CaRDI OFFERS:

**Research-based information** in support of community problem solving.

**Training**, based on research and data, for elected and appointed officials, individuals, families and community leaders to foster informed decision making.

**Leadership**, to enhance partnerships between faculty and staff throughout the University who identify and work to support community development opportunities.

CaRDI WORKS:

**Within New York State** with local, county and state governments, governmental agencies, school districts, state and regional associations, technical assistance providers, farmworkers, agricultural leaders, and Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Associations.

**Within Regions** helping build capacity through targeted initiatives that support innovative, resource-appropriate strategies for regional community and economic development.

**On Campus** integrating faculty, staff, students and CCE Educators to enhance research and education in support of community development.

CaRDI FOCUSES ON:

- Community Capacity Building
- Community & Energy
- Demographics
- Farmworker Needs
- Land Use Issues
- Leadership Development
- Rural Schools

CaRDI PROGRAMMING INITIATIVES:

- **Regional Community & Economic Development**
- **Sustainable Communities Economic Vitality**
- **Agricultural & Food Systems Development**
- **Energy, Land Use & the Environment**

CaRDI addresses these topics and initiatives through a wide variety of applied research projects, education and training programs, publications, and seminars.

**LEAD NY**

Our food system is very complex, and it is more crucial than ever for our industry professionals to engage in meaningful dialogue with consumers, work collaboratively with diverse partners, and participate in the public policy process. We need effective leaders that are able and willing to accept such challenges, and LEAD New York gives leaders the tools they will need to be successful in those roles.

**RURAL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION OF NY**

The Rural Schools Association is a statewide, member driven organization dedicated to representing the interests of small and rural school districts in New York State. Approximately 300 school districts and BOCES units are currently enrolled as members of RSA.

**CORNELL FARMWORKER PROGRAM**

The Cornell Farmworker Program (CFP) is dedicated to improving the living and working conditions of farmworkers and their families. CFP recognizes farmworkers’ contributions to society, and supports their acceptance and full participation in local communities. CFP’s current efforts include: assessing farmworker needs; surveying immigration concerns; examining farmworkers’ social and economic interactions, health, culture, and future prospects; farmworker demographics; workplace relations; and providing on-farm English as a second language instruction. CFP provides student internship and research opportunities.

**RUST2GREEN**

The Rust to Green New York Action Research Initiative is an emerging network of Cornell educators, researchers and students-from a myriad of fields and disciplines- working together and in collaboration with a wide range of community partners to identify and design innovative strategies and solutions addressing the unique problems and needs of New York’s Rust Belt cities.