

Cooperative Extension

What we do:

Kitsap County Cooperative Extension provides the public with research based information and educational programs. Access is provided to university resources and Washington State University Extended Degree program. Education and information is provided in the following areas:

Agriculture	Youth Development
Horticulture	Nutrition and Food Safety
Natural resources	Clothing and Textiles
Water Quality and Marine Science (in cooperation with University of Washington SeaGrant)	

Community education is also provided through volunteer programs:

4-H Youth Development	Master Gardeners
Clothing and Textile Advisors	Master Weed Advisors
Food Advisors	

What we did in 2002:

- Trained 189 volunteers who deliver educational information and programs to adults and youth through 4-H, Master Gardeners, Clothing and Textile Advisors, Food Advisors, Master Composter and Weed Advisors
- Provided out of school and school enrichment skill building educational programs through 4-H to 2,647 youth. Included in that number are 333 youth who successfully made a speech in public with 3 going on to national competition, 175 who increased camping skills. An all day conference provided 192 youth and adults with hands on learning experience.
- Carried out stewardship education conducting: twelve plant diagnosis clinics throughout the growing season; public plant salvage training program, community gardens which were used to teach gardening techniques and establish pea patch gardens. Workshops attracted over 1,500 residents
- Taught nutrition to 718 grade school children and 66% of these youth now can make better food choices and read food labels and taught 279 low income mothers practical nutrition with 88% of them reporting improving their methods when feeding their 1,243 family members.
- Built forest landowners skills in preparing stewardship plans for managing over 1,100 acres of land
- Led the development of Kitsap Near Shore Group who are gathering information for prioritizing future Puget Sound projects
- Conducted the first Watershed Leadership Academy, a public involvement/education program designed to engage citizens in the watershed planning process
- Provide Sound Boater education program, training boater in safe practices
- Saved families money and by teaching teen parents to make toys for their babies, piloting a youth summer sewing camp, helping low income boys, girls and adults to make gloves and gifts
- Contributed food safety training and information through hotlines, fairs, and educational exhibits and taught people to preserve and serve safe food, wash hands and prevent illness
- Provided access to education to over 50 residents who wanted to complete their Bachelors Degree while staying at home

In 2003-2004 we will help to meet County goals through these objectives:

- We will contribute to **Safe and Healthy Communities** by:
 - providing trained volunteers who, with staff guidance, provide education to community residents
 - increasing risk management and leadership skills in teen camp counseling program
 - producing nutrition and diabetes education programs bringing increased healthy lifestyles to at least 300 children and 100 heads of household
 - decreasing the number of foodborne illness by providing food safety education to at least 1000 people
- We will contribute to **Effective and Efficient County Services** by increasing access to technology and web services and planning efficiencies for relocation to centrally convenient location

- We will contribute to **Protecting Natural Resources and Systems** by:
 - expanding community gardens, providing guidance and education to adult and youth gardeners
 - providing horticulture and integrated pest management training to county, school district and city staff
 - defining the need for noxious weed control through education and a Comprehensive noxious weed survey
 - co-sponsoring the Kitsap Water Festival, delivering water and natural resource education to over 1,000 middle school youth and adults
- We will contribute to **Thriving Economy** by:
 - providing education for the development of ten new agricultural enterprises and one new farmers market
 - expanding consumer budgeting and career exploration education to design and textiles

Measurements to meet department objectives:

	Measure	2001-2002 Actual	2003-2004 Forecast
Provide relevant, high quality educational programs to county residents	% of program recipients planning or demonstrating use of new knowledge or skills in a 6 month period		75% of total number of educational program participants per year
	Number of program participants		1400 per year
Provide research based information throughout the county in cost efficient manner	Number of contacts including: publications sold, website hits, staff contacts, volunteer contacts		150,000
	Cost per contact		\$.56
Provide training and information to volunteers, extending and increasing education in the community through the 'train the trainer' process	Number of new volunteers who complete training		150 volunteers complete training successfully 2003-04
	Number of volunteer hours worked per year		Volunteers contribute 139,000 hours
	Value of volunteer Services delivered		\$223, 950

Department Budget

Expenditures:

	1999-2000 Actual	2001-2002 Budget	2003-2004 Budget
Salaries	\$229,314	\$218,186	\$162,276
Benefits	54,737	64,125	49,087
Supplies	17,748	62,047	9,400
Services & Charges	37,980	42,742	45,100
Intergovernmental	104,795	155,297	209,552
Capital Outlay	8,885	0	0
Interfund Services	39,234	44,848	36,940
TOTAL	\$492,693	\$587,245	\$512,355

Staffing Level:

	2001	2002	2003	2004
Full Time Equivalents	4	3.5	3.5	3.5

Agency Structure:

