

Tilly Foster Farm & Educational Institute



History of Tilly Foster

A photograph of a farm scene. In the foreground, there is a field with several raised garden beds covered in black plastic mulch. In the middle ground, there is a large greenhouse with a white covering. To the left, there are two large white silos with domed tops. In the background, there are trees and a cloudy sky.

John Tully

Putnam County

Deputy Commissioner of Highways

History of Tilly Foster

Mission Statement

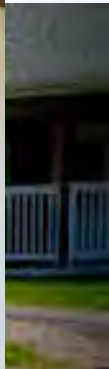
Tilly Foster Farm is a Putnam County owned property and facility that fosters financial, environmental, social and historical stewardship through a variety of program offerings by means of public-private partnerships.

History of Tilly Foster

- Approximately 199 Acres in the Town of Southeast NY
- Originally used as a dairy farm, then used for horse breeding
- Putnam County purchased in 2002
 - Purchased with East of Hudson (EOH) Water Quality Funds
 - *Using these funds required the County to execute a conservative easement with the Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC)*
- In 2009, Putnam County entered into a lease agreement with a non-profit entity to operate the farm as a museum with educational activities
- Putnam County assumed full day to day operations of Tilly Foster Farm on January 31, 2014

History of Tilly Foster

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History of Tilly Foster

We Listened To The Public Regarding The Future Of Tilly Foster

- Sub-Committees Were Formed
 - Agricultural
 - Health & Education
 - Business/Economic Development
 - Soil & Water
 - Infrastructure
 - Tourism

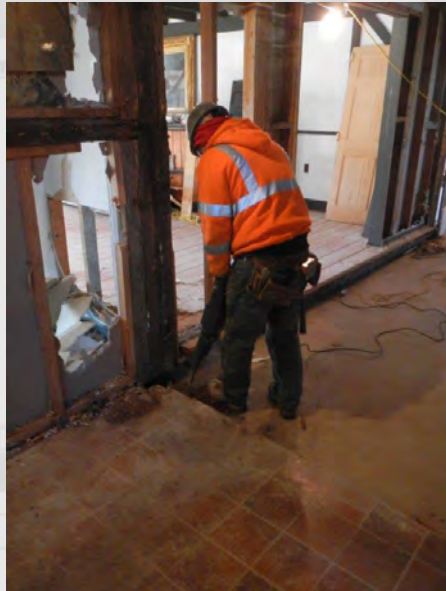


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Developing a Plan Meant Understanding The Challenges

- Footprint Increase Restrictions
- Septic System in Need of Major Overhaul
- Buildings Requiring Extensive Repairs Just to be Habitable

1 BUILDING #9 (BARN) - EXISTING UPPER FLOOR - INTERIOR VIEW
SCALE: NOT TO SCALE



4 BUILDING #9 (BARN) - PROPOSED SECTION
SCALE: NOT TO SCALE



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Developing a Plan Meant Understanding The Challenges

- Watershed Agricultural Council (WAC) Restrictions
- Impervious Surfaces
- Compliance with “Area” Designations
 - Agricultural Conservation Easement Area (ACEA)
 - Forestry Conservation Easement Area (FCEA)
 - Acceptable Development Area (ADA)
 - Farm Areas (FA)
 - Resource Protection Area (RPA)
 - Municipal Acceptable Development Area (MADA)

1 BUILDING #9 (BARN) - EXISTING UPPER FLOOR - INTERIOR VIEW
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2 BUILDING #9 (BARN) - EXISTING MAIN FLOOR - INTERIOR VIEW
SCALE: NOT TO SCALE

3 BUILDING #9 (BARN) - PROPOSED INTERIOR VIEW
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4 BUILDING #9 (BARN) - PROPOSED SECTION
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PUTNAM COUNTY
OF HIGHWAYS &
COMMISSIONERS - 1900 P.
SECURITY COMMISSIONERS
843 Fox Street, Centre
(940) 679-6221

SCALE: VARIOUS

Tilly Foster Property

A green Ford tractor is the central focus of the image, parked on a grassy field. The tractor has 'FORD' written in red letters on its side and 'AUG' on a small white tag. It has large, treaded tires and a blue seat. In the background, there is a white fence and some trees under a clear sky.

