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**CCE Launches New Cornell Climate Stewards Program
Recruitment is now open!**

A new Cornell Climate Stewards volunteer program at Cornell Cooperative Extension Monroe County (CCE-Monroe) is now taking applications for its first 12-week training class this fall. Modeled on Extension's successful Master Gardener and Master Composter volunteer programs, this effort will equip participants to take action to address climate change in their communities through educational outreach and community climate action projects.

The Fall 2021 Cornell Climate Stewards Training will be held weekly via Zoom starting on Thursday, September 9. For the first ten sessions of the course, trainees will cover a specific climate change topic, with additional outside readings, videos and group activities designed to develop skills needed to lead and educate their communities about climate science, adaptation, and mitigation. Throughout the course, trainees will design and work toward a community climate action project that they will present and discuss in the final two class sessions. This program's curriculum was developed by Cornell University in partnership with CCE-Monroe.

[Applications can be found online here](#) and are due by Friday, August 27. For more information, see the [Climate Stewards webpage](#) or contact Christina Das, Natural Resource Educator at CCE-Monroe, at cmd325@cornell.edu or 585-753-2564.

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