

# 2022 County Board Meetings

## Results Report

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### Events

Date	Meeting	County	# of Participants
1/31/22	Ohio Co Extension Board	Ohio	5
2/4/22	Purdue Extension Daviess County Annual Meeting	Daviess	38
2/7/22	-	Kosciusko	-
2/11/22	4-H Expansion & Review Committee	Dearborn	5
2/14/22	4-H Council, Extension Board, Fair Board, and Junior Leaders	Morgan	93
2/15/22	Clinton Co Extension Annual Meeting	Clinton	60
2/15/22	HHS Advisory Board	Jackson	7
2/15/22	Jennings Co Extension Board	Jennings	6
2/16/22	Allen Co Extension Board	Allen	8
2/23/22	Vigo Co Advisory Committees	Vigo	8
2/24/22	Extension Community Gardens	Tippecanoe	13
2/25/22	Extension Community Gardens	Tippecanoe	22
2/26/22	Extension Community Gardens	Tippecanoe	19
Total			295

Data from 12 of the 13 County Board Meetings were collected.

### Survey

A three-question survey was created to gather input from members of the County Board meetings in February. The purpose was to focus on the vision and mission of Extension, and the value and impact on Indiana families, businesses, operations, organizations, and communities (Appendix A).

### Results

#### **Benefit to Families, Operations, Businesses or Organizations**

Board members responded how their family, operation, business, or organization had benefited from Purdue Extension. Common themes were about:

- Youth development, programs and 4-H,
- Partnering with organizations and agencies,
- Workshops and programs,
- Valued community partner - Community development – Community coalitions,
- Resources and information for Farms / Operations / Businesses, and
- Activities for the Homemakers Clubs.

Table 1 provides the common themes and board member responses.

Table 1. How Families, Operations, Businesses, or Organizations have Benefited from Purdue Extension

