



TRUSTEES

Plymouth County
COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

HIGH STREET, HANSON, MA 02341
POST OFFICE BOX 658
Telephone (781) 293-3541 (781) 447-5946

An educational service to the public conducted in cooperation with
The University of Massachusetts and U.S. Department of Agriculture.



24 JAN '11 PM 1:11

January 13, 2011

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SELECTMEN
16 MAIN ST., PO BOX 435
MATTAPOISETT MA 02739

Dear Chairman:

Enclosed you will find a copy of our Annual Report as well as a request
for an appropriation for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Plymouth County Extension
Board of Trustees

BY: Debra L. Corrow
Executive Assistant

Cc: Finance Committee
County Administrator

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work on behalf of Plymouth County residents, in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and Extension staff, and the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in the program areas of 'Agriculture and Landscape' and '4-H Youth and Family Development'. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: annual sustainable gardening lectures, annual fruit pruning demonstration; ornamental tree pruning lecture, research, information and educational programs on pests like the winter moth caterpillar; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; 4-H Science and Technology workshops in the areas of embryology and plant science; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day-workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training, 4-H Community Service Projects, 4-H Public Speaking Training, 4-H Babysitting Program and 4-H partnerships with local farms and agricultural enterprises. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, lectures, conferences, office visits, phone calls, field demonstrations, radio, television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through UMass-Amherst Extension web access www.umassextension.org.

Members of the Plymouth County Extension Staff:

Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape, Nursery, and Urban Forestry Program/Manager
Molly Vollmer, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
4-H Extension Educator (vacant), 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant

Board of Trustees:

John J. Burnett, Jr. Chairman – Whitman	Joseph A. Freitas – Plympton
Michael Connor - Bridgewater	Chris Iannitelli– W. Bridgewater
John Dorgan - Brockton	Marjorie Mahoney, Hingham
Jere Downing - Marion	Janice Strojny - Middleboro
Anthony O'Brien, Plymouth County Commissioner, Chairman - Whitman	

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at 266 High St., P.O. Box 658, Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; fax: 781-293-3916) plyctyext@mindspring.com.