Chris Ruthven

Putnam County

Deputy Commissioner of Parks

Tilly Foster Property

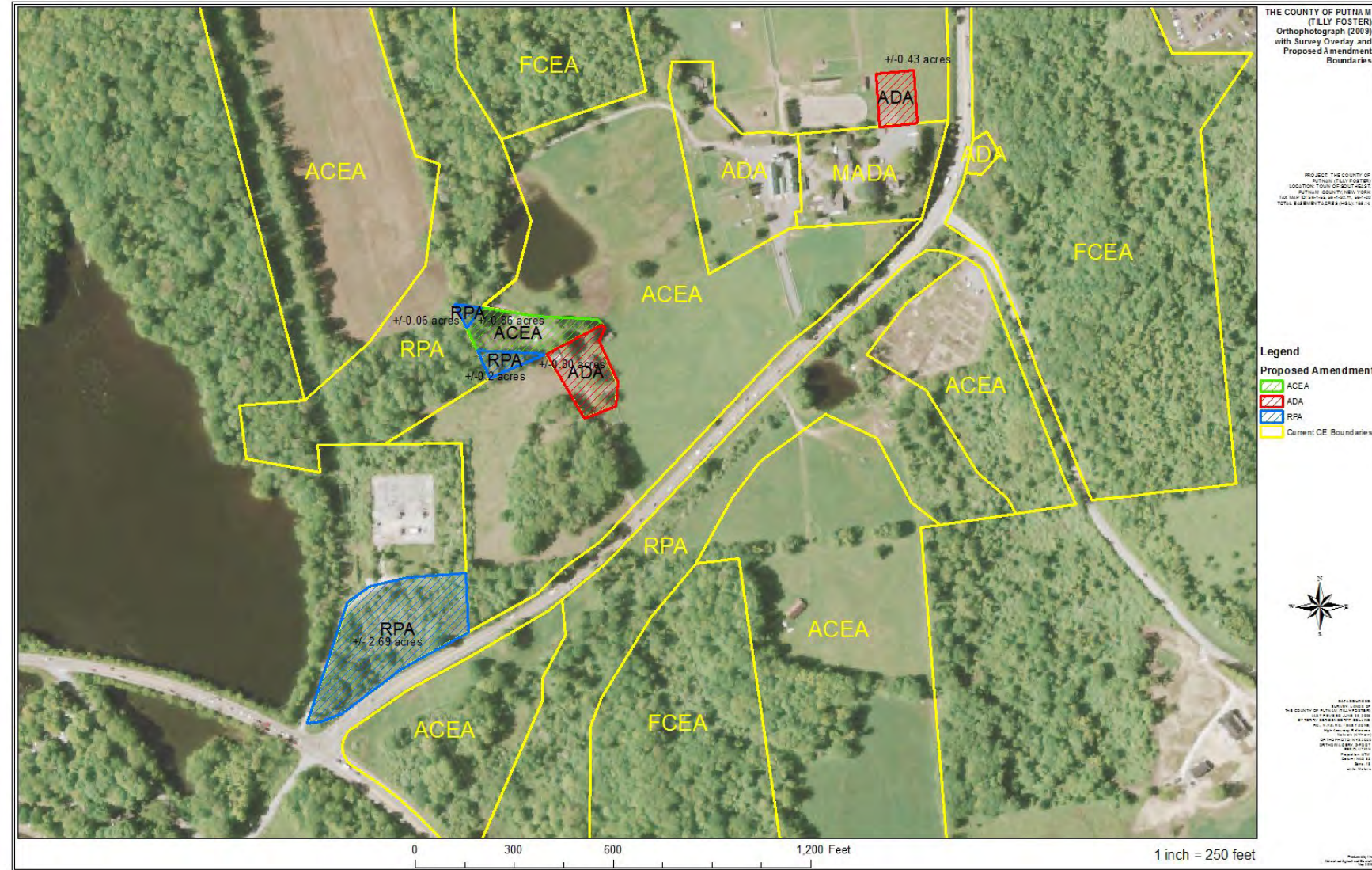
- Watershed / WAC

Watershed Agricultural Council



Our Mission

To promote the economic viability of agricultural and forestry, the protection of water quality, and the conservation of working landscapes through strong local leadership and sustainable public-private partnerships



