

Roles and Responsibilities

- Identify community problems, issues and concerns which Extension can address, and prioritize according to needs and available resources
- Assess current programs and decide which should be continued, eliminated, or modified in order to more effectively address the identified needs
- Identify other community agencies/organizations that are concerned and working on the identified needs and look for opportunities for cooperation and collaboration (not duplication).
- Design and implement a program plan of work that focuses on relevant programs, including new initiatives and new relationships.
- Develop and implement resource plans to ensure the appropriate level of support for needed programs.
- Monitor program efforts and make adjustments when needed.
- Report program results, issues, and concerns to the appropriate groups, i.e. any area planning group, state Extension Council, funding sources, and residents.
- Be an advocate for Extension and its programs.



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Extension Leadership Council



Making a Difference
through Community
Partnership

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EXTENSION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

A PARTNERSHIP FOR VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAMMING

Mission

To develop and implement a program plan that will direct Extension's resources toward the resolution of identified issues and concerns.

Premises

The ELC is involved as a partner with VCE in its programming process. The ELC is not to serve as an advisory, supervisory, or oversight body. Salaried and volunteer staff (citizens), working in a collaborative manner, can best determine what Extension's public work should be in a planning area.

Extension staff, as members of the Council, work as partners with the volunteer members, in the determination, development, implementation, evaluation, and reporting of Extension programs.

The Councils may look different from planning area to planning area. Any Extension programming groups, 4-H programming groups, and family related groups should be associated with and represented on the Council.

Members of the Council will focus their work on how Extension resources should be utilized within the planning area.

Vision

An Extension Leadership Council is composed of a diverse group of salaried and volunteer staff who truly own an ever-changing Cooperative Extension program in their planning area.

The ELC assumes responsibility not only for indentifying the needs and concerns that exist in their planning area, but share a commitment to determining solutions, implementing them, and evaluating and reporting results. The diversity of the group enhances discussions, deliberations, and actions. In addition, there is a recognition that each person brings unique experiences and information that will contribute to the process.

Volunteers are equal to the salaried staff in value. As a result, volunteer staff may assume major, equal, or secondary responsibilities for the for the analysis of the planning area's situation, the design and implementation of the educational effort, the evaluation and reporting of results, and the renewal or termination of existing programs and activities. Extension Leadership Councils have the right and responsibility within the context of VCE's mission to determine what the planning area's program will be, and to advocate locally, privately, statewide, and federally for funds, staff, and other resources.

Amherst County Extension - Interest Form

Name _____ Occupation _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____ Telephone _____

Program Area of Interest (select all that apply): 4-H Youth Development _____ Agriculture _____ Family and Consumer Sciences _____

Please list any issues or concerns you feel Amherst Co. Extension ELC should address: _____