Personal Responsibility in Pollution Prevention

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Project Description
Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Oneida County’s mission is ‘to help people identify resources and find solutions to improve their homes, families, farms, businesses, and communities through education, experience, and research.’ The goal of the “Touring Teacher” Program, the environmental education program brings direct classroom instruction as well as field trip opportunities to K through 6th grade students. The project goal is to involve the development of a Pollution Prevention component to add to existing Touring Teacher offerings and to educate school children and members of the community on what an individual can do to reduce his or her environmental impact through pollution prevention and other means. Activities of this project included:

1. Traveling teachers will go into 158 elementary school classrooms to present a workshop on "Personal Responsibility in Pollution Prevention."
2. As part of the Touring Teacher offerings, classrooms are invited for field trips to the CCE campus where the touring teachers present hands-on and experiential lessons that tie directly into their classroom instruction. The objective is to provide 33 field trips related to the pollution prevention program.
3. Provide nearly 3,000 children and adults exposure to the Personal Responsibility in Pollution Prevention program through additional school enrichment opportunities provided by CCE, such as Farm Fest, Conservation Education Days, and the Herb and Flower Festival. The program will also be available to other community groups.

Project Status
To date, the project has been successful! Cornell Cooperative visited 176 classrooms and provided education to 3,718 students. Additional classes are scheduled for the upcoming months.