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BRIEFS

**\$2.7 Million for Grape Genetics Lab
in Geneva Written into Ag
Appropriations Bill**

U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (D-22nd District-NY) has earmarked \$2.7 million in federal funds for the design and site preparation of the Grape Genetics Research Center and Laboratory at Cornell's Agriculture & Food Technology Park.

The funding was included in the Agriculture Subcommittee's Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2004 that appropriates funds for the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related agencies.

"This is encouraging news," said Station director Jim Hunter. "Cool climate viticulture is in a rapid expansion mode in the U.S. The grape and wine industry has a growing demand for new varieties and technologies in order to be a player in the global marketplace. This Center will help meet that demand."

If appropriated, the money would pay for design and preparation of a building that is estimated to cost \$20 million. It would be situated on the 74-acre Ag & Food Tech Park, adjacent to the Experiment Station.

Hunter expects a strong synergistic relationship between park tenants, the USDA's Grape Genetics Research Center, and Cornell researchers.

Funding for the bill is not guaranteed—it still needs to be voted on by the full Appropriations Committee, the full House, the Senate, and signed by President Bush.

"I am very pleased that we earmarked these funds and I will continue to work to shepherd the funding through the rest of the process," said Congressman Hinchey, who is from Kingston, NY. Hinchey, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, helps write the 13 discretionary spending bills that Congress must pass each year.

"We appreciated the leadership that Congressman Hinchey showed in garnering unified support for the bill from the NY delegation," said assistant director Marc Smith. "We believe the center will benefit the New York wine and grape industry from Long Island to Chautauqua."

L. McCandless

**Cornell Ag & Food Tech Park Receives
\$2.8M Grant**

(l-r) Geneva City Manager Rich Rising, City Mayor Don Cass, Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, Station director Jim Hunter, and EDA communications director Matthew Crow were all on hand for the distribution of the \$2.8 million grant check from the Commerce Department last week, in Jordan Hall.

The Cornell Agriculture & Food Technology Park received \$2.8 million in federal funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce on Friday, June 13. The grant will help fund the cost of site preparation and construction of the first building in the 74-acre research park. The park is for start-up and established companies to carry out research and related activities in agriculture, food, and biotechnology.

Congressman Sherwood Boehlert (R-24th district, NY) came to Geneva to announce the grant, which was presented by Matthew Crow, of the Economic Development Administration (EDA), during a press conference held in Jordan Hall.

"Friday, June 13th was a good day for New York State food and agriculture," said Station director Jim Hunter. "This is a major grant for the EDA and demonstrates the federal government's confidence in the soundness of the park concept. There is much more work to be done, but the board of directors, city and county officials, and the state and federal governments have forged the partnership that has enabled us to get to the point where the park is not just a vision. Our goal is to break ground this fall."

"This investment will serve as a real boon to the local economy and the extended impact will be immeasurable," Boehlert said. "This type of public/private partnership is what will lead to better economic prosperity for Geneva and all of Upstate New York. Biotechnology is an up-and-coming field with significant growth potential. I'm pleased that Geneva will be able to take advantage of this opportunity."

"As we all know, government can't create jobs, but it can set the stage for investment and innovation through economic development grants like these," said EDA communications director Crow. This investment will help "grow and retain the biotechnology brain trust in New York State by expanding the critical mass of high tech scientists who would draw on industry interests and involvement in cutting edge science occurring at the Geneva Experiment Station and Cornell." He referred to the "three-legged stool" of "strong political leadership, strong business leadership and strong leadership on the community level" for EDA projects to be successful.

In 1995, the Experiment Station at Geneva completed a comprehensive Campus Master Plan that proposed the development of a public/private research zone. Adopted by Cornell University and the New York State University Construction Fund, this concept evolved into the plan to create an Agricultural and Food Technology Park, in partnership with the city of Geneva, the Geneva Industrial Development Agency (IDA), the Ontario County IDA, NYS Electric and Gas, and NYS Senator Michael Nozzolio.

While this investment has been actively pursued by Cornell University since 1995, it became a reality in 2001 when the EDA approved an investment of \$450,000 for engineering design for park infrastructure and the first building. Both of these actions have been completed and the project is poised for construction.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

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MEETINGS

Department Chairs

Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2003
Time: 2 PM
Place: Director's Office

LTC

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2003
Time: 10 AM - Noon
Place: LTC
Subject: Open Lab
Facilitators: Jane Irwin

FITNESS

Aerobics

Date: Mon. & Fri.
Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
Place: Sawdust Cafe

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Date: Mon. & Wed.
Time: 12:10 - 1 PM
Place: Jordan Hall Auditorium

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: GEXL44 self cleaning gas range. Purchased in 1992. Excellent condition, bisque color. Call Charlotte McCarthy at 781-2347

HELP WANTED: three full-time or part-time field scouts for a project to detect a potentially new insect pest (swede midge) in broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage. The job will start in mid July. Perfect for that summer student that still hasn't found a job.

