**OSU Extension in the City call, 1/13/2015**

**Participants:** Julie Fox, James Stiving, Jaqueline Kowalski, Deanna Wilkinson, Brian Raison, Lee Richter, Mike Hogan, Myra Moss, Tony Staubach, Dan Remly, Beth Boomershine, Erica Clark-Covert, Marilyn Rabe, Tom Snyder, Laquore Meadows, Nancy Bowen-Ellzey, Greg Siek

**One thing everyone is excited about:**

**Mike Hogan**

* Second Master urban farmer class in Columbus, graduated in December
* Working with Lee in Toledo, as well as expanding to Mansfield.

**Brian Raison**

* Urban agriculture and local foods projects.
* Working on a food hub with University of Dayton capstone class.

**Myra Moss**

* Watershed management plan with the city of Columbus, identifying existing watershed strategies in the Upper Scioto and Big Walnut areas, keying in on agriculture.

**Jaqueline Kowalski**

* Looking for a new County Director.
* Holding our 3rd Annual Youth Gardening workshop, starting our urban ag Workshop series, Dig-In, community gardener training program, and Market Gardner Training programs all starting shortly.

**Dan Remly**

* Health and Wellness in the city had a meeting discussing overall mission and individual interests in December. Discussed creative works, curriculum development, as well as sharing and replicating urban wellness programs.

**Lee Richter**

* Toledo master urban farmer looking to start winter 2016.
* Composite workshop in late March
* Meeting with City stakeholders in late February, progress is being made on that front.

**Tony Staubach**

* Starting a new local food policy council, Extension is 50% of that right now.
* A couple alums of OSU are talking about the future of Extension in Hamilton County, and what that could mean for Extension.
* Committee for creating healthy communities. Local foods, transportation and air quality.

 **Laquore Meadows**

* Waitlist for next master urban farmer program also making a local foods guide.
* Local foods workshop series, Franklin Park conservatory to have an urban agriculture conference.
* Talked with the African American Clergy council on community gardens.
* Hired Sue Hogan as second 4H educator.

**Beth Boomershine**

* Looking into how first generation 4H members are reached in different cities across the nation.
* North Central Metro Committee is holding a conference on how to reach first generation 4-H members. Looking for 2-3 people to come from OSU.

**Greg Siek**

* Ohio 4-H has just come out with a new workforce prep project (Am I Ready for Work?)
* Foster services expanded from 18 to 21, which will be big for Ohio’s most populated counties.
* Partnership emerging in Cuyahoga with County Foster Care unit to focus more financial literacy info to 16 – 21 year olds in foster care.

**2014 Update:**  Rebranding, creating an annual report about what’s been going on with Extension in the city. 8 page doc and 1 page doc, will be sent out and put in box.

* We had a poster at the annual conference.
* Team meeting templates for future meetings – James with development, team updates, and city spotlights
* Let James Stiving know if you are not a part of buckeye box to access resources.
* Working groups, the loss of Marie Barni – that group is still emerging, economy and employment and food and ag have been together.
* Set up Carmenconnect specifically with your cities.
* Different feedback on opinions of carmenconnect, we added the conference call option as well, so if someone can’t be online, they can be on the conference call.

**Team Notebook** – Want hard copy? Email James Stiving – Stiving.3@osu.edu

**Working groups** – Food and Ag, 4-H Youth Development, Health and wellness, Sustainable Cities.

* Working groups projects: white paper bulletins, special projects, and blog postings/news

**External communications** – Blog established, with no current information

* Timeline has been added to the city extension website.
* Additional photos to add, send to James Stiving
* Looking into getting an application set up
* Looking at schedule for weekly updates of the blog that will become like the newsletter
* Social media is in the process of getting set up
* Making newsletter monthly as its integrated with the blog, looking at campus connections.

**National connections**

* Next month is national JCEP conference, award and presentation, as well as a presentation with Oregon
* National urban Extension conference coming up in May. We have a poster accepted.
* National Urban Leaders Network – now National Urban Extension Leaders. Website that’s been drafted.
* Coalition of Urban and Metro Universities – Looking into whether or not we can feature Extension within their organization. Another place to share our work, do networking, and learn from others perspective.

**Development:** North Central Region to improve the vitality of rural communities, and ways to show the importance of urban areas with rural ones.

* Urban communications foundation – possible development projects with Emily Buck

**Leadership in the City:** New professional development within our organization. 10 modules based on eXtension moodle program. This is a pilot program that will continue throughout the year. Looking at yourself from an entrepreneurial context. Looking at your networks and how to work with elected officials. Working with grant supports and advancement office.

* Apply now, beginning later this month. Three are on site and the rest are online. The application is on the website under resources.

**Next Steps:**

* Professional development
* Editorial calendar into place
* Working group meetings
* Getting team notebooks out