

## **FINAL REPORT FY 2000**

### **COMMUNITY IPM**

**Title:** Community IPM Educational Resources

**Location:** Cornell Cooperative Extension- Orange County

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#### **Objectives:**

- To develop a set of IPM educational exhibits to be displayed at educational programs, events, and prominent locations throughout the community.

Designed and built display boards depicting general IPM principles, and different species of wasps, ants, ticks, and mice. These displays include information on lifecycles of these pests and how to control their populations using the least toxic and most environmentally sound methods.

- To compile a set of educational resources to assist CCE staff and volunteers in conducting IPM educational programs for the general public, schools, and municipalities.

Purchased a set of IPM educational resources including reference manuals and books, pest identification CD and video, educational brochures and preserved insect collections which were used at the workshop and programs listed above.

- To educate citizens of Orange County about principles of IPM.

Displays and resources were utilized as part of educational programs in Orange County such as School IPM Workshop (November 15, 2000, 30 attendees), Orange/Dutchess/Putnam counties Master Gardener training program (November 2, 2000, 39 attendees), Orange County Master Gardener meeting (November 15, 2000, 35 attendees).

#### **Outcome:**

Over 100 residents of Orange County became aware of IPM principles and have the capability to incorporate this information into their pest control practices in homes, schools, and municipalities. A follow-up survey to assess these changes in practices is planned for 2001.

The resources developed and obtained have assisted Cooperative Extension educators in delivering the IPM message to public school personnel, pesticide applicators, and Master Gardeners. These displays and materials will be utilized at future educational programs.