



NATIONAL URBAN EXTENSION CONFERENCE

MAY 28-31, 2024

| Session | Day/Date | Time | EDGEHILL | MIDTOWN 1 | MIDTOWN 3 | BELLE MEADE | SYLVAN PARK | MIDOWN 2 | |
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| | TUESDAY | 1 P.M. to 6 P.M. | Registration Opens - BROADWAY BALLROOM FOYER | | | | | | |
| | | 3 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. | Leadership in the City (participant meeting) - MIDTOWN 2 | | | | | | |
| | | 4:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. | Leadership in the City (alumni meeting) - MIDTOWN 2 | | | | | | |
| | | 6:00 P.M. | Welcome and Awards Reception - BROADWAY BALLROOM | | | | | | |
| | WEDNESDAY | 7:30 A.M. to 9 A.M. | BREAKFAST - BROADWAY BALLROOM | | | | | | |
| | WEDNESDAY | 7:30 A.M. to 9 A.M. | Welcome - BROADWAY BALLROOM | | | | | | |
| Session 1 | WEDNESDAY | 9:15 AM | Connecting Diverse Urban Youth from Las Vegas to the Outdoors <i>Nora Luna</i> | The Development of a Backyard Composting Project Through Community Engagement <i>DJ Scully</i> | Lifestyle Medicine: Extension Program Area Collaboration to Improve Health Outcomes <i>Jenny Lobb</i> | Urban Cooperative Extension as a Complex System: Addressing Challenges through Action Research <i>Rebecca Hardeman</i> | "I Ate My Homework": Hydroponics in Schools <i>Melinda Souers, Hannah Wooten</i> | Defining Urban Agriculture - Dialogue for Understanding <i>Barbara Worley, Shannon Wiley</i> | |
| | | 9:35 A.M. | SNAP GAP: Examining SNAP enrollment in NJ Schools <i>Veronica Jones</i> | Empowering Green Infrastructure Champions in Overburdened Communities through Rain Garden Projects <i>Christopher C. Obropta</i> | Indiana urban farmer risk perception of heavy metal soil contamination <i>Nathan Shoaf</i> | Facilitating Stakeholder Conversations: Using Civil Strategies <i>Barbara Dunn Swanson</i> | Building a Sustainable Growers Network <i>Laura Ney</i> | | |
| | | 9:55 A.M. | Community Central: Leveraging the assets of urban neighborhoods to build sustainable youth development programs <i>Kristy Ouellette, Dana Dotson, Mitch Mason, Laura Personette</i> | Effects of Urbanization on Peri-urban Agricultural Soils: Puget Sound, WA <i>Prabesh Khanal</i> | Engaging community buy-in and participation to strengthen urban food systems <i>Kelsey Ryan-Simkins</i> | Veggies at the Laundromat- Produce Prescription and Nutrition Education <i>Christina Nadolne</i> | Edible Gardening for All: a Journey of Iterations Towards Educating a Metropolitan Food Desert region. <i>Katerina Graham</i> | | |
| | | 10: 15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. | BREAK | | | | | | |
| Session 2 | WEDNESDAY | 10:30 A.M. | Improving Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement in Urban Extension Programs <i>Ryan Tesar</i> | Lawn & Gardening Our Way to Hell in a Vegetable Basket <i>Brad Lee</i> | A role for Extension to enhance urban tree planting programs <i>Lea Wilson</i> | How to promote Scientific Literacy in our Extension activities <i>Ariel Clay</i> | Meeting Indiana Urban Farmers' Needs: Characteristics, Challenges, and Priorities <i>Nathan Shoaf</i> | Personnel: Addressing professional development and progress from an ecosystem perspective. <i>Brad Gaolach, Julie Fox,</i> | |

