Green Lake County UW-Extension

Agriculture • Community Resource Development • Family Living • 4-H & Youth Development

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Although the Green Lake County UW-Extension Department accounts for just 0.8% of the annual County Budget, county residents receive a great deal for their money.

Big Things Can & Do Happen with a Small Budget!

FACT: All UW-Extension Educator salaries are 40% county funded and 60% state funded. The 60% state portion amounts to $25.00 per Green Lake County resident.

- ***Improving Quality of Life for Green Lake County Residents***

Family Living
Promoting Positive Parenting Skills

Community Resource Development
Educating Citizens in Leadership

FACT: Every year UW-Extension education programs touch the lives of over 5,022 county residents. That's 1 in 4 county residents.

- ***Educating and Empowering Citizen Volunteers***

Master Gardeners
Beautifying Our Community

4-H & Youth Development
Creating Youth/Adult Partnerships

FACT: UW-Extension volunteers donated 16,949 hours to county residents in 2009. The dollar value of their service was a whopping $264,909!

● *Solving Community Problems through Research & Education*

Crops - On-Farm Research
Addresses Local Farmers' Needs

Community Resource Development
Public Dispute Resolution

FACT: Agriculture accounts for $152.9 million dollars in economic activity in Green Lake County. Green Lake is unique from the surrounding counties due to the productive prairie soils.

● *Adding Value to the Local Economy*

4-H & Youth Development
Youth…Our Future Leaders

Family Living
Strengthening Families

FACT: Green Lake County UW-Extension has been bringing the research of the University of Wisconsin to Green Lake County since 1917.

● *Green Lake County UW-Extension Community Support*

"The Green Lake County 4-H and Extension office has influenced 4–H in our area more than words can say. Because of their effort, 4-H has expanded more than ever in our county. As a general leader and a parent, I see youth and parents more involved and it is because of the accessibility of the staff and their support to those involved."

Jackie Berndt, 4-H Leader & Parent

"The saying goes "It takes a village to raise a child." The Extension staff is part our "our village" as they have provided my children with inspiration, guidance, and motivation that goes above and beyond their job description. Our family deals with the Extension office on an almost-weekly basis about many different subjects from 4-H projects to farming issues."

Belinda Fox, Leadership Program Graduate, Dairy/Crops Operator, and 4-H Leader/Parent

"My affiliation with the UWEX office in Green Lake County goes back over 50 years primarily with the Family Living Educator. However, I'm also quite frequently looking for an answer to a gardening problem. Even after 50 years I'm still appreciative of the educational aspects to a point that I feel well worth at least 100 hours of my volunteer time to help see that it affects as many people as possible."

Betty Hill, Home & Community Education Member & Local Business Owner

Extension's Local Presence Strengthens Services to Green Lake County Residents

UW-Extension Educators have impacts on Green Lake County, including:

- Education to Green Lake County corn producers that resulted in them gaining $40-$60 per acre in gross income through hybrid selection workshops.
- Coordination of the Green Lake Area Health and Wellness Coalition, which has brought close to $60,000 in grant money for health education in Green Lake County
- Developing an adult leadership program that has nine students and has graduated around 50 students in five years.
- Saving thousands of dollars annually for local non-profit organizations by facilitating their strategic planning efforts.
- Demonstrating improved methods to resolve public disputes.
- Providing organizations like 4-H Leaders Association, 4-H Clubs, Green Lake County Horse Council, Livestock Committee and various other school and community groups resources to run their meetings efficiently, market their programs and provide educational tools.
- Extension Radio Reports every Saturday at 8:05a.m. – *in partnership with Berlin Hometown Broadcasting*
- Serving as advisor to the Green Lake County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE), which provides services including the Wisconsin Bookworms™ literacy program, Make a Difference Day paper product collection and 15 community educational seminars annually.
- Eight 4-H Ambassadors visited several third grade classrooms throughout the County (Green Lake, Markesan, Princeton and Berlin). The Ambassadors shared information about 4-H and conducted a leadership program with the 150 third graders. The 4-H Ambassadors, grades 6-12, gained communication skills and public speaking skills.
- Monitoring soybean pest infestations that can affect the 22,000 acres of soybeans, snap beans and peas grown in Green Lake County. Results of several research trials have helped Green Lake County producers save money.
- Providing evidence-based parenting programs that have been shown to reduce the onset of adolescent substance abuse and promote family communication and support.
- 41 4-H youth and 21 adult volunteers attended Leadership Training recently. Participants were encouraged to explore their roles as club officers, practice parliamentary procedures and practice teamwork activities to share with their clubs. 100% of participants agreed that meeting made them more confident in conducting their meetings and being in club leadership roles.

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For more than 90 years, UW-Extension has partnered with local government and communities to provide a valuable, accessible and responsive educational system in Green Lake County. During 2008, the University will provide $102,618 of revenue in the form of faculty salaries and benefits for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Impact On Community Issues

Locally-based faculty and academic staff address community issues that are identified by organizations, community, county, state and national assessments. Their tailored responses affect all citizens of Green Lake County and result in significant impacts, such as:

• decreased juvenile delinquency	• leadership development
• prevention of childhood obesity	• economic growth
• increased civic engagement of youth	• agriculture development
• expanded volunteer base	• organizational capacity building

Substantial Community Capacity Building for the Investment

UW-Extension has built capacity in Green Lake County and local communities by delivering educational programs and facilitating planning processes for county departments, organizations, businesses, and local governments creating a return on your county investment.

Additional Investment without Added Cost

Educators work proactively and serve as catalysts to empower local leaders. Community needs often require an extended period of time to be successfully addressed, and the trust-based relationship built by their local presence is essential for this to occur. This presence is created, in part, because last year staff worked **overtime hours valued at $35,227** without receiving overtime pay.

Outreach Touches Residents in Every Community

Extension's work often relies on personal relationships and trust developed over time between local educators, clientele, and communities. Last year, these relationships touched 1 of every 4 residents in Green Lake County.

Local Educators Connect to Broader University Resources

The University of Wisconsin Invests in Green Lake County—The University provides $343,784 of indirect state and federal support of our Green Lake County Educators. This support is given to be ready to meet county needs. Ongoing professional development is funded by the University and brings an additional $3,000 in to Green Lake County. This allows educators to study and address rapidly emerging issues. Our connection to the University of Wisconsin brings these to Green Lake County:

• Access to State Specialists	• Research to Respond to Everyday Issues
• Technology	• Grant Writing
• Publications and University Relations Specialists	• University Personnel
• Program Evaluation	• Connection to colleagues in all 72 Wisconsin counties