



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Representatives from **Washington County's Site Redevelopment Program** contacted Paul to facilitate participant conversations at a Brownfield Summit. A brownfield is land where future use is affected by real or perceived environmental contamination. This summit included representatives from Washington County's program and a brownfield program in Rock Falls, IL. After participants learned more about each other's programs and visited a redevelopment site, Paul facilitated a process that captured program best practices and identified strategies for building long-term brownfield programs.

Through evaluation, 80% of participants agreed that the session captured and synthesized best practices, 83% agreed that the session identified strategies to work toward an identified vision, and 100% agreed that the session allowed them the opportunity to share their ideas while also allowing others to share their thoughts. Participants rated Paul's facilitation as excellent (4.6 on a 5-point Likert-scale) and one participant commented that they were "skeptical over how useful this would be, but pleasantly surprised. Great job by Paul!"



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Program Highlights December 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- Tue., Dec., 4th** **Soil, Water, & Nutrient Management Meeting.** Millhome Supper Club, Kiel, 10am
- Fri., Dec., 7th** **Beef Quality Assurance,** Milwaukee Stockyards, 1:30pm-4pm
- Tue., Dec., 11th** **Beef Quality Assurance Certification,** Public Agency Center, Rm 1113 A/B, West Bend, 7pm
- Thu., Dec., 13th** **Beef Quality Assurance Certification,** Auditorium, Ozaukee County Administration Center, Port Washington, 1pm

Dec., 24th & 25th UW-Extension Washington County office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays
Dec., 31st & Jan., 1

JANUARY

- Wed., Jan., 9th** **Supporting Farmers Mtg.** Millhome Supper Club, Kiel, 9a-12p
- Thu., Jan., 17th** **Dairy InSight: Marketing,** Belgium Legion Hall, 10:30a-12:30p

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING



AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

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UW-Extension Master Gardener Volunteers keep a record of volunteer activity and continuing education hours throughout the year which are both required to achieve and maintain certification as Master Gardeners. In 2018, 51 local county volunteers reported over 3,100 hours of volunteer time. Four hundred and sixty-six of these hours were direct education in the community, 261 hours were dedicated to youth education, and over 2,880 hours were community service. The volunteers also reported 1,165 hours of continuing education to improve their horticultural knowledge.

Stephanie advises the Washington County Master Gardener Association, coordinating the training of volunteers, keeping the group connected to the University and to research-based education and resources. Twelve Master Gardener trainees from the winter training course received certified status this year.



4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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4-H Arts & Awards: 4-H held its annual Art Discovery Day on Saturday, November 10th, at the Washington County Fair Park. Art Discovery Day is facilitated by 4-H youth and adult volunteers. There were over 300 4-H adults and youth in attendance from numerous counties throughout the state. They were able to sign up for three art classes during the day ranging from glass etching to basketry. Watch for some of these creations at next year's fair.

Once the Pavilion was cleaned up it was decorated and setup for Washington County 4-H's Achievement and Recognition Program. The program recognizes youth that submitted their records books and were selected to receive project awards, as well as career awards for high school youth. In addition, graduating 4-Hers, trip delegates, scholarship recipients and Key Award recipients, were recognized. Lastly, 4-H adult volunteers were recognized for their years served along with one 4-H Alumni, two Friends of 4-H award recipients and our two newly inducted State 4-H Hall of Fame recipients. Congratulations to all the youth & thank you to all the adults that volunteer & make 4-H what it is!



FAMILY LIVING EDUCATION

Carol Bralich
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Taking Care of You (TCY) is a research-based program which provides information on the dimensions of health (physical, mental, social and spirit) and practical strategies to help deal with stress in your life. Managing life's challenges in healthy ways allows participants to take better care of themselves and therefore, others in their care.

In 2018, Carol facilitated two TCY program series specifically for 35 child care providers/directors. From 29 post session evaluations, 100% of the participants rated the effectiveness of the series as good or excellent for course content, interactivity, and resources. As a result of participating in the workshop series, one child care provider stated, "This course made me really examine how I handle stressors and the negative impacts it can have. But, I now know some useful skills to help in the future!" Carol also facilitated one series for 7 parents at the Family Center, one program for 7 Germantown Library patrons and a Lunch & Learn series for 7 county employees. A Germantown Library participant: "Terrific programming. Timely, given the stressors we face. Instructor was not only skilled, but a great communicator, who invited interaction."



NUTRITION EDUCATION (FoodWise/SNAP-Ed)

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Renee participated in a **Community Support Coalition** meeting, which is coordinated by Neighborhood Liaisons of the **West Bend School District**. Previously, coalition members provided their observations about needs common among local families; the group currently meets bi-monthly to discuss available resources, barriers, and action steps to address needs. Homelessness and inconsistent access to healthy foods were focus topics at the last meeting. Renee shared that nutrition education can be accessed through **FoodWise Partner Agencies** (which includes **WIC**). Also discussed: details about pantries, Ruby's Pantry (2 sites), & more. Emphasized that evidence-based models show small steps toward healthier choices at various societal levels (individual, environmental, & sectors of influence) is the most effective over time.

At the second Mobile Pantry event in West Bend (sponsored by **Feeding America & Molina Healthcare**), extended outreach to participants via educational handouts & FoodWise program promotion.

Introduced new FoodWise Regional Program Manager to this Project. Recruitment Plan done; hiring resumes when funding confirmed.