Common Themes	Responses
Youth Programs / 4-H for families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 year 4-H'er</li> <li>• 4-H</li> <li>• 4-H</li> <li>• 4-H events with family of course 4-H has a huge impact on my family.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-H has helped our daughter learn about finishing tasks and organization. Summer Kid Workshop is the best!!</li> <li>• 4-H member, leader</li> <li>• 4-H programs</li> <li>• 4-H</li> <li>• 4-H: basic life skills, leadership, responsibility.</li> </ul> <p>All 3 of my sons participated in 4H from mini-4H through senior year in High School. In addition, they participated in summer camps and summer Campus-based sessions - I don't remember the name of the sessions. They each learned leadership skills and met many friends through these experiences.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All six of our sons have been involved in 4-H. The oldest 5 completed all 10 years, with one left to complete. All have learned about many subjects through projects, as well as experiencing positive community involvement.</li> <li>• CCEH and 4-H - Child in 4-H - skill building/life skills</li> <li>• Education through 4-H programs (many!) for sons, (and me). Experiences through 4-H and Extension programs.</li> <li>• It has provided our family opportunity to spend more time together thru 4-H projects and activities.</li> <li>• Kids Summer Wkshp - Student Leadership</li> <li>• kids took classes</li> <li>• Learning to Lead - all three sons participated! Great information and opportunity to grow as citizens. COACH Kids! Friends for Life</li> <li>• Many topics that are no longer in school curriculums are found through PE. Because of PE, my mom got into quilting, my daughter has a love of cooking from time spent in 4-H.</li> <li>• My children have benefited from the extension office in the form of 4H. My oldest 2 received several opportunities due to their involvement, both from scholarships and job opportunities. My youngest 2 have received valuable life lessons from their livestock projects and what it has offered them as future careers.</li> <li>• My family has benefitted directly by my son participating in two 4-H programs, both of which were very professionally run, very educational, and very enjoyable.</li> <li>• Our children had great experiences through 4-H. While now grown adults, they remember these rewarding experiences. Prior to 2015, largely through 4H and Youth Development in the local 4-H and Junior Leaders organization.</li> <li>• Positive development of youth in 4-H.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension tutoring, Summer Kids Camps</li> <li>• We have been involved in 4-H all of my life. I participated as a child and now our kids do.</li> <li>• Yes, Learning to Lead, 4-H</li> <li>• Yes, my students benefit from Purdue Extension.</li> <li>• youth programming</li> </ul>
<b>Partnering with Organizations, Agencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As the executive director of Decatur County's Recycling District, I partner with their extension and soil and water district to bring programming to that community. I know that JC's extension works in partnership with other organizations to bring programming to our county as well!</li> <li>• At Soil and Water, we have an Ag Dept that has blossomed the past couple of years and Purdue Extension is a resource that we can partner with for support. In my community work (Health Dept) Purdue Extension has been invaluable-I refer people to trainings and programs all the time.</li> <li>• Organization, DNR – partners with SEPAC. Tree plantings and providing land owners information. DNR rely on Purdue for information. Forestry and Natural Resources is a good as well, we are in contact with them sometimes on a daily basis.</li> <li>• Our family relies on farm revenue and our veterinary clinic relies on Purdue Extension to reach out to farmers. Purdue Extension helps the whole community come together.</li> <li>• Partnering with Ivy Tech to offer high school and middle school student opportunities to experience college and health care.</li> <li>• Partnership with organization, on many levels spanning from community/capacity building to direct programming</li> <li>• Purdue Extension helps our organization by providing information about agriculture and how to help the soil, water, and other elements.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purdue Extension is a great partner for the Recycling Center. Having a booth at the 4-H Fair and programs at Ag Day is a great way to help us educate the public on waste, recycling, and composting.</li> <li>• Support for Morgan County Beef Cattle Assoc.</li> <li>• WIC participants and staff have greatly benefited from collaboration with Purdue Extension. Purdue Extension has provided nutrition education for our clients, as well as recipes and additional resources within the community. Having Purdue Extension attend our Farmer's Market days has been so beneficial.</li> <li>• Yes. The Lawrenceburg Public Library District considers the Extension Service a PARTNER in all things education... We even use it for staff development.</li> <li>• Yes. We have funded Purdue Extension programs in the community through our non-profit.</li> <li>• Yes. They have done programs at our organization.</li> <li>• YWCA is very thankful to the Purdue Extension for allowing us to use their office space to meet with clients and hold our support group.</li> </ul>
Workshops and programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benefited from having opportunities to be involved with outdoor projects like community gardening, Master Gardener training, and 4-H. Received education on topics like gardening, reducing chemicals, dying fabric, and canning. Through programs increased their love for being outdoors, finding good healthy family activities, building friendships, and networking.</li> <li>• Classes for young children's development for new mothers.</li> <li>• education</li> <li>• Got to guest speak at the beef house to a group of Vermillion County leaders that went through a leadership development program put on by Purdue Extension</li> <li>• Horticulture education, advice and connections especially. New forever friends through the Master Gardener program. Plants (and advice) through Master Gardener plant sales and 4-H plant sales. Opportunities to productively volunteer in my community.</li> <li>• I have participated in the Community Leadership Program and a part of the Community Advisory Committee.</li> <li>• I took the Master Gardener class and I have enjoyed the projects the group completes around the area and especially at the fairgrounds.</li> <li>• Lessons - in person- sharing with other participants</li> <li>• Our farm has also used many articles and Zoom educational opportunities for improving livestock and forage.</li> <li>• yes, workshops</li> </ul>
Valued community partner Community development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As an organization, we look to PCRD for data often.</li> <li>• Benefited from Purdue Extension managed community gardening opportunities and the ability to grow fresh produce for better nutrition at home. Benefited from programs like Master Gardener training, 4-H and home landscaping care. Used publications and websites aligned with horticultural ventures. Participating in programs from youth to being a grandma. Through the community gardens, families have skills building activities and an exercise routine outside of the house.</li> <li>• I have worked with Purdue Extension through my work and have come to rely on the staff for valuable input to community issues. They do a good job of bringing together many other organizations to work together to problem solve or create programs.</li> <li>• Indirectly, we have benefitted by having a community that is safer, healthier and better educated, thanks to Allen County Purdue Extension.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension has been instrumental in Jackson County for the work with our health coalition, Healthy Jackson County. With Purdue's involvement, we have been able to host multiple community conversations and complete a CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) set up goals and objectives and now we are obtaining grants with Purdue's help to implement the CHIP.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension is a valuable community partner. They are willing to step up to address community needs.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension is a valuable community partner. They are willing to step up to address community needs.</li> <li>• Schneck and Healthy Jackson County (HJC) benefit from Purdue Extension's education and leadership in Jackson County. Molly Marshall was instrumental in leading community conversations during the development of our county's first Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Her leadership and facilitation skills along with her background as a Registered Dietitian are vital to our HJC Improving Nutrition Workgroup. Additionally, her skills as an educator provide valuable education to many</li> </ul>

