

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

EXTENSION SERVICE

The Cooperative Extension Service, composed of the Home, 4-H and Agriculture CRD Department is an informal educational system which operates in every county throughout the United States. It is commonly referred to as the "Off Campus" educational arm of the Land Grant University in Massachusetts, the University of Massachusetts. As the name implies, this service is cooperatively sponsored by the U.S.D.A. the state university and the local county.

STAFF

Your Extension Service is staffed with experienced college graduates who are further supported by a battery of specialists stationed at the University of Massachusetts and the Suburban Experiment Station at Waltham.

PURPOSE

It is the purpose of your Extension Service to provide a wide variety of educational information to people and to assist them in obtaining a better and more satisfying family life.

COST

There is no charge for the services by Your Extension Service. However, there is a limit of the number bulletins available. Individual requests will be honored in so far as supply permits.

ELIGIBILITY

As a tax supported institution, your Extension Service is a public facility available to every resident in the County.

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Concord, Massachusetts 01742

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Other County and Regional Staff in County
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BARNSTABLE COUNTY
Barnstable, Deeds & Probate Bldg. 02630

BERKSHIRE COUNTY
Pittsfield, 46 Summer Street 01201

BRISTOL COUNTY
Segreganset, Center Street 02773

DUKES COUNTY
Vineyard Haven 02568

ESSEX COUNTY
Hathorne, 562 Maple Street 01937

FRANKLIN COUNTY
Greenfield, Court House 01301

HAMPDEN COUNTY
W.Springfield, 1499 Memorial Ave. 01089

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
Northampton, 15 Gothic Street 01060

NORFOLK COUNTY
Walpole, 460 Main Street 02081

PLYMOUTH COUNTY
Hanson, High Street 02341

SUFFOLK COUNTY
Boston, Downtown Center, 02125

WORCESTER COUNTY
Worcester, 36 Harvard Street 01608



EXTENSION
is for YOU.....
wherever you are.

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HOME ECONOMICS

The Extension Home Economics Program is an informal adult education program designed to meet the needs of individuals and families. It seeks to develop the potential that exists for better individual, family, and community living by:

- improving the quality of individual and family decisions,
- providing the competencies needed to carry out those decisions,
- helping individuals increase their ability to interact effectively with others.

Programs are coordinated and taught by staff professionally trained in home economics.

- HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS
- CONSUMER CONCERNS
- HUMAN NUTRITION
- FINANCIAL AND HOME MANAGEMENT
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- HEALTH
- HOME LIVING ENVIRONMENT
- CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

The Extension Home Economics Program makes educational opportunities available through a VARIETY OF METHODS:

- Workshops, meetings, discussion groups
- Mass media (newspapers, radio, TV)
- Bulletins, newsletters
- Extension Program Aides in Food and Nutrition employed to assist low-income families
- Homemakers study groups
- Short courses, series, home study programs
- Volunteers trained by Extension to teach others
- Cooperative efforts with other agencies and organizations.

EXTENSION HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAMS ARE PLANNED by citizens and professionals working together and are based on local population needs.



4-H/ YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

4-H/Youth Development Clubs are usually "out of school" educational organizations with a focus on "learning by doing." The individual selects a project area of his choice and progresses at his own speed and according to his own abilities. The program is based on the individual's strong desire to learn, to find answers to questions, to solve problems and to fill gaps in knowledge.

ANY BOY OR GIRL BETWEEN 8 and 19 years of age is welcome to join the 4-H Program.

Following is a selected list of 4-H project areas. Young people are welcome to pursue other areas.

Arts & Crafts	Food Preservation
Beekeeping	Gardening
Bicycle	Home Management
Child Care	Horse
Clothing/Sewing	Leadership
Conservation/Environment	Photography
Cooking	Public Speaking
Dairy Goats	Rabbits
Dog	Sheep
Electric	Small Engines
Embryology	Woodworking
Food and Nutrition	Veterinary Science

Middlesex County operates its own 4-H CAMP and 4-H FAIR.

The 4-H CAMP is located in the scenic hills of Ashby, Massachusetts, overlooking Willard Brook. Modern camping facilities are provided for boys and girls at a moderate cost. An approved waterfront program, an outstanding barnyard program, horsemanship, arts and crafts, nature study and recreation are offered.