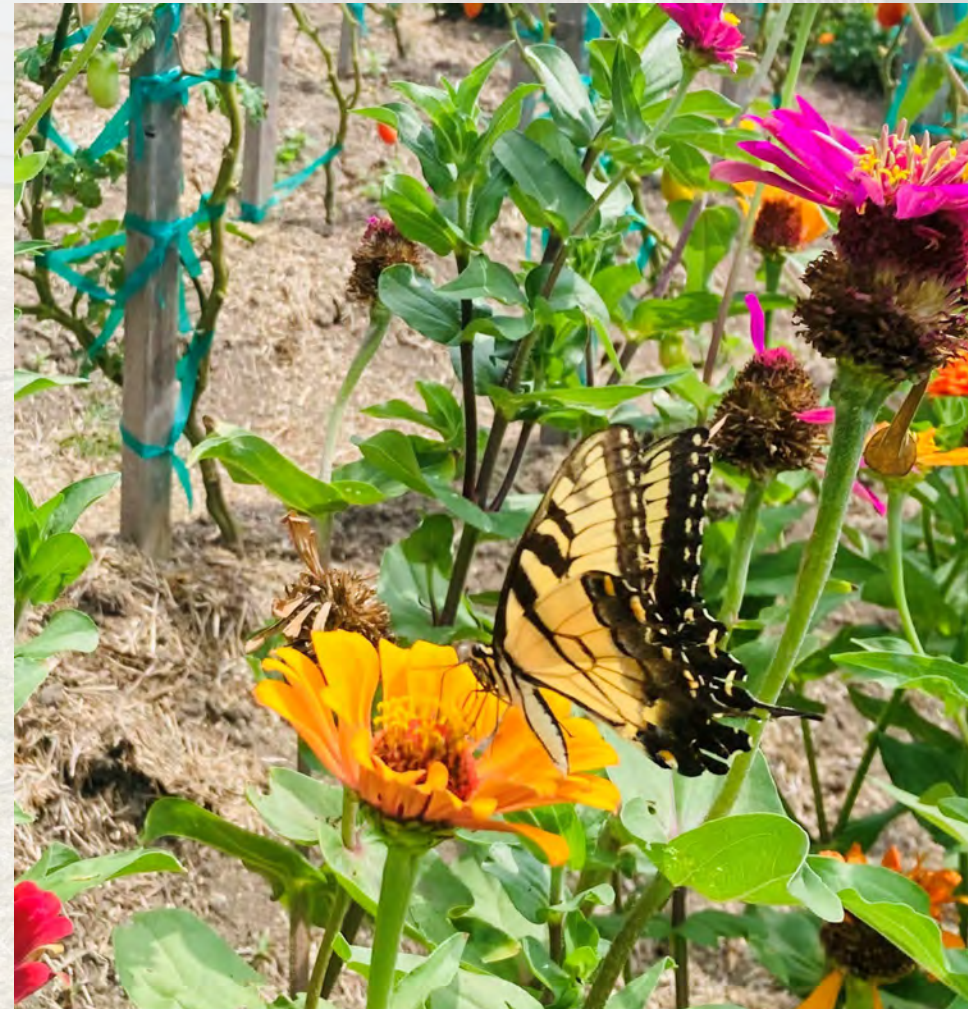
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- Keeping it Green!