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| | | 10:50 A.M. | UPLIFT: Empowering Youth for Tomorrow's Future <i>Hardin Stevens</i> | Designing Climate-Smart Extension Programs for the Commercial Horticulture Industry in Florida <i>Henry Mayer</i> | Exploring the "Human Side" of Urban Agriculture <i>Julie Jesmer</i> | Enhancing Community Engagement for Sustainable Educational Outreach in Urban Environments <i>Rebecca Hardemann</i> | Growing Connections with an Urban Learning Farm <i>Heather Kelejian</i> | <i>Alyssa Bowers, Jeantyl Norze, Ramona Madhosingh-Hector [Leading Edge Dialogue]</i> | |
| | | 11:10 A.M. | Are They Getting It? Evaluating Opportunity for All - Urban 4-H <i>Vernelle G. Mitchell-Hawkins, Karen Baker, Deborah Ditrich, Jenna Jones, Mitchell Mason, Patrice Thompson, Brian Walker</i> | Bilingual Landscaping Basics in the Bookstore <i>Hannah Wooten</i> | Linking Urban Gardeners to Market: A Snowball Extension Outreach Model <i>Lila B. Karki, Prem Bhandari, Enrique Escobar</i> | Immigrant and Refugee Communities: Promising Practices for Inclusion and Sustained Belonging within Extension <i>Marilu Andon, Mitch Mason, Andita Das</i> | Forage to Freezer: Elementary students learn about Pawpaws through Ice Cream <i>Von Barnes, Louis Milligan</i> | | |
| | | 11: 30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. | LUNCH - BROADWAY BALLROOM <i>Christin Baker-Smith, Brad Gaolach</i> | | | | | | |
| Session 3 | WEDNESDAY | 1:45 P.M. | Building Urban Futures: Igniting Youth Engagement through STEM Night <i>Jenna Jones</i> | Pollinator Day: Reaching the Urban Population Through Purdue EMG's <i>Gina Anderson</i> | Navigating Nutrition Education: Systems that promote transparency and integrity. Natalie Owens | Using Dementia Information Sessions to Create Dementia Friendly Communities <i>Tasha Howard</i> | Food Recovery for Rhode Island: Cultivating Community-Led Solutions to Food Access and Food Waste <i>Amanda Missimer</i> | Extension Leadership: Vision for Extension's Urban Efforts <i>Dr. William Miller, Dr. Andra Johnson, Dr. Edward Martn, Dr. Jamine Woods and Dr. Quentin Tyler [Leading Edge Dialogue]</i> | |
| | | 1:55 P.M. | Dayton Boys & Girls Club: An Afterschool Agriculture Program <i>Leeoria Willis</i> | FFL Natural- A FFL Landscape Recognition Celebrating Natural Florida <i>Claire Lewis</i> | Bronx PANDEMIC: A Local Vaccine Intervention Mobilizing Urban Extension <i>Danielle Parks</i> | Shifting the Paradigm of Evaluation for Urban Extension Agents <i>Kristina Hains</i> | Persimmons: Exploring Local Food Systems with High School Scholars <i>Von Barnes</i> | | |
| | | 2:05 P.M. | 4-H Mentoring: Elementary Students and Future Teachers <i>Stephanie Thorson</i> | Lessons learned in how NOT to partner with a municipality <i>Amy Rowe</i> | The Hudson County Produce Prescription and Food Pharmacy Initiative. <i>Delma Yorimoto</i> | Building a Community of Justice within Extension Processes <i>Trevor Hyde</i> | Soil, Media, and Tissue Testing for Urban Farms: Extension Outreach and Discovery in the Unique Urban Growing Systems of Cook County <i>Zachary Grant</i> | | |
| | | 2:15 P.M. | Helping Youth Thrive: Peer Mentorship and Community Building in STEM Clubs and After-school Programs <i>Jennie Thomas, Marissa Staffen</i> | Public Perceptions of Pathogen Monitoring on the Lower Raritan River <i>Michele Bakacs</i> | Opioid Abuse Awareness <i>Shavetta Davis</i> | Elevating Urban Extension Training Impact: Insights from Learning-Transfer Evaluation Model <i>Nesma Osman</i> | Sacred Ground: The Role of the Church in Urban Agriculture <i>Timothy McDermott</i> | | |
| | | 2:25 P.M. | Camping Away! A Non-Traditional Approach for Summer Camps <i>Brian Walker, Danielle Kinder, Patrice Thompson</i> | Nature-based Green Infrastructure Solutions for Managing Extreme Weather Events <i>Allison Nevulis, Christopher C. Obropta</i> | Ins and Outs of Homeownership <i>Misty Layne-Watkins</i> | Transforming School Wellness through Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) Change <i>Julie Frazee</i> | Pollinators and Urban Populations <i>Gina Anderson</i> | | |