FOR SALE: 1990 Chevy Corsica (one owner vehicle), automatic, 146,656 miles. New brakes, new gas line, needs muffler. Asking \$500 or best offer. For more info, please call Amy at 787-2314 or e-mail ada10

FREE TO A LOVING HOME: 7 week old kittens. Yellow and white long haired tigers, gray, black, and black & white. Please contact Amy at 787-2314 or ada10 for more information

FOR SALE: Raymond electric truck- walk behind pallet mover. 2,000 lb. capacity. Good condition. Asking \$500 OBO. Entomology Department surplus equipment. Contact Cindy Smith at x2322 or cls47

WANTED: Used metal dog crate for occasional transport of labrador retriever. Please contact Lynn Braband at LAB45@nysaes.cornell.edu or 787-2408

CAMPRENTAL: Cayuga Lake. \$75 a night, \$500 a week. Week runs from Tues 3pm to Tues 11am, or Sat to Sat etc. Deposit required, 50% or \$100 whichever is less-non refundable. You must bring your own towels and linens. There is one queen size bed upstairs and a full size futon downstairs. Contact Dawn at 787-2292 or ded6@cornell.edu for more information

FOR SALE: Baby rabbits. Lop-eared, assorted colors. \$10 each. JW12, 539-3155, or x2407

FOR SALE: 1993 Ford Thunderbird XL, 6 cyl., automatic, AC, excellent condition, runs perfect, body very good. \$1900. Call Armando at 787-2257

FOR SALE: 97 Honda Civic XL, 5 speed sedan, 89,000 miles, excellent condition, new tires & muffler system. \$5,900. Call Gemma at 787-2248 or gro2

FOR SALE: Lexmark - multi function (print, scan, fax, copy). Works with PC only, not Mac. Never used (see previous sentence). Originally paid \$170, will sell for \$125. Contact Don Downing at x2273 or dld3@cornell.edu

BEACH HOUSE vacation getaway on beautiful, southwest shore of Canandaigua Lake, is only a 45 minute drive from Geneva, 10 minutes from Naples. Swim, sun, fish, romance, relax, loaf, wine country, Reservoir Creek and Bristol Harbour golf courses, Bristol Valley Theater, Grape Festival, etc. Situated right on the water, suitable 1-2 couples or small family. Very nice beach area. Rowboat and canoe included. A few summer openings remain in July and August. Reduced rates by week or weekend in May-June and September-October. Interested? Contact Elaine at elg2

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Designs for the first building at the park were unveiled in Geneva in May. The 20,000 sq. ft. "flexible technology" building will meet a range of needs associated with food, agricultural and biotechnology research. Site designs show the possible placement of subsequent buildings, including a proposed USDA Grape Genetics Laboratory. This investment will involve high-paying technology jobs along what Governor Pataki has designated as a "high-tech corridor" from Albany to Buffalo involving university-related research in Syracuse, Geneva, Rochester, and Buffalo. An EDA analysis predicts over 600 jobs in agriculture, food, and biotechnology will be created at the park.

Everything about the park is designed to enhance scientific collaboration and synergy. Over 50 Cornell faculty conduct research and extension programs from the Station, and provide links to many researchers in the College of Agriculture & Life Sciences on the main campus in Ithaca. Access to Cornell entomologists, plant pathologists, plant breeders, geneticists, biologists, chemists, food scientists and technicians with years of experience in their fields appeals to companies looking for a location for their R&D efforts.

Tenants could run the gamut from plant genomics companies to the research arms of international food-processing firms. The incubator research building will house biological and chemical wet labs, engineering and information technology, and facilities for service organizations that provide regulatory and marketing assistance. Larger companies and federal agencies could construct facilities tailored to their needs, opening the door to larger research operations.

L. McCandless

First Day of Summer - Saturday, June 21

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SAVE THE DATE

July 11, 2003

16th Annual Station Club Golf Tournament



Renaissance Festival

The 27th Annual Renaissance Festival will be held Saturdays and Sundays, July 5th through August 17th, 2003 in Sterling, New York (rain or shine) from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Station Club has discount passes: \$16. for adults and \$6.99 for children ages 6 to 12 years. Children 5 and under are free.

Children's Weekend tickets (July 5 & 6) must be purchased at the gate.

For more information, please visit the web site: www.sterlingfestival.com

Contact Amy Andersen at x2314, e-mail (ada10) or by stopping by room A103, Barton Lab. Make checks payable to "Station Club". If paying with cash, please have exact amount.

Seabreeze Tickets

It's time to start thinking of everything that summer has to offer. What better place than Seabreeze Amusement Park?



75 GREAT ATTRACTIONS!

Parking is free. Tickets are \$14.95. A savings of \$3.00. Kid passes are \$13.95 for kids under 48" in height. Kids' 2 and under are free.

These passes are valid 7 days a week from June 24 through Labor Day (holidays included).

See Nancy Long for tickets in the front office of the Food Research Lab, room 150. Her office hours are 8:30 - 1:30.