



# Extension

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON  
ASHLAND COUNTY



## Ashland County has provided Extension services to its farmers, youth, families and communities since 1915, over 105 years!

### County funds help support youth, families, people, jobs, and communities in Ashland County by:



Preparing the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic adults of tomorrow. Our **research-based youth enrichment** programs utilize 4-H clubs and camps, youth-adult partnerships, outdoor adventure programs and **culturally-significant opportunities** such as baaga'adowewin and manoomin harvesting to engage young people in **hands-on experiences** which help them to develop an understanding of themselves and the world.



Providing the tools Ashland County citizens need to thrive as well-rounded, capable individuals and families. We **support families** in caring for each other in ways that **promote growth and understanding**. Our programs promote **aging-friendly communities**, coach effective parents, and help families put technology, mindfulness, and financial awareness to use.



Improving **food security** through research-based education and assistance that **increases access** to healthy foods for vulnerable populations and those in need, promoting healthy diets, and responding to growing consumer demands for sustainably produced local foods and **strengthening local markets** and systems.



Conducting research and outreach on **climate change impacts** and **natural resources conservation** to support communities, agriculture, local economies, and human health. Projects seek to **minimize pesticide use**, advance sustainable forest management, **improve water quality** and quantity on working lands, and improve soil health.



Informing **sustainable food production** systems in partnership with Bad River Food Sovereignty and other producers that enhance animal and crop health while **increasing productivity** and finding new ways to **minimize environmental impacts**.



Promoting community development through **informing and teaching decisionmakers**, community members, and farmers and their families on ways to promote success in farming and other economic sectors, community organizing, and **improving overall quality of life**.

## For every \$1

Ashland County puts into Extension...

## an additional \$2.50

comes from another source. These include: state and federal resources, grants, and community donations.

Ashland County funds **40%**

of one full-time and three part-time educators

while UW-Madison funds **60%**



An additional 3 full-time educators are **federally funded** with no county dollars involved.

**Extension collaborates with over 70 local, state & federal partners to provide valuable education & services which enhance the quality of life in Ashland County.**

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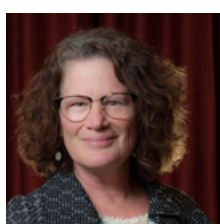
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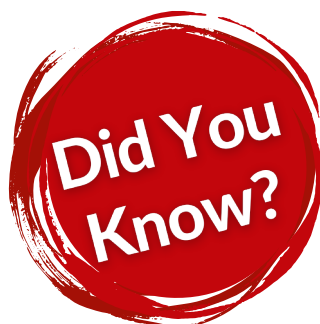
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From 2018-2020  
Extension educators  
reported **9,656**  
individuals participated in  
workshops &  
**132** events.



Across departments, in  
2019 our educators  
worked with  
**30%**  
of Ashland County's  
total youth population.

**Extension Ashland County's current educational efforts & services include:**

- 4-H Club activities, projects, and community service
- Afterschool & summer outreach experiences
- Youth leadership
- Teen Court
- Traditional Ojibwe cultural education
- Tribal food sovereignty
- Youth prevention and resilience
- Financial & budgeting education
- Parenting education
- Nutrition education
- Connecting children with justice-involved parents
- Alternative crop development
- Canning equipment loans and education
- Soil Testing
- Master Gardener Volunteer training & assistance
- Support for farmers markets and Community Shared Agriculture (CSA)
- Non-profit resources
- Small business resources
- Clean Sweeps hazardous waste disposal
- Renewable energy & sustainability
- Storm & disaster preparedness



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