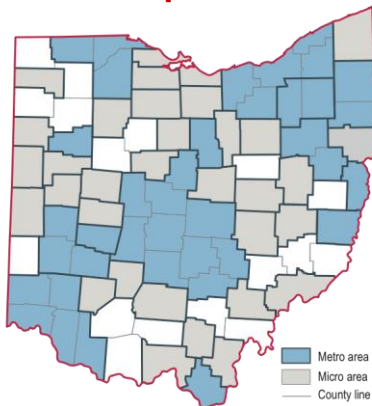




Ohio's unique urban-suburban-rural interdependencies



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With 11.5 million residents, Ohio is the seventh most populous state in the nation and presents unique urban-suburban-rural interdependencies. More than half of Ohio residents live in 10 of the state's 88 counties and many others travel to cities for work and recreation. Ohio's largest cities and counties bring complex opportunities and challenges due to population density and the diversity of residents, labor force, community partners, and visitors.

OSU: Addressing today's priorities, while engaging in research to prepare for the future

OSU Extension has a rich history in Ohio cities and continues to address today's priorities, while engaging in research to prepare for the future. As part of the OSU College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, OSU Extension is the university's community-based front door to the knowledge, expertise and resources of The Ohio State University. The mission of OSU Extension is engaging people to strengthen their lives and communities through research-based educational programming.

Co-Discovery:

OSU Extension in the City links research-based education with local knowledge & collaborators to improve lives & communities in Ohio's cities.

Shared Success:

OSU Extension in the City frequently collaborates with local, state, national, and international organizations for more efficient and effective impacts to:

- *Advance employment & income opportunities*
- *Prepare youth for success*
- *Enhance agriculture and the environment*
- *Strengthen families and communities*

OSU Extension in the City: Primary and Emerging Areas of Focus

OSU Extension in the City involves a statewide team working in Ohio's most populated cities through research-based education, leadership, and collaboration on programs that are locally relevant, responsive statewide, and recognized nationally. Primary and emerging areas of focus are identified through various stakeholder groups, supported through campus and national networks, and approached through multi-disciplinary teams and resources.



Food & Agriculture in the City

Ohio communities are making the production, processing, distribution, preparation, and celebration of food a catalyst for urban neighborhood redevelopment. Agriculture is a critical part of any sustainability effort because it can have profound effects on the environment, human health, and society.

Health & Wellness in the City

Extension empowers Ohioans with the knowledge, skills and tools needed to make healthy choices, thus creating healthy people with healthy relationships and healthy finances at every stage of life.



4-H Youth Development in the City

The OSU Extension 4-H Youth Development program offers educational opportunities in a variety of settings for youth ages 5–19. Each young person “learns by doing” through hands-on, experiential projects. Whether it’s 4-H Agri-science in the City, a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) project, Youth Outdoors, or other program, youth learn leadership, citizenship, and other life skills.



Additional Emerging Areas of Focus:

- Economy & Employment in the City, including workforce and entrepreneurship
- Energy & Environment in the City, including urban forestry, water quality, etc.
- Sustainable Cities, including comprehensive risk planning and resource management



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