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| | | 2:35 P.M. | iGrow Corn Germination Program <i>Tracy Anderson</i> | Green University: Learning Pesticide Basics and Category 24 Topics <i>Brooklyne Wassel</i> | Engaging community partners to support food security in NJ <i>Cara Cuite</i> | Strengthening County Governance: A Robust Extension Partnership for Capacity Building <i>Annie Wallau</i> | Extension programming to enhance urban well-being <i>Julie Fox</i> | | |
| | | 2:45 P.M to 3:15 P.M. | BREAK | | | | | | |
| Session 4 | WEDNESDAY | 3:15 P.M. | Creating a 4-H Spark in Idaho Youth <i>Sendy Martinez</i> | Textile circular economy – Positioning Extension to address a complex urban issue <i>Martha Aitken</i> | Adoption of Sustainable Urban Agriculture Practices to Enhance Local Food Systems <i>Leonard Githinji</i> | Effective Urban Audience Engagement Programs and Tools <i>Marie Ruemenapp</i> | Connecting Communities and Culture through Communication – A Common Link <i>Barbara Worley</i> | Developing Collaborative & Impactful Farm to School Program in Urban Areas <i>Cherl Bilinski, Sara Jablonski, Judson Reid</i> | |
| | | 3:35 P.M. | Third Grade Ag in the Classroom <i>Betsy Lairson, Laura Dillion</i> | Integrated Vegetation Management: Field Day for Parks and Conservation Staff <i>JP Gellermann</i> | Learning Urban Water Management from Industry to the Industry <i>Rolando Orellana</i> | UF/IFAS GIBMP Program Providing Opportunities for Incarcerated Individuals <i>Marc Celestin</i> | Quiet Competence: Promoting Introverted Thriving in Urban Extension <i>Leilah Siegel</i> | | |
| | | 3:55 P.M. | Extension in the Classroom: Hands on Educational Experiences <i>Kristen Eisenhauer</i> | Navigating Urban Extension: Unvelling Innovative Marketing Techniques: <i>Anna Katherine Underwood</i> | A Social Action Arts Curriculum to Address Food Insecurity <i>Cara Cuite</i> | Bridging Gaps, Building Community through Innovative Curriculum and Federal Partnership <i>Kyle Karnuta , Vicki Giarratano, Judson Reid</i> | Engaging Faith-Based Organizations to Strengthen Community Outreach Initiatives <i>Julie Frazee</i> | | |
| | | 4:15 P.M. | EVENING ON YOUR OWN | | | | | | |
| | THURSDAY | 7:30 A.M. to 9 A.M. | BREAKFAST - BROADWAY BALLROOM | | | | | | |
| Session 5 | THURSDAY | 9:15 A.M. | NUEL Regional Meetings - South 1890's <i>Jeff Young, De'Shoin York</i> | NUEL Regional Meetings - West <i>Angela Sandino</i> | NUEL Regional Meetings - North Central <i>Doug Swanson</i> | NUEL Regional Meetings - North East <i>Michael DiPasquale</i> | | | |
| | | 10:15 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. | BREAK | | | | | | |
| Session 6 | THURSDAY | 10:30 A.M. | Community Connections ECOP Program Action Teams Cultivating the Urban Voice! <i>Katherine Williams, Jeff Young</i> | Community Connections NUEL Action Teams Learning for Engagement <i>Durriyyah Kemp, Ramona Madhosingh-Hector, Janine Woods, Alyssa Bowers (Facilitator)</i> | Community Connections Cultivating the 4P's Taking Action with NUEL's Best Practice and Impact Reporting Team <i>Marie Ruemenapp, Eric Killian, Julie Gray , Kris Hains</i> | | | Embracing Equity & Inclusion: What Can 4-H Staff Do To Serve ALL Youth <i>Janet Nagele, Mike Knutz, Mario Magana, Riley Holcraft, Karen Baker</i> [Leading Edge Dialogue] | |
| | | 11: 30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. | LUNCH - BROADWAY BALLROOM <i>Eduardo Gozalez, Jr.</i> | | | | | | |
| Session 7 | | 1:45 P.M. | Urban-nizing It - Exploring Impact Through Engagement in Urban 4-H Programming <i>Jenna Jones, Brian Walker</i> | Activating Partnerships in the NUEL 4P Framework – Perspectives from the Field <i>David Wright</i> [Leading Edge Dialogue] | Extension’s “Growing Teachers”: Urban Agricultural Classroom Engagement September through May <i>Carol Smathers, Katie</i> | Bridging the gap between rural and urban Minnesotans through Extension civic engagement programs <i>Ellen Wolter</i> | A Cross Sector Collaboration Promoting Wellness Among Families at a Transitional Housing Facility in New York City <i>Tashara Leak, Carol Parker, Kwesi Joseph, Bilqis</i> | Moving from Safety and Comfort to Accountability and Growth <i>Sara Jablonski, Judson Reid , Adam Bullock, Eduardo Gonzalez Jr.</i> | |

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| | | 1:55 P.M. | Living Shoreline for an Urban Community <i>Roy Messaros, Christopher C. Obropta</i> | | <i>Young, Timothy McDermott</i> | Philosophical Shifts in Extension: The Urban Extension Initiative <i>Kristina Hains</i> | <i>Benu</i> | |
| | | 2:05 P.M. | Building Fences – An Overview of an Idaho Youth Mental Health Curriculum <i>Tasha Howard, Paige Wray</i> | | | Studio Louisville: Bridging the Trust Gap through Cross-Cultural Community Engagement <i>Jeff Fugate</i> | | |
| | | 2:15 P.M. | Servant Leadership <i>Amy Ressler</i> | | | | | |
| | | 2:25 P.M. | Engaging Communities with Green Infrastructure Action Plans <i>Caitlin Gilvey, Christopher C. Obropta</i> | | | | | |
| | | 2:35 P.M. | New Jersey Leaves No Bite Behind: A Climate Change and Food Waste Curriculum Intervention for Fifth Grade Students <i>Sabrina Subhit, Amy Rowe</i> | | | | | |
| Section 8 | | 2:45 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. | BREAK CONFERENCE TOURS | | | | | |
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| Section 8 | | 2:45 P.M. to 4:30P.M. | BREAK NUEL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - INVITATION ONLY | | | | | |
| Section 9 | | 4:30 P.M. | BREAK AFTERNOON ON YOUR OWN | | | | | |
| Session 10 | FRIDAY | 9:30 A.M. | BRUNCH - BROADWAY BALLROOM | | | | | |
| Session 11 | FRIDAY | 9:30 A.M. | Urban Advocacy Panel - BROADWAY BALLROOM | | | | | |
| Session 12 | FRIDAY | Following Panel | Closeout and Invitation to 2026 Conference- BROADWAY BALLROOM | | | | | |

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