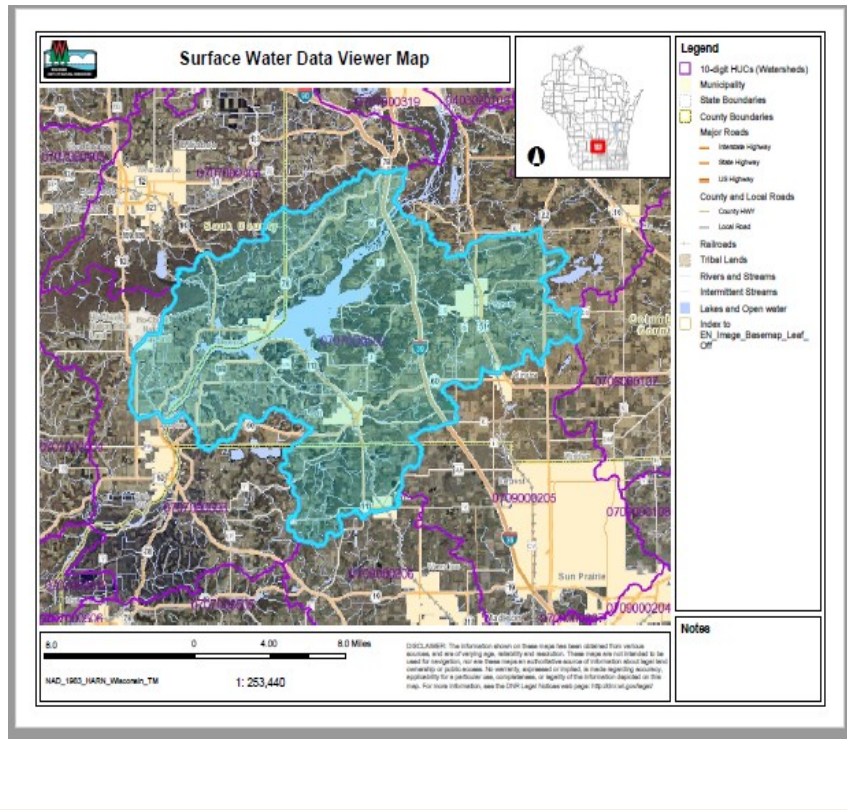


Extension Snapshot

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Columbia County Extension is following the guidance of the CDC, WDH, the Governor, & the UW-Madison Campus. Our priority is the health of ourselves, our coworkers, our neighbors, and everyone in our communities. We are telecommuting and limiting events to virtual or no-contact in our efforts to protect those around us.


CC Ag Extension and CC Land and Water Conservation are working with a group of farmers to organize a Lake Wisconsin Farmer Watershed Council. The group has applied for a \$20,000 grant from WDATCP to assist them in getting organized, holding field days to showcase different cover crop seeding plots, a field day to demonstrate low disturbance liquid dairy manure injection, and promoting the planting of cover crops after soybean and corn silage harvest. Their goals are to reduce water runoff and soil erosion to improve the water quality of Lake Wisconsin and maintain groundwater quality in this area. Farmers are being invited to participate in this farmer led watershed area from sections of the townships of West Point, Lodi, Arlington, Dekorra, Caledonia, along with parts of Sauk County townships, Merrimac, Sumpter, and Prairie du Sac. (See map of the area) Farmers are in charge of this effort and events, while Extension and Land and Water Conservation provide support, encouragement, and technical advice in their efforts.



Columbia County Master Gardener Volunteers are working to become a legally recognized organization in the State of WI and will be applying to become a Federal 501c-3, educational tax-exempt organization. This will allow businesses or individuals to be able to donate to the CC MG's and receive a tax credit. In the long run, this will be quite beneficial to the local Master Gardener Volunteers.