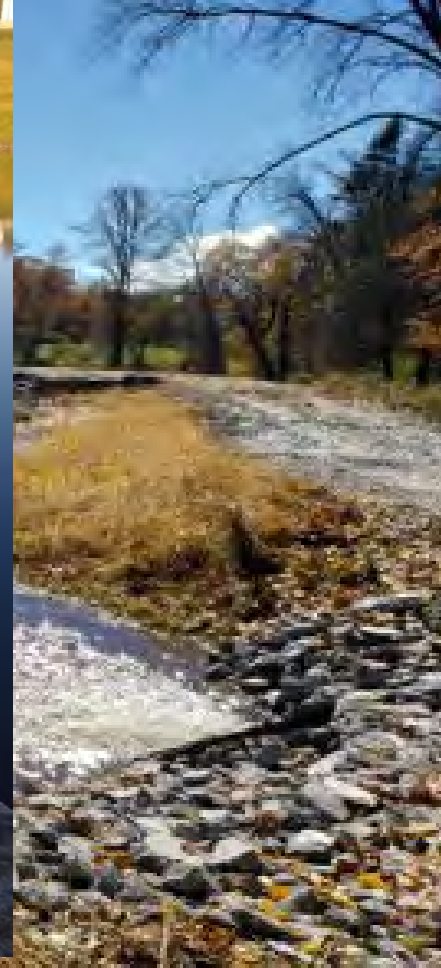
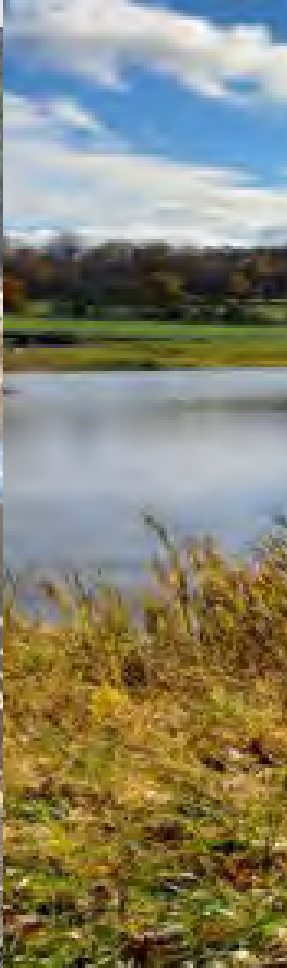
Tilly Foster Property

- Community Garden



Tilly Foster Property

- Pond



Tilly Foster Property



Farming at Tilly Foster



Lisa Walker

Putnam County

Farm Administrator

Farming at Tilly Foster

Tilly Foster is, and Always Will Be, A FARM FIRST!



Farming at Tilly Foster

Tilly Foster is, and Always Will Be, A FARM FIRST!

- As a destination, provide an enjoyable and educational experience for visitors
- Exemplify best practices in regenerative and sustainable agriculture
- Provide Tilly's Table, the Office of Senior Resources, and BOCES culinary program with the highest quality product at fair market value
- We're here to help our farming community, ***not compete with it***



Farming at Tilly Foster

Tilly Foster is, and Always Will Be, A FARM FIRST!

- In 2018
 - Grew over 35 varieties of vegetables and flowers on 1/3 acre
 - \$15,449.19 worth of produce sold to Tilly's Table and OSR



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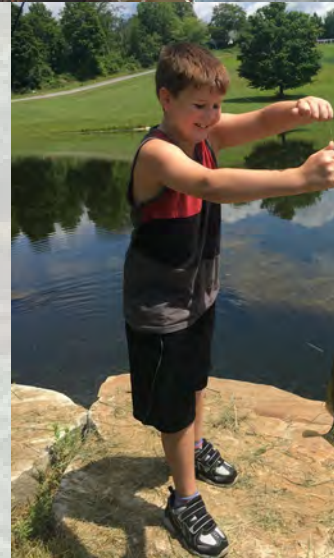
- In 2019
 - Installed new greenhouse
 - Doubled vegetable production
 - Partnered with BOCES Animal Care Program
 - Added 2 Percheron Draft Horses



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- 2020
 - We were dealing with a Global Pandemic
 - Travel is limited
 - Social distancing became the norm
 - Tilly Foster Farm became *The Destination*



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- In 2021

- Expanded the garden to 2.5 acres
- Added Khaki Campbell Ducks
- Began partnering with BOCES Culinary Students
- Partnered with Cornell
 - Families Growing Together
 - Apiary Program
- Farm Stand opened to the public
- Partnered with Muscoot Farm – Added 3 Baby Pigmy Goats



Farming at Tilly Foster

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- In 2022
 - Farming production is at an all time high
 - Continued care for our beloved animals
 - Alpacas, Nigerian Dwarf Goats, Kunekune Pigs, Ducks and Percheron Horses!
 - Began working with an Agronomist to produce nutri-dense soil
 - Added 2 new Sardinian donkeys to the farm



Farming at Tilly Foster

**Tilly Foster is, and Always Will Be,
A FARM FIRST!**

Tilly Foster has the potential to highlight and continue the Agrarian traditions of Putnam County while exhibiting best practices. The farm is beneficial to the community as a source for clean, locally grown food as well as a resource for education and positive, family friendly experiences

