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US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - ITHACA SERVICE CENTER & SCHUYLER AND TOMPKINS COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE ANNOUNCE LOCATION CHANGE

Ithaca, N. Y., February 15, 2017 – The United States Department of Agriculture’s Ithaca, NY, Service Center and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) office for Schuyler and Tompkins Counties announces a location change effective **February 22, 2017**.

The office currently located in Community Corners off Hanshaw Road, will be moving downtown to Fulton Meadows. The move is necessitated due to the construction of a new medical facility.

Fulton Meadows, known to some as the old Mother Zero Building has a rich history of providing services to the community related to the food, fiber, and natural resources industry. In the 1940’s, the building was home to Mother Zero a frozen meat locker constructed and operated by the Cooperative Grange League Federation Exchange, in partnership with Cornell University, in response to the frozen food revolution. The Cooperative G. L. F. Exchange became Agway in 1964 which is located next door. The building then served as the Tompkins County Agriculture & Homemaking Center from 1955 until 1986 when it moved to its current location on Willow Avenue as the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County. USDA-NRCS joins Groundswell Center for Local Food and Farming already located at Fulton Meadows.

The new location and mailing address is:

USDA-NRCS
225 South Fulton Street
Ithaca, NY 14850

The phone number and fax stay the same:

Phone (607) 257-2737
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