	<p>members of our community. HJC has grown by over 25 community partners in the last two years with greater engagement than ever. Molly has been an important member of the Hispanic Health Taskforce formed in May 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She has been involved in COVID-19 mitigation efforts with this population as well as the organization of COVID-19 vaccination clinics for the Spanish and Chuj-speaking members of our community. This Taskforce has begun the important work of developing trust with the Hispanic community and started breaking down the barriers they have to accessing healthcare and other important services. Additionally, the Taskforce is working to bring cultural competence training to our community, and Molly continually shares valuable ideas and Purdue Extension resources to these planning discussions. I cannot stress enough that all of the HJC work is a true team effort. No single organization “owns” the work or gets to take all the credit. By working together and collaborating, we all win. Molly and Purdue Extension share this spirit of collaboration, and I am extremely thankful for their many forms of support of Healthy Jackson County.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Today, I've participated in many Community Development activities, including Leadership Daviess County, which opened my eyes to the expanse and varieties of business in Daviess County. Continuing contact with our educators keeps me informed of other issues and activities in our county.</li> </ul>
<b>Farms / Operations / Businesses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ag Extension helped answer bug-related questions related to garden and crop issues.</li> <li>• ANRE with their training opportunities help us locally continue our education and keep our license through PARP trainings.</li> <li>• Chemical and pest applicator programs/training</li> <li>• Education pieces for NEPAC, farm show, etc.</li> <li>• Extension has helped our family farm business with setting fair cash rental rates with our landowners as well as helped in our overall strategic planning.</li> <li>• Live on a farm</li> <li>• soil testing</li> </ul>
<b>Resource / Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• educational resources</li> <li>• Great information on gardening plus shrubs and trees. IS of weeds too. (I imagine farms also benefit from info.)</li> <li>• Great resource for Ag</li> <li>• It provides educational information for the community.</li> <li>• I've called for information from the extension agent and received good info.</li> <li>• Yes. I have a cow/calf operation. The Extension Office has helped me in knowledge and information with forages, soil sampling, hay sampling. Helpful staff always available to help. If they don't have the information, they know where to go to find it.</li> </ul>
<b>Homemakers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extension Homemaker, worked in the office here for 6+ years</li> <li>• Extension Homemakers- 100 years of local club (Forest Twp)</li> <li>• I also like the Home Extension programs offered.</li> <li>• Joined the Home Ec program and have learned quite a lot</li> <li>• My years in Home Economics Extension Club</li> <li>• Yes, my Homemakers group all does. Great program, conference.</li> </ul>
<b>Purdue Extension connects people to others/resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friends, networking</li> <li>• Met more people</li> <li>• Yes - I've had several projects that I've worked on where Purdue Extension has aided in making connections to rural community members.</li> </ul>
<b>Hear about Extension via marketing/ newspaper</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purdue Extension is an organization I hear about quite often in Martinsville/Morgan County. From hearing on the radio to reading in the newspaper.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I haven't had any direct business from Purdue Extension and not really sure what services they offer.</li> <li>• Our family has not been involved with the Purdue Extension in the past and I'm unsure of the benefits my company has received.</li> </ul>

## Impacts to Communities

Board members shared how their communities have been impacted by Purdue Extension and common themes were:

- Extension is a resource to the community,
- Education,
- Youth development, and
- Leadership.

Table 2 provides the common themes and board member responses.