Farming at Tilly Foster



Events at Tilly Foster



Katie Hanrahand
General Manager

Tilly's Table at Tilly Foster

- Since its opening, Tilly's Table has focused on sharing the farming tradition of friends and family gatherings
 - Farm to Table dining experience
 - Weddings
 - Corporate gatherings
 - Family events
 - Birthdays
 - Bar Mitzvahs
 - Showers

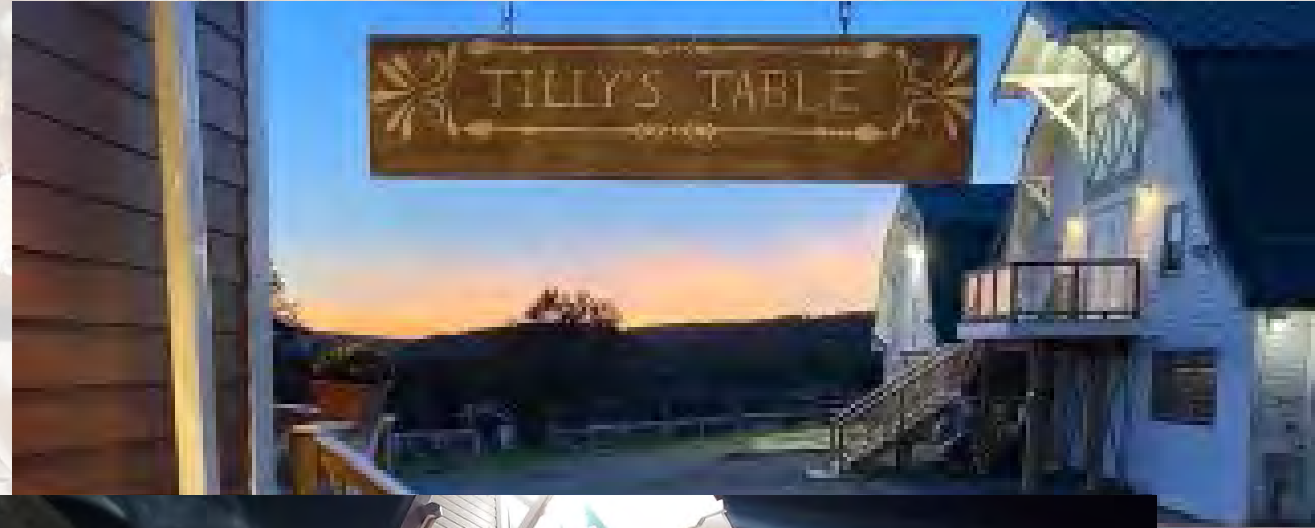


STARTERS	TILLY'S BURGERS, TACOS AND MORE
BAKED CLAMS with sesame bread crumbs (6) \$12, (12) \$19	TILLY'S BURGER Beef, cheddar, onion, tomato, lettuce on a brioche bun
	GRILLED SHRIMP TACO grilled fresh shrimp, with avocado salsa & chipotle lime sauce \$20
	LOBSTER ROLL Maine Lobster, mayo, dijon mustard, on a brioche bun \$19
	FRESH MAINE LOBSTER Market Price
	JUMBO GULF SHRIMP SCAMPI white wine & fresh garlic confit, saffron in a lemon butter white wine sauce \$27
	LOBSTER MAC N CHEESE Maine lobster, 5 cheese bechamel, topped with buttery cracker crumble \$22
	ZUPPA DI PESCE lobster, clams, shrimp, calamari & mussels over linguine with marinara sauce \$39
	EN DISHES
	TILLY'S SURF N TURF 8 oz filet with a 6oz lobster tail \$48
	HALF RACK ST. LOUIS RIBS \$20
	CHICKEN MILANESE fried organic breaded chicken breast, arugula shaved parmesiana, cherry tomatoes in a lemon dressing \$26
	MARSHED POTATOES, MIXED VEGETABLES \$7.00

Kitchen under the supervision of Chef Andrea Ingelsht
ALL ENTREES SERVED WITH FARM VEGETABLES & POTATO PURÉE


Tilly's Table at Tilly Foster

- Tilly Foster presents a unique experience for any gathering
 - Rustic dining in our restaurant
 - Beautiful barn
 - Outdoor setting with the farm as the backdrop



