



Community Development Programming: January 2025- March 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 education that meets local needs.



Needs Assessment

- Three additional school administrators were interviewed. These included Horicon, Lomira, and Mayville.
- Met with outreach educator for the Noble health clinic.
- Participated in the community forum to collect information for Extension programming.
- Additional interviews are scheduled.

Completed and On-going Projects

- Presented overview of the First Impressions program to oversight committee and to the Columbus Community Development Association.
- Needs assessment continues.
- Prepared evaluation for Community Forum.
 - 21 of the participants completed the evaluation. 19 of 21 people indicated that they felt their concerns were heard.
 - 18 of 21 felt that the table discussions were the most favorable part of the forum.
- Continue participation in Extension teams-housing, organizational leadership, and community economic development.
- Adding Organizational and Leadership Development as a secondary affiliation to Community Economic Development.

Current Projects

- Serving as a site for the "Town Clerks Boot Camp" that is being taught by the new town outreach specialist for the Wisconsin Towns Association and Extension.

- Rationale: There is expected to be a 1/3 turnover in town clerks after the April election.
- Developing a housing needs assessment of elected and appointed local government officials.
 - Rationale: Housing has been identified as a priority in the Community Forum, the strategic plan, and the community health improvement plan.
 - Draft housing survey developed.
 - Currently being reviewed and finalized.
 - Needs to be field tested.
 - Mailing list needs to be gathered.
 - Results will be used to develop follow-up focus groups to develop additional insight into housing issues in the county. The point is to develop a housing program that fits the needs of the local officials in the county.

As a result of Pat Malone's facilitation:

The individuals at the county forum who participated in the community development table identified 1. Access to and Coordination of Mental Health and Social Services; 2. Improved Communication and Outreach to Disconnected or Underserved Populations; and 3. Resource Development and Funding Challenges as the top three concerns for community development.

The Columbus Community Development Association will be moving ahead with conducting a First Impressions program with Dodgeville.

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