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Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County will host a Community Outreach and Listening Meeting for the proposed Schoharie County Co-op Cannery, Saturday, February 21, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Extension Center, 173 South Grand Street in Cobleskill. Complimentary coffee, tea, and cocoa will be provided as well as baked goods prepared by local producers. Space is limited. To register or for more information email <info@schohariecannery.org> or visit the Cannery website at <http://www.schohariecannery.org/>. A local farmer's vision of the Cannery and how it would benefit agriculture is available at Stony Brook Farm's blog at <http://stonybrookfarm.wordpress.com/2009/01/19/schoharie-co-op-cannery/>.

The cannery concept, developed by Peter Pehrson from The Rocks farm in Schoharie, New York, would provide a community-scale, commercial facility available to producers ranging in size from individual gardeners to small farm market producers to larger scale commercial operations. Producers could provide primary or excess products to preserve in metal cans or glass jars for value-added retail sale or for farm or family winter food supply. Products could include fruits and vegetables either as sole content, mixes, soups or stews. The proposed Schoharie Co-op Cannery is supported in part by the New York Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NYSAWG) through a grant from the USDA Risk Management Agency. Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County provides equal program and employment opportunities.

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