Tilly's Table at Tilly Foster

- Tilly Foster provides the best setting for our Outdoor Concert Series



**2022
CONCERT SERIES**

OUTDOOR CONCERTS

JUNE 4TH
FLEETWOOD MAC &
STEVIE NICKS TRIBUTE - RIKKI NICKS

JUNE 11TH
EAGLES TRIBUTE - FAST LANE

JULY 9TH
ALMOST QUEEN - TRIBUTE TO QUEEN
& PHILADELPHIA FREEDOM
ELTON JOHN TRIBUTE

JULY 16TH
JOURNEY TRIBUTE - RESURRECTION

JULY 30TH
FOREIGNER TRIBUTE - HEADGAMES

AUGUST 6TH
PAT BENATAR & REO SPEEDWAGON
BEST SHOT & SPEEDWAGON
THE REO EXPERIENCE

AUGUST 27TH
BON JOVI TRIBUTE - 1 WILD NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 23RD
OKTOBERFEST WITH BILLY JOEL
TRIBUTE DAVID CLARK

Tilly's Table at Tilly Foster

- As well as our family themed & Mom and Dad “date night” entertainment



Tilly's Table at Tilly Foster



Tourism and Tilly Foster

Tracey Walsh

Putnam County

Tourism Director

Tourism and Tilly Foster

Tourism and Tilly Foster are a Natural Fit

- Tourism opened a satellite office at Tilly Foster
- Allows enhanced collaboration throughout Putnam County, The Hudson Valley, and New York State



Hudson Valley
Restaurant
Week Kickoff



Putnam Grows



Open House
on the Farm



Film Putnam
Informational
Lunch



Path Through
History



Tourism and Tilly Foster

Tourism and Tilly Foster are a Natural Fit

- Families can spend a day at the farm
- Spend time with our farm animals
- Take photos or paint the beautiful landscape



Tourism and Tilly Foster

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- Art on display
- Visit our Farm Stand
- Stop in at Jar Worthy
- Take a self guided walking tour
- A place for people of all cultures to come together and learn



Tourism and Tilly Foster

Tourism and Tilly Foster are a Natural Fit

- **Agritourism**

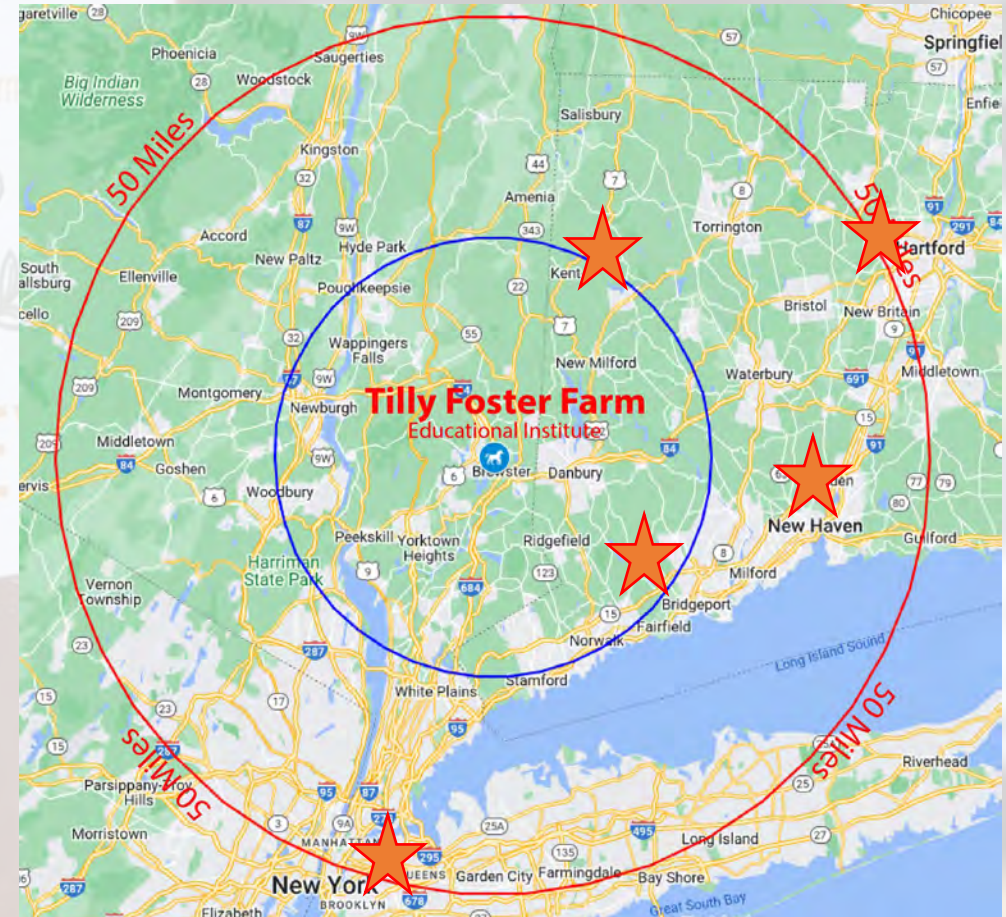
- Has the ability to put a small town on the map
 - Visitors fill up their gas tank, do a little shopping and dining
- A farm agritourism experience provides an excellent opportunity for day-trippers
- Research has shown that a tourist will travel up to 200 miles to visit a destination farm



