MERRIMACK COUNTY
A YEAR IN REVIEW 2018

Merrimack County and the University of New Hampshire (UNH) provide funding to serve county citizens, enhance the quality of life and improve the local economy.

$677,592
432 VOLUNTEERS WORKED 27,444 HOURS

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME

BUILDING CAPACITY TO INCREASE IMPACT IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

72 EXTENSION STAFF WORKED WITH MERRIMACK COUNTY RESIDENTS

MERRIMACK COUNTY $1.00

UNH $1.22

Total Contributions

$527,497
$644,324

IN 2018, FOR EVERY $1.00 MERRIMACK COUNTY CONTRIBUTED, UNH PROVIDED $1.22 OF STATEWIDE RESOURCES.

* Includes funding from federal, state and other non-county resources.

Extension is partnering with area organizations to host "One Million Cups, Central New Hampshire", a monthly event that connects local entrepreneurs and innovators with each other and their community.

County Impact Examples

Extension

Forestry and Wildlife staff advised 118 woodlot owners, resulting in improved management on 12,311 acres of forestland. Staff provided technical assistance to 27 communities in Merrimack County.

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315 Daniel Webster Hwy
Boscawen, N.H.
(603) 796-2151
Open: M-F, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

State Office
Taylor Hall, Durham, N.H.
(603) 862-1520
Open: M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

122 on-site consultations provided farms or other agricultural business with support in topics including crop production, marketing, pest management and soil health. 595 local residents attended farming and gardening workshops, learning techniques to improve production and business management. The InfoLine answered 363 home and garden questions from county residents.

In Merrimack County, 203 volunteers gave 21,873 volunteer hours to 4-H and other programs equaling 11 full-time employees. 96% of Youth Mental Health First Aid participants reported increased confidence in their ability to address youth mental health issues and four schools improved their health and wellness policies affecting 1100 students.

The University of New Hampshire is an equal opportunity educator and employer. University of New Hampshire, U.S. Department of Agriculture and N.H. counties cooperating.
Extension is at work in every New Hampshire county, strengthening key industries, developing vibrant communities and engaged citizens, fostering healthy families and stewarding productive and healthy natural resources.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Community & Economic Development program provides educational programs and planning assistance to communities to help them cultivate civic leaders; foster participation in community decision making; revitalize downtowns; and grow the local and regional economy.

Technical assistance and planning support was provided to 31 New Hampshire towns.

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

The Natural Resources program provides science-based advice, training and technical support on natural resource protection, management and stewardship to landowners, professionals, industry, agencies, organizations, communities, schools, volunteers and citizen scientists.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXTENSION COUNTY FORESTERS RESULTED IN:

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**FOOD & AGRICULTURE**

The Food & Agriculture program provides research-based information and education to farms, agricultural businesses, and the state’s food system sectors. Through research, education, and on-site advising, our specialists support production of quality products, sustainable use of resources, and profitability of businesses.

$ 253K ANNUAL IMPACT OF PEST MONITORING PROGRAM ON NEW HAMPSHIRE SWEET CORN GROWERS

**YOUTH & FAMILY**

Our 4-H, Resiliency, STEM Education, and Healthy Living programs work at three levels to achieve real impact: (1) we work directly with youth and family members to teach valuable skills, (2) we train volunteers and educators to work effectively with youth, and (3) we provide technical assistance to schools and organizations to build systems of support.

- (1) 30,632 PARTICIPATED in Youth & Family Programs
- (2) 1,960 TRAINED to work with youth
- (3) 746 PROVIDED with technical assistance

**UNH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING (PD & T)**

A network of 200 instructors helped workers accelerate their careers through licensure renewal, job placement, and professional development.

4,000 PD & T STUDENTS ATTENDED 450 PROGRAMS

PD&T CONTINUES TO SERVE MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS. For military personnel, PD&T has worked closely with UNH’s Military & Veteran Services office to cover PD&T programs under the GI bill.

Our online programs for military spouses yielded impressive outcomes:

- 97% Course Completion
- 93% Certification Pass Rate
- 100% Externship Placement
- 75-90% Job Placement after Program Completion

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