

**FY 2011 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**

**Federal Funding Requests**

**Senator Kirsten Gillibrand**

**Agriculture and Food Technology Park at Cornell University- Technology Farm Distribution Upgrade; \$300,000; 500 Technology Farm Drive, Geneva, NY 14456**

As the need for small production facilities in New York has increased, the Cornell Agriculture and Food Technology Farm has redesigned the Flex Tech building in Geneva as a distribution center for healthy, locally grown foods. This initiative will improve the Technology Park's infrastructure to accommodate the growing production of the food companies in the Park, improving distribution capabilities so that more people in the region and state can benefit from the health products produced by the center. This project is estimated to create 6 jobs.

**Agriculture Research Service Grape Genetic Research, Cornell University - ARS Center For Grape Genetic Research; \$8,000,000; 110 Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853**

This initiative will construct a state-of-the-art federal research facility for grape genetic research at the Cornell University Agriculture and Food Technology Park in Geneva, NY. This project will further the advancement of important biological research. Because New York is the third largest wine producing state in the nation, this facility will help provide critical research to further this economic opportunity for New York State. This project is estimated to create 43 jobs.

**Capital District Community Gardens - The Urban Grow Center; \$500,000; 40 River Street, Troy, NY 12180**

The Urban Grow center is an innovative city farm where the products of local farms are combined with sustainable energy to generate green jobs and practical responses to obesity related illness. This initiative will prepare a two-acre site on Eighth Street in Troy, build state of the art greenhouses and construct the 16,000 square foot LEED certified building to house the Center, giving area residents a place to learn cooking skills, develop healthy eating habits and access local agricultural products. This project is estimated to create approximately 26 jobs.

**Cornell University - Smarter Lunchroom Demonstration Project; \$500,000; 110 Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853**

This project involves collaboration between Cornell University and the School Nutrition Service to design a demonstration project to build on preliminary data that suggest low-cost or no-cost redesigns of school lunchrooms ("Smarter Lunchrooms") can increase student participation in the School Nutrition Program and encourage children to make healthy food choices. At a time when childhood obesity continues to rise, this project will help ensure that students are afforded healthier meals at reasonable costs by constructing lunchrooms that make healthy eating easier for our children.

**Cornell University - Food Safety Research Consortium Special Research Grant; \$1,100,000; 110 Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853**

The Food Safety Research Consortium is housed within the Department of Food Science at Cornell University. It works with consumer groups, industry, and government to conduct and coordinate food safety research and to facilitate the development and use of research knowledge and new approaches and tools to help the food industry and regulatory agencies in their efforts to improve food safety. This project is estimated to create approximately 6 jobs.

**Council on the Environment of New York City - Farm to Jobs Youthmarket Project; \$466,973; 51 Chambers Street, New York, NY 10007**

The Farm to Jobs Youthmarket Project will create jobs for teens and adults, improve access to healthy, affordable food among communities with high incidences of diet-related diseases, and promote business opportunities for small and medium-sized farms. Specifically, this initiative will include 12 youth-operated farm stands in “food deserts” across the City, and will implement wholesale distribution to increase year-round availability of local foods for organizations and retail outlets. This project is estimated to create approximately 150 jobs, increase the viability of mid-sized farms and provide healthy lifestyle options for inner-city individuals.

**Long Island Farm Bureau - Grown on Long Island; \$150,000; 104 Edwards Avenue, Suite 3, Calverton, NY 11933**

This initiative promotes Long Island’s agricultural industry by providing the region’s farm industry with the technology and financial support necessary to increase the purchase of locally grown foods in the New York area. The aim of this project is to educate the local community about the benefits of purchasing locally-grown foods, generating new business for Long Island’s farm industry and offering Long Island residents greater access to fresh foods.

**New York Farm Viability Institute - Developing Foodsheds: Model Systems to Increase the Viability of NY Farms and Increase Access to Fresh, Local Food in Rural and Urban Communities; \$650,000; 159 Dwight Park Circle, Suite 104, Syracuse, NY 13209**

This initiative will leverage New York Farm Viability Institute projects that link New York farmers to new markets for locally produced food. The project replicates successful models in local food distribution, promotion and branding, and expands upon initial efforts targeting medium scale, specialized New York City markets, including specialty food stores, restaurants and neighborhood markets through the utilization of new age farmer marketing and distribution systems. This project is estimated to create approximately 150 jobs.

