boards, as well as general population about the benefits of preserving productive land and open space and about voluntary preservation programs, as well as support and encourage farmers to participate in the NYS Ag Districts program.
- c. Working with the Ag and Farmland Protection Board, develop criteria and a selection process for farmers interested in participating on the NYS Purchase of Development Rights program; investigate and share information about farmland preservation programs, including conservation easements; and provide assistance to farmers as needed to take advantage of existing programs.
- d. Conduct a review of existing public education programs and resources about agriculture that are available to Chemung County residents of all ages; including a community and/or school survey. Based on gaps identified from the review, identify or develop and deliver supplemental public education programs and resources about Chemung County agriculture which should include information about agricultural production, products, processing, transportation, food safety, and careers for all audiences, including elected officials, the general public, and school students.
- e. Review and understand all state programs available for farmers and provide workshops or information to area farmers/growers and provide guidance for applications.
- f. Investigate and develop enhanced marketing opportunities for Chemung County agricultural products.
- g. Work with and utilize the resources of the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce, Southern Tier Economic Growth, and NYS to assist with economic development opportunities and job creation and promotion, such as the development of processing sites for ag products and improvement of the rural transportation infrastructure.
- h. Provide an up-to-date resource guide that identifies and lists all current educational programs and technical resources used by and available to area farm operators.

Create a printed as well as web-based version and distribute to farmers and the greater community.

- i. Develop and/or provide programs to address the current needs/issues of Chemung County farm operators.
  1. Educate farmers and rural landowners about programs and strategies for reducing property and estate taxes, protecting farmland and conserving natural resources.
  2. Promote educational and workforce development opportunities for workers and managers in the agricultural industry, especially those targeted to the next generation.
  3. Help farmers identify ways to comply with Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation regulations and other environmental regulations aimed at safe guarding our water resources.

**3. Performance Outcomes:**

- Hold at least one workshop for farmers on farmland preservation programs.
- Prepare a written report on the public education programs and resources about agriculture and the food system available to area residents.
- Develop and maintain a report on the economic impact of Chemung County Agriculture.
- Hold at least one workshop on NYS Ag and Markets programs for farmers and how to apply.
- Hold at least one workshop on enhanced marketing opportunities.
- Assist at least one farmer/ag business submit a project for the state, federal, or other funding to enhance their farm/agri-business.
- Monthly electronic or printed newsletter providing current information and opportunities for farmers and farming.
- Provide education about agriculture to students and general public.

**V. COMMUNITY HORTICULTURE**

**A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

For the residents and organizations in Chemung County:

- Provide up-to-date horticultural/home gardening information and education opportunities.
- Help address issues/concerns related to gardens and landscapes.

- Provide recommendations /advice for community gardens (including youth and school gardens) and/or beautification projects.

#### **B. SERVICES**

- Recruit, train and support Master Gardener Volunteers.
- Develop, plan, coordinate, and deliver various educational activities related to community horticulture.
- Provide consultations and support to community gardens (including youth and school gardens) and/or beautification projects.

#### **C. PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES**

- Provide educational workshops on a regular basis for the general public and Chemung County organizations.
- Train and educate a new Master Gardener Volunteers.
- Provide information to community on a regular basis through educational bulletins/flyers displays, monthly newsletter, press releases, information booth, and/or Facebook posts.
- Answering community questions (phone calls, walk-ins, e-mails) about gardens, landscapes, insects, and plant diseases.
- Provide educational outreach and support to Chemung County community and school gardens.
- Support at least one community beautification project.

### **VI. NUTRITION OUTREACH EDUCATION PROGRAM**

#### **A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

In support of the Regional Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Education Program (SNAP ED/Finger Lakes EatSmart NY), CCE Chemung will educate individuals and families who have applied for or receive SNAP benefits, WIC, Medicaid, SSI, Head Start, AFDC or TANF. FSNEP educators, using the U. S. Dietary Guidelines and MyPlate, will enable participants to make behavior changes that can impact their health. The primary goal of the program is to promote eating fruits and vegetables, whole grains and fat free or low-fat milk products every day, to be physically active everyday as part of a healthy lifestyle, and to reduce the consumption of sugary beverages.