2017-2020 Phase II = 804 tests Rural Drinking Water Testing & Education

D. Pick-up & Drop-off -> WEAL

- At each town hall
- CC staff & town volunteer
- Transport samples to WEAL
- Analyze 

A. Establish Partnerships

- CC Extension
- 21 Towns
- H&HS
- CC LWCD
- UW-SP Extension

B. Meet and work w/ Town Bds.

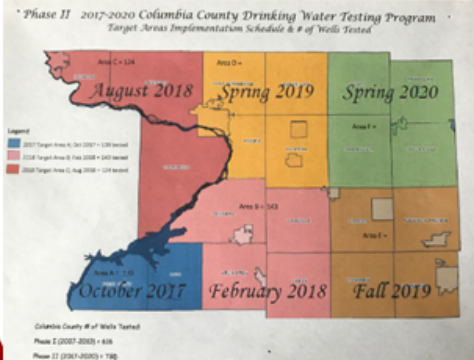
- Invite
- MOU
 - volunteer(s)
 - promote
 - Reimbursement (\$)

Regional Education Program

- Receive test results
- Emphasize Partnership
- Extension Groundwater Specialist

C. Promotion

- Flyer
- Reminder Postcard
- Press Release
- www
- COVID-19 impact



*Phase II - 2017-2020 Columbia County Drinking Water Testing Program
Target Areas Implementation Schedule & # of Wells Tested*

Legend:

- 2017 Target Area C (Feb 2017) - 128 wells
- 2018 Target Area B (Feb 2018) - 345 wells
- 2020 Target Area D (Aug 2020) - 128 wells

Columbia County # of Wells Tested

Phase II (2017-2020) - 804

Phase II (2017-2020) - 796



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October 1, 2020 marks the start of the next fiscal year for FoodWise because the program runs on the Federal calendar year. This upcoming year presents new and exciting opportunities for the FoodWise program. Typically, the program does education with audiences

face-to-face, however, this coming year things will look different. After reconnecting with all of our partners this summer, Columbia County FoodWise is happy to announce that all of our partners from last fiscal year are returning and want some sort of FoodWise presence at their agencies this coming fiscal year. The content information will not change. The program is focusing on providing education on the topics of:

- healthy eating using MyPlate
- stretching food dollars to prevent from going hungry
- food safety
- feeding young children
- the importance of being physically active

The way the content will be provided is what will vary from partner to partner. FoodWise is striving to meet the needs of our partners by providing them with the mode of content delivery of their choice. Partners will be given several options to choose from when thinking about how they would like to incorporate FoodWise content. Over the summer, FoodWise has been finessing our delivery options from live Zoom lessons, to video production and even developing slides that teachers can use with their students in an online platform such as Google Classroom.



Having the opportunity to do lessons in a virtual manner has shown to help be more inclusive. Currently, work is being done throughout Area 16 to put on live virtual Zoom lessons with a program partner. There are 6 one-hour lessons being done for a group at a worksite for special needs adults. Six adults are attending directly from the worksite (the worksite has a camera and computer hooked up to a TV screen for participants to view safely 6 feet apart with masks on). One participant and the 2 FoodWise staff are joining via Zoom. This method of teaching allows for all participants to be present, even when they cannot come to the worksite. We see success in this method when we look at the types of questions being asked by the participants and the overall engagement throughout each lesson. Worksheets and handouts are emailed to the site leader ahead of time and are distributed when they are needed in the lesson. Participants follow along on their handouts and can answer questions that we ask them specific to the content just learned.

This is just one example of the type of teaching that is going to be done this coming fiscal year. As mentioned previously, we are going to work with partners to meet their needs, so each site will look a little different. FoodWise is excited for the unique and different methods of teaching to come this year!

Learn About 4-H During National 4-H Week

October marks the celebration of National 4-H Week and the roll out of the Wisconsin 4-H Movement. From October 4th through 10th 4-H members in Columbia County will be celebrating everything 4-H. The Wisconsin 4-H Movement piece below captures the many facets of 4-H youth programming. In Columbia County, 4-H youth members and adult and youth volunteers from the community are involved in 4-H. These 4-H youth and their families will be telling their 4-H stories to their friends via social media posts and personal conversations at school. They will be sharing images of their 4-H club work in the newspaper and they will be creating 4-H displays in local businesses and libraries now and in the future.



In Wisconsin 4-H We Value:

- Being Yourself:** Find and share your authentic sparks and interests;
- Belonging Together:** Recognize, understand, respect, and appreciate each other;
- Building Connections:** Grow positive relationships with peers and adults;
- Discovering Skills:** Develop skills through hands-on learning to help you succeed and thrive;
- Exploring New Opportunities:** Open the door to new experiences, projects and places;
- Giving Back to Your Community:** Make meaningful contributions through community service and leadership.



DID YOU KNOW.....?

COLUMBIA COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATORS ARE CONDUCTING A TRACTOR SAFETY COURSE IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2020 FOR PARTICIPANTS 12 YEARS OLD & OLDER.

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