

Health improvement project to benefit from \$75K grant

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NEWARK — Cornell Cooperative Extension of Wayne County will use a \$75,000 grant to improve the health of residents in two of the county's eastern towns.

The money from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation will go toward the Galen-Savannah Neighborhood Health Status Improvement Project. The Foundation announced the grant last week.

“Since its inception, the Neighborhood Health Status Improvement initiative has viewed community residents as capable and vital partners in creating healthier environments in which to live, work and play,” John Urban, president and CEO of the Foundation, said in a press release. “We look forward to working with the communities of Galen and Savannah on this important project, as they work toward sustainable changes in their neighborhoods.”

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) officials could not be reached for comment Friday.

The Foundation said its money would fund a three-phase, resident-driven program.

For phase one, the project will complete an assessment of the community's needs and strengths, the Foundation said.

CCE plans to work with resident groups and county-wide organizations. Its partners in the effort include Clyde Strategic Plan Action Network, Savannah Chamber of Commerce, the towns of Savannah and Galen, the village of Clyde, Clyde-Savannah school district, Wayne County Public Health and the Wayne County Rural Health Network. Wayne County Public Health will be contributing a portion of its health educators' time to the project.