Table 2. How Communities Have Been Impacted by Purdue Extension

Common Themes	Responses
Resource to the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the school corporation, we have been able to use the resources provided by Purdue Extension to share with our families. Food assistance brochure, financial classes both in the school system and in the community are beneficial. Co-parenting classes and mental health resources are all information we can use and provided to us by Purdue Extension. It is a challenge to get resources into hands of family members, and Purdue Extension is a good partner to help with that.</li> <li>• Helped our Hispanic community feel like they are welcome and can contribute to our community.</li> <li>• Jackson County's CHIP was completed in May 2021, and this serves as our health coalition's strategic plan. It outlines our work plan to address the most pressing health needs in the community. Having a clear plan has made our coalition and community more competitive for grant funds. Since it was completed, we have received over \$170,000 in grant funds that will directly impact health programming in our community. Without Purdue Extension's leadership in the coalition and contribution to grant writing, our community would not have received those funds.</li> <li>• Our clients have been using their services.</li> <li>• Our community is safer thanks to programs like the ServSafe program to train restaurant workers; healthier because of programs like the slow-cooker cooking classes that help working people avoid feeding their families fast food; a better, safer and healthier place to live thanks to their work with the Active Transportation Coalition, which makes our streets and sidewalks safer, and has a better future thanks to 4-H leadership programs preparing our youth and introducing them to careers they may never have imagined they could be part of, such as robotics.</li> <li>• Our Extension staff work very diligently to continually assess the state of Daviess County and to develop initiatives and programs in response to identified needs. We are reaching underserved communities, promoting best practices in agriculture, developing leadership among youth and adults, and undoubtedly many other areas that are not publicized but are making a positive difference.</li> <li>• People of all ages have been positively influenced with the available knowledge and opportunities the Extension Service provides.</li> <li>• Practical resources to meet the needs of the community.</li> <li>• Provided information for community growth and development.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension gets our community involved through amazing programs.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension has always been a resource for our community programming and positive involvement for our youth.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension has taken the lead on addressing identified needs. They are collaborative and a strong community partner.</li> <li>• Purdue helps build communities, gives age-appropriate activities, helps with food insecurities, and socializing for older adults. Purdue sets standards for growing vegetables and the education to help problem solve.</li> <li>• The Extension office has a lot of great programs for students and adults from money management to stress management. They are a great resource for social service agencies.</li> <li>• There are many programs that the extension offers that benefit the community's health and well-being.</li> <li>• Valuable education to our youth through 4-H, helping educate the urban and suburban portions of our community with a flavor of ag, helping teach how to grow and sell quality food products at Jonnie May farm, partnering with the city to assist in bringing quality food to our areas identified as food deserts.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We see PE at community events, education programs all the way from Health education and STEM. PE offers Ag Day to all the 3rd graders in Dearborn County and educates them about agriculture and the connection to their daily lives.</li> <li>• Without a doubt, they have started to change lives of Fort Wayne citizens. The key project that comes to mind is the Johnnie Mae Farm. I know this project gets discussed frequently, but it is imperative to mention their partnership with local government and the knowledge they have brought to the table. They are addressing a key need and helping taxpayers at the same time.</li> <li>• yes - very helpful to the community with the many programs that are offered</li> </ul>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A help to youth and older folks as well.</li> <li>• Bringing university research and info to the people - making education and programs accessible.</li> <li>• Community learning-educating public</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Education on horticulture, food safety, affordable food sources, opportunities to connect with others who share horticulture, agriculture, food safety interests.</li> <li>• learning</li> <li>• Once again, 4-H is a huge benefit for many youth in our county. Youth from rural and town areas receive valuable life skills through 4-H.</li> <li>• Provide many educational opportunities to children of all ages as well as families.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension has demonstrated leadership within the community and provides excellent education and opportunities for those in Jackson County.</li> <li>• Yes, I think that they are helpful in helping non-ag people with knowledge and skills. Like gardening and homemaking skills.</li> <li>• Youth Development: Girls on the Run, Captain Cash, Gardening Education, Livestock judging experience, STEM Camps, Homemakers fill take home bags of food for needy students weekend meals.</li> <li>• Youth programs, healthy eating programs, walking program, identifying insects and plants</li> </ul>
Youth development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-H</li> <li>• 4-H helps our kids get ready for "real" life! It also teaches kids to be responsible.</li> <li>• 4-H program</li> <li>• Allowing a place for students to develop into strong leaders.</li> <li>• I hear from parents that they are appreciative of Extension efforts, especially those with special needs students. Lot of people don't see everything Extension does. Your services don't go unnoticed to parents.</li> <li>• In reflecting on your vision, "Transforming lives and livelihoods of Individuals" -- I think of your involvement with the youth and I say, "Thank you!"</li> <li>• Kids turn into members of our community that give back.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension helps kids and teaches them how to take care of our resources. Also, in the process of education, they make it fun for the kids.</li> <li>• Purdue Extension in my community is most known for its involvement with 4H.</li> <li>• They offer so many great things to get kids involved.</li> <li>• We've been exposed to many new topics through 4-H projects including animals that we don't have of our own.</li> <li>• Youth development</li> </ul>
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a father of 3 kids in 4-H, it really is a good thing, it impacts leadership - they are learning it while they are young.</li> <li>• Exhibits at the fair, individuals go out in the public to show off their efforts.</li> <li>• Grassroots Leadership</li> <li>• Kids involved in 4-H have the knowledge for leadership skills. It helps kids to stay out of trouble.</li> </ul>
Information/Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ability to have resources available on topics &amp; specialist dealing in areas of weed ID, livestock workshops and natural resource issues.</li> <li>• Extension has something for everyone to get involved or seek out resources they may need.</li> <li>• soil testing garden, canning resources</li> </ul>
Community gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everything: The garden at the fairgrounds is a great thing for the community. It is a learning thing for the community.</li> <li>• Johnnie Mae Farm is a great program that can involve all educators.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purdue offers educational programs for all age groups, building a diverse community, helping with retirement planning, and learning opportunities. Through the community gardening groups, food is grown and helps with food banks and providing locally grown food reducing shipping costs, encourages family learning and helps low-income families eat healthier.</li> </ul>
Connecting / Bringing people together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bringing people together.</li> <li>Help with networking (this event).</li> <li>The Extension program gives an opportunity to learn and grow in a safe environment. Purdue is building a more vibrant and diverse community. They are increasing our skills and increasing community bonding/friendships.</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access</li> </ul>