The annual 4-H FAIR is held in Westford each August. It runs for 3 days. All 4-H members may exhibit in departments of their choice. All work is judged with the top work in each class being awarded prizes. Recognition is also made of outstanding participation and exhibits. The Fair includes our large, County 4-H Horse Show.

4-H LEADERSHIP is a rewarding experience for those who wish to work with young people. Orientation and training are conducted by a 4-H Agent from your County Extension Office. Excellent program literature may be ordered at no charge to the leader. (Over half the program literature available to 4-H member is also free.)



AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE SPECIALISTS render assistance to Dairymen, Livestock Producers, Fruit Growers, Poultrymen, Market Gardeners and Flower Growers. To best serve these commercial producers, the agricultural department has been organized on a regional basis with Essex and Worcester Counties.

GENERAL HORTICULTURAL INFORMATION is provided in a wide range of subjects:

For Home Owners	For Other Groups
Home Grounds	Conservation
Pest Control	Shade Trees
Home Gardens	Forestry
Sanitation	Turf Management

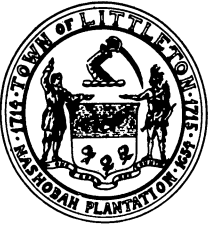
Lecture services are provided to groups on a variety of home garden topics upon request. In addition garden questions are answered daily by phone and mail. Horticultural questions are answered 9 - 4 weekdays.

REGIONAL SPECIALISTS IN COMMUNITY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT provide organizational support and serve as catalysts to municipal leaders regarding community problems in the areas of Athletic Field Management, Conservation Education, Solid Waste Disposal, Recreational Development, Community Beautification, Water and Soil Pollution, Energy Conservation, and Pesticide Safety and Use.

OTHER INFORMATION AND SERVICES

HORTICULTURAL PUBLICATIONS - A complete inventory of over 250 publications are maintained covering all phases of home gardening such as culture, pest control, fertilizing, etc. Single copies are available upon request for County residents as is the current Home Garden Publication List with titles of all available leaflets.





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October 30, 1981

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/CITY COUNCIL

Recently the Committee on Counties recommended a seventy percent cut in the budget of the Middlesex County Extension Service. The purpose of the Extension Service (as explained in Enclosure 1) is to provide a wide variety of educational information, such as conservation workshops, 4-H programs, and agricultural assistance, to its citizens to assist them in obtaining a better and more satisfying family life.

It is the Littleton Board of Selectmen's desire to bring this to the attention of all Middlesex County Boards of Selectmen/City Councils and to urge them to support full funding by corresponding with their state representatives, with Senator Chester Atkins, and House Ways and Means Chairman Michael Creedon. A copy of the Littleton Conservation Commission's letter to State Representative Walter E. Bickford is at Enclosure 2.

Very truly yours,

LITTLETON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2 Enclosures

1. Extension brochure
2. Conservation Commission ltr, Sep 28, 1981 to Representative Bickford

cc: Senator Chester Atkins
Representative Michael Creedon

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

TOWN HALL

LITTLETON, MASSACHUSETTS 01460

September 28, 1981

Representative Walter E. Bickford
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Representative Bickford:

The Conservation Commission of the Town of Littleton urges you to help restore full funding to the Middlesex County Extension Service.

Through the many activities of the Extension Service, from 4H programs, conservation workshops, to agricultural expertise, the Extension Service provides invaluable help to our community. We are convinced that the economic benefits provided to Middlesex County by the Extension Service are far greater than the modest budget that has funded its operations.

The Conservation Commission is working actively to preserve farmland and productive agriculture in our town, in the face of rapid commercial and residential development. The seventy percent cut in the budget of the Extension Service, as recommended by the Committee on Counties, can only hasten the urbanization of Middlesex County.

The Commonwealth needs programs that will strengthen rather than undermine its agricultural resources. Please support full funding for the Middlesex County Extension Service.

Sincerely yours,

James Ellingboe
James Ellingboe, Chairman

James H. Pirkard
Judith B. Pirkard
Antonia M. Pirkard

Conservation Commissioners
Town of Littleton

cc: Sen. Chester Atkins, Rep. Michael Creedon, Edward Himlan, David Flagg

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Comm. from the Littleton Board of Selectmen
Re: 70% budget cut in Middlesex County
Extension Service.

In City Council,

November 16, 1981

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