

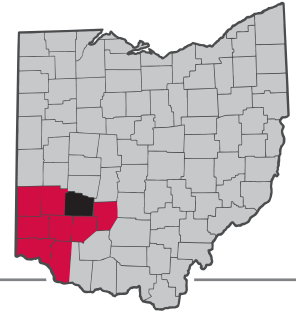


GREENE County

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ENHANCING AGRICULTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

- Greene County Extension **answered 150–200 emails and phone calls** about insects, gardening, trees, lawns, plant disease, fruit trees, pesticide training, pastures, feed, cash rent issues and other topics.
- OSU Extension partnered with Natural Resources Conservation Services, the Farm Bureau and Farm Credit on a **program that raises awareness of options available to underserved farmers.**
- Extension collaborated with TruPointe and Farm Bureau on a program called **“How to Control Poison Hemlock,”** which served 35 people
- Extension also held a **well water testing event** in partnership with Greene County Soil and Water.
- The 2013 Master Gardener nine-week training class had 27 participants; also this year, 145 people certified or recertified as Master Gardeners. **Greene County Master Gardeners** worked 45 projects in the county, including demonstration gardening, community vegetable gardens, after school gardening programs, seminars, lectures and classes for the public. The value of these volunteer hours is estimated at \$244,035. In 20 years of the Master Gardener program, volunteers have provided Greene County with more than 98,000 hours worth more than \$2.1 million dollars.
- Greene County **Master Gardeners earned the following awards** in 2013: International Master Gardeners-Wright Patterson Medical Center Gardens, second place; Master Gardener of the Year, West Region and State of Ohio,

Thais Reiff, for her emerald ash borer work in Greene County; and State Environmental Award, Spring Valley Bikeway project, which won for outstanding project for an environmental horticulture initiative.

- The **Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist Program** conducted a seven-week class with 25 students and certified or recertified 85 people for this program. The OCVNs volunteered 7,000 hours with a value of \$50,905 in 2013, serving in local and state parks in six counties—equal to 40% of the OCVN hours statewide. OCVNs also participated in 1,700 hours of advanced training.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

- Greene County is one of 18 Ohio counties funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide community nutrition education and behavior change through the **Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)**. EFNEP targets low-income families with young children. The programs are delivered as a series of eight lessons. For 2013, this resulted in the following:
 - A total of 211 adults participated in an eight-week nutrition workshop through the Ohio EFNEP program between October 2012 and October 2013. This is a **148% increase from last year’s enrollment.**
 - Forty-three percent of enrollees attended at least six out of eight sessions and **graduated with a certificate of completion.**
 - The EFNEP program **impacted 745 people** in participants’ families, including children.



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- **Food resource management practices of EFNEP participants improved:** 53% plan meals in advance more often, and 49% think about healthy food choices more often when deciding what to feed their families. Also, 81% compare prices of foods.
- Ninety percent of **participants showed improvement in one or more nutrition practices** such as healthy meal choices, preparing food without adding salt, reading nutrition labels or having children eat breakfast.
- Sixty percent of **participants more often used Nutrition Facts food labels** to make food choices.
- Forty-two percent of **participants showed improvement in one or more food safety practices** such as thawing and storing foods correctly.
- The **Greene County SNAP-Ed program assistant** directly taught 478 people, with 280 being unduplicated. Of those direct contacts, 64% said they learned a lot of new information, and 31% said they learned some new information. Fifty percent said they planned to make some changes, and 42% plan to make a lot of changes in their eating behaviors.
- Fifty-three adults attended **Spending Smartly classes** and learned to set financial goals, plan for spending and saving and spend food money wisely.
- Twenty-five adults and seniors were **screened by DermaScan** to identify sun damage and received information about staying safe in the sun.
- Twenty-five seniors learned to shop for, store and prepare **meals for singles**. Nutritional concerns for later in life were identified.
- **Pressure canning testing** was offered throughout the season.
- An **Estate Planning Series** was held twice, led by the GC Counsel on Aging in collaboration with local attorneys, CPAs and insurance agents. Seventy-two people attended sessions on handling non-titled assets in an estate plan.

support for 59 youth to attend 4-H Camp. Nine youth, ages 5–8, attended **Cloverbud Day Camp** at 4-H Camp Clifton; three camp counselors assisted for the day.

- Seven hundred fifty-one 4-H youth, ages 8–18, enrolled in 1,561 **4-H projects** through 40 **4-H Clubs**. Eighty-five youth, kindergarten through second grade, were active in 15 **Cloverbud Clubs**. Two hundred fifteen adult volunteers served as 4-H organizational leaders. Volunteers provided leadership in project work, parliamentary procedures and community service activities, with an estimated \$571,212 worth of donated time.
- Fifty-eight **Junior Fair Board** members planned and conducted Junior Fair activities for youth. Junior Fair Board members participated in activities and experiences that increased 21st century skills related to communication, problem solving, creativity, self direction and leadership. Five hundred forty-six animals were sold at the 2013 Greene County Fair, totaling \$362,034.
- Three hundred seventy-four 4-H and FFA youth in Extension's **Quality Assurance Training** program were educated on care and handling of livestock, record keeping and health care for market animals. One hundred ninety-five 4-H and FFA youth participated in the non-mandatory livestock Skillathons and interviews.
- Thirty-nine kindergarten through seventh grade teachers addressed Ohio academic content standards in science through participation for 1,343 youth in "**4-H in the Classroom's**" **ChickQuest** and **Breads of Harvest** programs.
- **Real Money, Real World** hosted 15 homeschooled youth program participants who increased their real-life cost awareness and learned more about the relationship of education, jobs and money.

Greene County receives \$82,493 in federal funding for nutrition education for low-income people, thanks to Extension's local-state-federal partnership.

PREPARING YOUTH FOR SUCCESS

- The **4-H CARTEENS** program, a partnership with the county's juvenile court and local law enforcement such as the Greene County Safety Coalition, taught safe driving techniques to 240 first-time juvenile traffic offenders.
- A total of 136 youth in grades 3–9 attended **4-H Camp Clifton**, a five-day, four-night residential camp. Twenty-four camp counselors comprised of older youth completed 24 hours of training and camp planning instruction. A \$4,100 grant was awarded by The Dayton Foundation and provided