### Ideas for Extension

Board members provided their ideas about what more Purdue Extension could be doing in the community. Most common themes were:

1. More promotion / marketing,
2. Continue the great work,
3. More topics, programs, resources,
4. Work with community groups / partners / agencies, and
5. More Extension staff - more pay.

Table 3 provides the common themes and board member responses.

Table 3. What More Purdue Extension Could be Doing in Communities

Common Themes	Responses
More promotion / marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advertising of outreach programs more which is difficult to do anyways.</li> <li>Continue to work to advertise your offerings so community members are aware of all that Purdue has to offer.</li> <li>Get the word out! More advertisements in community newsletters. Let people know that the Extension Office is not just 4-H!</li> <li>I think in such a small community Purdue Extension could educate the community more on what all Purdue Extension can offer the community. I've found in my community, unless you are dealing with an organization, people have no idea what all the resources are that you can bring to the table.</li> <li>I think Purdue Extension is a hidden gem in our community. I think they don't do that best at advertising or getting the word out to people who could benefit from their programs. This could be a "meeting people where they are" issue that could change their delivery model.</li> <li>Information on what opportunities are available in an urban environment, they may not be widely advertised.</li> <li>More community awareness of what all extension has to offer.</li> <li>More visible presence in community, hidden gem. Explore ways to better market programming to increase attendance and participation in needed programs and resources.</li> <li>Not Purdue Extension, per se, but we as county citizens must promote the work PE is doing, lead people to the resources—online and otherwise—available from PU.</li> <li>Outreach to more kids/parents for benefits of 4-H. Many don't realize all their kids can learn and be exposed to. Others don't realize what besides 4-H the Extension Office can help with.</li> <li>Promoting of itself. A lot of the valuable education programs are in partnerships with other community groups like the parks and rec. How can we increase that visibility to the community? Allen County extension has a small but mighty staff of educators that get pulled thin.</li> <li>Publicity reinforcing that 4-H is far more than animals could increase 4-H popularity.</li> <li>Publicize the events more prominently in our community.</li> <li>Publicize their educational programs. Offer more educational opportunities in different areas of the county. Increase hands-on opportunities for learning. Create more areas and opportunities for community gardening.</li> </ul>
Continue great work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blessed by all you do!</li> <li>Bring back Ag Day that has been missing since COVID.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doing Great Things</li> <li>• I think our extension is very active in our community and offers programming that we can benefit from.</li> <li>• Just continue what you are doing.</li> <li>• Master Gardeners</li> <li>• MC Purdue Extension goes above and beyond.</li> <li>• outstanding resource</li> <li>• Please continue doing all of your great work!</li> </ul>
More Topics / Programs / Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continue providing resources that 's relevant to community needs</li> <li>• Have guest speakers for Purdue Extension 's different groups.</li> <li>• I would love to see more urban involvement. Possibly programs directed to rooftop gardens or more community gardens.</li> <li>• Increase education in schools</li> <li>• It appears there is a great need for mentorship and space for people to connect and share life together</li> <li>• Keep offering non-biased science-based programming. Provide more insect/disease management skills related to gardening and landscaping. Offer classes on soil health, food deserts, increasing donations to food banks, nutrition and cooking classes. Increase growing opportunities to help with low-income residents access to fresh produce.</li> <li>• Mental health for youth</li> <li>• More Commercial Applicator Training opportunity.</li> <li>• Purdue can alert the residents to potential problems dealing with landscapes and gardening to better prepare them and be ready. Keep offering educational opportunities related to gardening, canning, and other preserving techniques. They can partner with the Soil and Water Conservation District to help with soil health and preservation. And Purdue can reduce hurdles for donating produce to the community and securing more properties for community gardens.</li> </ul>