For the residents of Chemung County (particularly in the City):

- CCE Chemung will also continue to facilitate a farmers market on the Eastside of Elmira (market is located on the west lawn of the Holiday Inn Riverview)
- Utilize the EastSide Market and other Chemung County Markets as venues for nutritional education and healthy food alternatives / choices.

- Support and/or provide EBT services at markets to increase local access to fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Encourage and promote success of all farmer's markets in Chemung County.

#### **B. SERVICES**

- Deliver nutrition education, through a series of 6 lessons or one-time nutrition education activities for SNAP recipients or SNAP eligible recipients.
- Teach groups of youth from school districts with 50% of the children receiving free and reduced price lunch, to reach and enroll their parents.
- To work with community partners to manage and grow the EastSide Market.
- To facilitate meetings and conversations between Chemung County markets to increase success.
- To provide advice and share up-to-date information to market managers and farm vendors as appropriate.
- To work with County partners to increase access to nutrition education and healthy food alternatives / choices with tools such as senior coupons, WIC coupons, EBT cards, etc.
- To work with markets to establish and/or maintain EBT services.

#### **C. PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES**

- Nutrition Program educators will conduct 800 nutrition education lessons and/or activities throughout Chemung County to reach the target population; including Senior Centers, Food Pantries, Community Gardens, Schools, Libraries, Summer Feeding Sites, Farmers Markets, and Community Centers
- A 18 week market with a 8 registered vendors and average attendance of over 150 patrons weekly.
- EBT services offered to at least two Chemung County markets.

### **VII. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (includes former VIII. Energy Commission and IX. Energy Program)**

#### **A. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Provide staff support to Chemung County Environmental Management Council and for the Chemung County Executive's Advisory Commission on Energy Solutions.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-096

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH  
CORNELL COOPERATION EXTENSION ASSOCIATION OF CHEMUNG COUNTY ON  
BEHALF OF VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

By: Brennan

Seconded by: Briggs

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Human Services, on behalf of the Departments of Social Services, Youth and Recreational Services, Planning, and the Chemung County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Environmental Services has requested authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with Cornell Cooperative Extension Association of Chemung County ("CCE-Chemung") for the provision by CCE-Chemung of various services to the County of Chemung, including, but not limited to, 4-H Youth Development, Commercial Agriculture Vitality, Agriculture Awareness, Community Horticulture, Agriculture Enhancement, Energy Commission, Nutrition Outreach, Environmental Management Council, Solid Waste and Recycling Education, and Enhanced Solid Waste Education (collectively the "Services") during 2020 at a total cost of \$343,940 to the County of Chemung (\$247,940 local share, \$96,000 in-kind services); and

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Health and Human Services Committee have recommended that the Chemung County Legislature approve this MOU with CCE-Chemung; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the County Executive is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a MOU with CCE-Chemung for the provision by CCE-Chemung of Services as more particularly described in the Preamble to this Resolution at a cost of \$343,940 to the County of Chemung (\$247,940 local share, \$96,000 in-kind services) during the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the MOU is subject to the review and approval of the County Attorney, and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this MOU shall not be renewed, amended, or the initial term thereof extended without express consent by Resolution of this Legislature.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-096

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Requested by: Commissioner of Human Services

Purpose: to authorize agreement

Authority: Section 203 of Chemung County Charter

Funds involved: \$343,940

Aid: \$96,000 (in-kind)

Approved by: Health and Human Services Committee, February 24, 2020

*Ayes: Pastrick, Sweet, Brennan, Margeson, Hyland, Sonsire, Woodard, Burin, Briggs, McCarthy, Drake, Smith, Strange, Manchester (Chairman) (15); Excused: Chalk (1); Opposed: None*

STATE OF NEW YORK)  
COUNTY OF CHEMUNG) SS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Chemung County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in my office, and which was passed by the Chemung County Legislature on the 9th day of March 2020, a majority of all the members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Chemung County Legislature this 10th day of March 2020.

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*Cynthia G. Kalweit*  
Cynthia G. Kalweit, Clerk  
Chemung County Legislature

