



# Community Development Programming: November 2024 to January 2025



Extension Community Development Educator Pat Malone provides education to assist leaders, communities, and businesses reach their fullest potential. This can include leadership development, community economic development, local

government education and more. The Community Development Educator provides the education that meets local needs.

## Needs Assessment

- Discussions with school administrators and elected and appointed officials to develop a broad view of the county's current state.
  - Dodge School District
  - Horicon School District
  - Dodge County Crew (local administrators, mayors, presidents)
  - Dodge County Clerk
  - Community Development Director

## Next steps

- Continue and expand discussions with community leaders.
  - Dodge County Towns Association Unit
  - School Administrators
  - City and Village Clerks and Administrators
- Summarize key points of discussions and share with county administrator, oversight committee, and Extension leadership.

## Outcomes

- Establish relationships with potential partners.
- Increased understanding of the county and priority issues.
- Increased knowledge of current CED research and strategies.

- Increased connection with colleagues and specialists.

## Completed and Current Projects

- Attendance and participation in the Intercounty Coordinating Committee.
  - Increased knowledge of economic development efforts in the region.
- Member, Community Economic Development (CED) program.
- Member, Organizational Development and Leadership program.
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- Organizational and Leadership resource development.
  - Updating tools used in organizational and leadership development for use by new educators and community leaders.
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- Member, Housing Team.
  - Discussion and planning around housing issues