Tourism and Tilly Foster

Tourism and Tilly Foster are a Natural Fit

- We Took A Look At The Analytics
- For the Spring/Summer Campaign of 2022
 - Target Audience:
 - Families & couples interested in outdoor activities, shopping, dining, arts and culture.
 - Target Geography:
 - 5 Boroughs of NYC & CT Counties of: Hartford, New Haven, Litchfield, Fairfield



Tourism and Tilly Foster

Tourism and Tilly Foster are a Natural Fit

- **The Analytics Are Clear!**
 - Results:
 - **50.41%** increase in Clicks from Fall 2021 Campaign (Display Marketing)
 - **9.34%** increase in Clicks from Fall Campaign (Email Marketing)
 - Potential visitors spent an average of over **6 minutes** reading about Putnam County.



Tourism and Tilly Foster



BOCES and Tilly Foster

A photograph of a farm or agricultural facility. In the foreground, there are rows of raised garden beds covered with black plastic mulch. In the middle ground, there is a large white greenhouse and a dark building with a chimney. To the left, there are two large white silos. The background shows a line of trees and a cloudy sky.

Louis Riolo

*Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES
Assistant Superintendent*

Catherine Balestrieri

*Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES
Director of Career & Technical Education*

BOCES and Tilly Foster

- **BOCES offers both Culinary & Animal Care Programs at Tilly Foster**

- Offered in three sessions
 - 8am – 10am
 - 10am – 12pm
 - 12pm – 2pm



BOCES and Tilly Foster

• Culinary Program

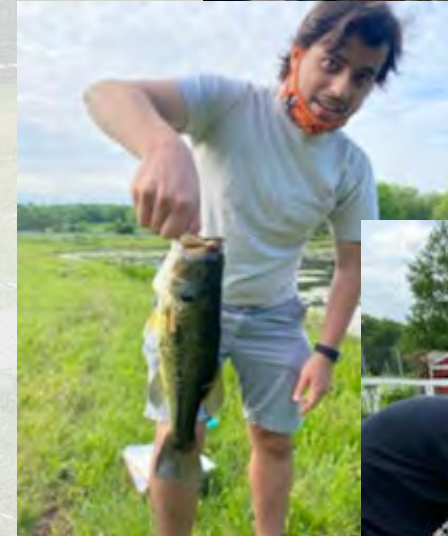
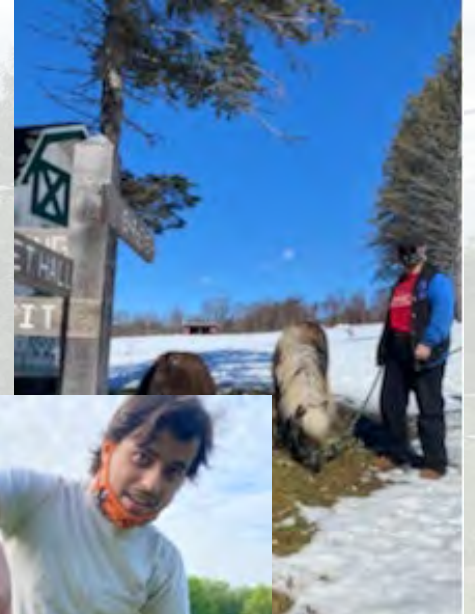
- Learn skills necessary for a career in the food service industry: complete sequence of food preparation from "set-up" to "clean-up"
- Practice safety and sanitation standards
- Follow and convert recipes, measure ingredients, use commercial equipment, apply cooking methods
- Plant and grow vegetables in fall harvest
- Serve 4-course meal to community in student run restaurants



