

OSU Extension In the City

News

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Welcome

News for Ohio City Influencers

Welcome to the new OSU Extension in the City newsletter. If there is anything that you would like included in future printed editions or in the online blog, contact James Stiving, stiving.3@osu.edu.

Program Highlights

Collaboration for Shared Success

An OSU Extension in the City event in August united more than 50 team members from all areas of the state. The first featured speaker,

Dr. Keith Smith, OSU Extension Director,

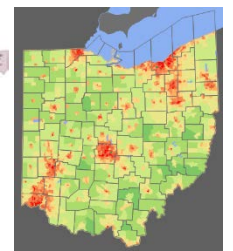
- Encouraged expanding collaboration across campus, in local communities, through statewide efforts, and via diverse national/international networks.
- Reinforced support of OSU Extension in the City to strengthen Ohio cities and the interdependencies between urban, suburban, and rural communities.
- Challenged team members to explore opportunities related to emerging university discovery themes, the CFAES Vice President's conversations on the future of Extension, and other leading trends identified by public and private sources, such as *Extension Reconsidered* and *What Matters to Metros*.



Dr. Keith Smith

Urban, Metro & Megaregions

Dr. Elena Irwin, Professor from the OSU College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), shared her expertise with the OSU Extension in the City team.



Dr. Elena Irwin Metropolitan Areas Urban-Rural Continuum

As the keynote speaker, Dr. Irwin:

- Illustrated and explained various terminology and meanings associated with:
 - Metropolitan/Micropolitan designations.
 - Urban-suburban-exurban-rural codes and classifications.
 - Emerging megaregions, presented by the American Plan Association, www.america2050.org/megaregions.html.
- Prompted dialogue on sustainable cities and
 - The triple bottom line – balancing social equity, ecology, and economy.
 - Increased wealth index formula: (produced capital, nature capital, human capital, social capital).
 - Sustainable community metrics, such as www.starcommunities.org.
 - Intergenerational well-being.
 - Collaborating to serve Ohio city leaders.



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Featured City

Cincinnati: OSU at the Zoo

The OSU Day at the Zoo, on August 16, was a great success and an example of a true partnership between the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), OSU Extension, the OSU Alumni Association, and many community groups. Legislators and selected donors were invited to the 100th Extension Anniversary Celebration and reception. More than 100 guests joined the morning celebration. OSU CFAES Dean Bruce McPherson and OSU Extension Director Keith Smith presented a short update on the history of Extension and programs provided by OSU Extension Hamilton County, then introduced legislators who presented proclamations in recognition of the historic event. OSU Extension staff and volunteers hosted educational stations throughout the zoo and visitors joined in a scavenger hunt to learn about:

- The Master Gardener program, Buckeye Yard and Garden Line, and Non-Native Invasive Insects (Horticulture/Agriculture and Natural Resources).
- Family Fitness, Food Fun, Water First for Thirst, and Ohio Saves (Family Consumer Sciences).
- Fishy Science and Science, Technology, Math & Science (STEM) Solutions with Elephant Toothpaste and Lava Lamp demonstrations (4-H Youth Development).
- The OSU Bioproducts Innovation Center (OBIC) Sustainable World Tour van.

Special thanks go to the CFAES Office of Advancement, Events and Programs; the CFAES Office of Government Relations; and OSU Extension Administrative Cabinet for their support and participation in the event.



OSU Extension 100th Anniversary Celebration



4-H Youth Development in the City, Working Group Discussion

Team Updates

Local, State, National Synergy

The OSU Extension in the City leadership, team, and working groups meet online each month to advance projects that are locally relevant, responsive statewide and recognized nationally. Developments include:

- Master urban farmer curriculum improves food and agriculture in the city.
- Traditional and non-traditional 4-H clubs reach diverse groups of youth in the city through STEM projects, outdoor experiences, workforce prep, and other community-focused programs.
- The health and wellness team connects nutrition education and farmers markets.
- Food hubs and workforce development in the food and agriculture industry improve employment and the economy.

Team Member Spotlight

New Position Supports OSU City Focus

Program Assistant James Stiving joined the OSU Extension in the City team to expand communications; advance research, teaching, and publications; manage the logistics of a rapidly growing cross-campus, statewide team. James recently graduated from The Ohio State University with a BS. in City and Regional Planning. Previous experience includes serving as an intern in the OSU Extension University District office.

I love cities, am very eager to assist with OSU Extension in the City, and look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks. – James Stiving
