



Community Development Programming: April 2025 – June 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

- Four Community Economic Development Conversations were held in Theresa, Neosho, Beaver Dam, and Juneau.
- Twenty-seven local officials and business owners participated in identifying priority issues.

Completed and On-going Projects

- Columbus Community Development Association moved ahead with First Impressions exchange with Dodgeville. Volunteers were recruited and trained. The Columbus visit occurred June 11. The results will be summarized in a document for the City of Dodgeville.
- Continue participation in Extension teams-housing, organizational leadership, and community economic development.
- Served as a site for the “Town Clerks Boot Camp.”
 - Rationale: There is expected to be a one-third turnover in town clerks after the April election.
 - Training held on June 17th with thirty-two participants. Four participants were from Dodge County municipalities.
- Adding Organizational and Leadership Development as a secondary affiliation to Community Economic Development.

Current Projects

- Developed a housing needs assessment of elected and appointed local government officials in partnership with community economic development program manager and local government manager.
 - Rationale: Housing was identified as a priority in the Community Forum, the strategic plan, and the community health improvement plan.
 - Currently being reviewed and finalized.
 - 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:

Twenty-seven local participants identified high priority opportunities and challenges for community economic development in Dodge County. Issues include workforce, housing, infrastructure, and downtown development



Photo taken in the back of Dodgeville downtown buildings. Parking, access to allies, and cleanest back of downtown buildings I have seen. A picture is worth a thousand words.