Work with community groups / partners / agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborate closer with other agencies.</li> <li>• Community partners should be looking for ways to give back to Purdue Extension!!</li> <li>• Field Day / work with DNR. Hardest part is getting people to DNR programs, maybe more partnerships. I would like to see a more in-depth partnership with South Dearborn Schools which involves presentations and up to date information.</li> <li>• I would love for WIC to continue to partner with Purdue Extension in the future regarding nutrition education at Farmers Market days and physical exercise. Perhaps doing a physical activity program/class with WIC could be an option or possibility in the future.</li> <li>• Keep growing partnerships. Continue to connect with parents. Search out local business collaboration and cooperation.</li> <li>• Work with CoCoRaHS-Community Collaborative Rain, Hail &amp; Snow Network.</li> </ul>
More Extension staff - more pay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also, educators have so much on their plate. There could be a new position that handles volunteers, coordination, other tasks, etc. To free up the educators.</li> <li>• Get an ag person or educator that is interested.</li> <li>• I would love to see more Community Development! I would love to see a new position created. I understand the political challenges to this as leadership throughout the area would need to recognize why this would be so powerful. Sometimes due to the nature and amount of things the office does, I think it is difficult to succinctly sell what Extension does - which ironically then hurts the cause for furthering the community development role.</li> <li>• Increase the salary dollars paid to Extension leaders.</li> <li>• We need a Community Development Educator.</li> </ul>
4-H and Family activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue reaching younger kids to increase 4-H opportunities.</li> <li>• Exchange 4-H programs.</li> <li>• Provide additional opportunities for families to learn and interact together.</li> </ul>
4-H Online (registration system) training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sign up for 4-H easier (too much double entry of basic data).</li> <li>• Provide training to 4-H leaders for on-line 4-H sign up and use. We have lost 4-H families due to the problems encountered dealing with 4-H online. It is not user friendly.</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance with college admission procedures.</li> <li>• Provide in-person programming as much as possible.</li> </ul>



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Providing an Extension facility adequately sized, heated, cooled for meetings and gatherings. A roof that does not leak would be helpful.</li><li>• They might get more involved with community service.</li></ul> |
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## Summary

A three-question survey was created to gather input from members of the County Board meetings in February. The purpose was to focus on the vision and mission of Extension, and the value and impact on Indiana families, businesses, operations, organizations, and communities.

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Indiana communities have benefited from Purdue Extension. Communities are impacted by Purdue Extension as a resource, and via education, youth development and leadership. Board members suggested Purdue Extension could do more marketing, add topics/programs, work in partnership with the community, and hire more staff and increase pay.



## Appendix A County Board Meetings

During meetings in January and February 2022, Purdue Extension is seeking input from our board members across Indiana.

The purpose is twofold:

- To reflect on the Extension vision – delivering practical, research-based information that **enhances lives and livellhoods**, and on the Extension mission - leading in providing relevant, high-impact educational programs that **transform the lives and livellhoods of individuals and communties** in Indiana and the world.
- To assess the Extension value and impact on Indiana families, businesses, operations, organizations, and communities.

Please give your input by responding to the following questions.

1. How have you, your family, or your operation, business, or organization, benefited from Purdue Extension? Please describe.
2. How has your community been impacted by Purdue Extension? Please describe.
3. What more could Purdue Extension be doing in your community?

Thank you for your input.

Also, during February, Purdue Extension will be emailing a brief survey to Extension stakeholders to ask related questions about the Extension vision, mission, value and impact. Please watch for that email from us and take a few minutes to respond. Thank you.