

Cornell Cooperative Extension | Putnam County

Location: Putnam County, NY

Hike Putnam: Bringing Land-use History and Invasive Species into Focus



Photo J Lerner

Issue: Not everyone is able to hit the trails. CCE Putnam staff and volunteers researched, narrated, and filmed 6 virtual hike videos in 360 degrees so that those unable to make our popular hikes in person could view the recordings and learn more about historical land use, invasive species, and Putnam's natural beauty.

Extension Response: Volunteers researched and led in-person hikes working with a videographer to capture the trails. Using a 360-degree camera and adding voiceover narration provided an engaging opportunity for those who can't make it onto the trails to benefit from the research and interpretive skills of our talented volunteers.

Community and agency partners are always part of our hike programs. With generous funding support, we were able to expand our collaboration with new partners, making a richer experience for both those attending the in-person hikes, and viewing the videos. ([View Hike Videos here](#))

Impacts:

- 402 Views of YouTube videos.
- 60 Hikers on in-person hikes
- 12 Volunteers

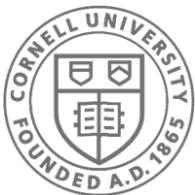
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