BOCES and Tilly Foster

• Animal Care Program

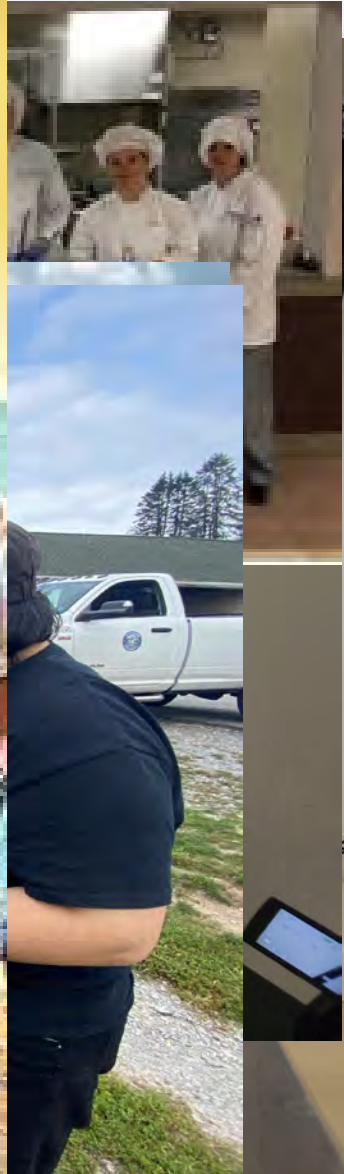
- Students will gain skills for employment in Vet's office, farm hand assistant, pet stores, grooming assistants, Zoo's, wildlife centers, dog sitters and walkers
- Animal Safety - how to approach a pet or livestock safely
- Animal Nutrition - walk through the feed room so the students can see the importance of why food should be separated for different animals
- Animal Rights and Laws - fishing
- Conservation - picking up litter and creating endangered species signs
- Animal Behavior - bird watching, observing behavior of the farm animals, dog training, identifying and following tracks to understand why the animal was moving from point A to point B





CAREER &
TECHNICAL
EDUCATION

BOCES and Tilly Foster



The Cornell Connection to Tilly Foster



Stefanie Hubert

*Cornell Cooperative Extension
Putnam County, Executive Director*

The Cornell Connection to Tilly Foster

Our History

- Deep Agriculture Roots
- 1944 – Putnam County
- Linking university research, knowledge and experiential learning to the needs/issues of County
- "Practical information on practically everything"



The Cornell Connection to Tilly Foster Knowledge Areas

- Community & Economic vitality
- Protect & enhance the environment
- Sustainable agriculture
- Individual & community health
- Preparing youth for the future
- Strengthening families



The Cornell Connection to Tilly Foster Opportunities

- Farm/Agribusiness Summit
- Master Gardener Plant Sale
- Open House on the Farm
- Grow the Rainbow
- The Pollinators screening
- Sustainable beekeeping
- Putnam Pollinator Pathway

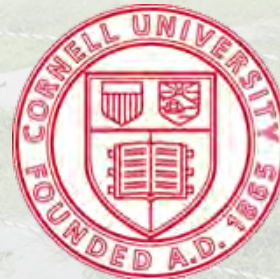


The Cornell Connection to Tilly Foster Collaborations

- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Putnam County
 - *Department of Health*
 - *Highways/Facilities*
 - *Parks Department*
 - *Planning Department*
 - *Soil and Water*
 - *Tourism Department*



COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension
Putnam County

The Cornell Connection to Tilly Foster

Future Offerings

- Food Forest
- Hybrid Food Hub
- Incubator Kitchen
- Regenerative farming
- Composting Demo
- Food Preservation Classes
- Sugar Shack Demo
- Zero Energy Greenhouse



**Thank
You!**