**New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets - Eradication of Asian Longhorned Beetle; \$30,000,000; 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235**

The Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB) is a destructive wood-boring insect of maple and other hardwoods. This project will enhance U.S. Department of Agriculture- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and New York State efforts to eradicate the Asian Longhorned Beetle infestation across the state, but particularly in New York City and on Long Island.

**New York State Department of Agriculture & Markets - NY Wood Products Development Council; \$450,000; 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12238**

This project will spur increased business activity for New York's forest industry with marketing, promotion and trade development, taking advantage of the expanded use of woody biomass for heating and co-generation in rural municipalities and commercial buildings. In particular, funds will be made available for local businesses to develop best practices for thriving in the emerging woody biomass industry. This project is estimated to create approximately 60 jobs.

**Program on Dairy Markets & Policies at Cornell University - Livestock & Dairy Policy Special Research Grant; \$1,000,000; 110 Warren Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853**

This initiative will evaluate national policy proposals for the dairy and livestock industries. The program provides market expertise and empirical tools to analyze a wide variety of dairy policy and regulatory options to strengthen the industry and work to achieve fairness, access, availability and diversity in markets. Both USDA and Congress rely on this program for comprehensive analysis of policy proposals. This project is estimated to create 2 jobs.

**Bread and Life Program, Inc. - St. John's University; \$200,000; 795 Lexington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11221**

This initiative will support and expand the St. John's Bread and Life Community Supported Agriculture Program (CSA) in Bedford Stuyvesant. With this initiative, St. John's, in partnership with a farm in Washington County, NY, secures farm fresh produce and vegetables that are served at their charitable facility as well as distributed to local emergency food providers. This project is estimated to create approximately 5 jobs.

**State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation - Technology to Combat Asian Long-Horned Beetles in New York Urban, Suburban and Rural Trees; \$1,000,000; 1 Forestry Drive, 224 Bray Hall, Syracuse, NY 13210**

This initiative will establish and operate several strategic Demonstration Sites in the Northern Forest, Catskills, and Southern Tier to proactively bait and kill, or neuter, Asian Long-Horn Beetles before they breed and lay their eggs. The trees preferred as hosts by the Asian Long-Horned Beetle are hardwoods, which compose the majority of the Northeast United States mixed hardwood forests critical to New York rural economic vitality. These forests also impact wood-based renewable energy industries, New York State water quality, and sequestration of carbon and greenhouse gases known to contribute to climate change. There is no wide-scale proactive protection technology deployed today and the threat is moving north toward the Catskill and west toward the Adirondack and Southern Tier. The Asian Long-Horned Beetle infestation is an economic, social and environmental disaster that can only be prevented through diligence and care. This project is estimated to create 12 jobs.

**Sustainable Long Island - Long Island Youth Food Market; \$100,000; 45a Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714**

Sustainable Long Island will develop a program that will improve and increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables, along with educational activities on healthy eating habits. This initiative will also construct convenient forums, such as pop-up farmers markets in community downtowns, as well as recruit students and civic groups to run seasonal farmers markets in four

communities in partnership with local food community groups. This project is estimated to create 50 jobs.

**The Arts Guild of Old Forge, Inc. - Arts & Science Center Old Forge; \$300,000; P.O. Box 1144, Old Forge, NY 13420**

This project will finalize construction of the Arts and Science Center at Old Forge, which is a LEED certified multiuse facility providing gallery and performance space, education in the arts and sciences, and a community meeting center. Specifically, the Arts Guild will utilize this space for programming focused on healthy eating and wellness, increasing awareness of the benefits of eating fresh, locally grown foods. This project is estimated to create 10 jobs.

**Urban Design Lab at the Earth Institute at Columbia - New York City Foodshed Analysis Project; \$615,551; Columbia University, 2901 Broadway, New York, NY 10027**

This project will involve an in-depth examination of the food production and distribution capacity of the New York City metropolitan area, helping enhance the City's ability to supply more food to its residents from regional sources. This initiative will incorporate localized land use, soil type, transportation infrastructure, and climatic conditions to assess production capacity as well as consumption data for New York City. This project is estimated to help indirectly create many thousands of jobs in the following years as area businesses are enhanced with the development of the region's food economy.