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Cornell Climate Stewards Open for Enrollment

Monroe County, N.Y.

New York has long been a national leader in climate change action, and the Cornell Climate Stewards volunteer training program provided through the Cornell Cooperative Extension will help support the state's innovative Climate Smart Communities (CSC) program. The NYS CSC program is an effective and adaptable program that helps communities take proactive steps to encourage climate resilience and sustainability.

To support this program, we are looking to train and engage local Climate Stewards to spearhead projects in their communities. As a Cornell Climate Stewards Volunteer, you will receive comprehensive training on climate change science, while also learning about how to plan and implement solutions for NY communities.

Enrollment is open for Cornell Climate Stewards Program! For \$75.00 take the course and become certified as a Cornell Cooperative Extension volunteer. Scholarships will be offered to those in need of financial assistance. The Cornell Climate Stewards program is a 12-week course that covers topics such as climate science, impacts, mitigation, adaptation, public communication, interacting with local and state government, creating and planning local projects, and climate justice. You will learn how to develop and organize community projects, write grants, and much more! You will also become part of a growing community of trained volunteers who meet to share ideas and network!

Classes will be held in-person from February 18th to May 20th on Saturdays from 12pm-2pm. Zoom is also available for those with transportation issues. To apply to become a Monroe County Cornell Cooperative Extension Climate Stewards volunteer, or to ask any questions, please contact our Natural Resource Educator, Antonius Chess Jr., at arc279@cornell.edu, or (585)753-2564.

