



YEAR IN REVIEW 2022 | Strafford County

Program Spotlight: Extension supported the region’s horticulture industry by developing educational resources like fertilizer calculators and videos on high tunnel construction, and by writing articles, teaching numerous workshops, doing personal consultations and appearing on WMUR’s Grow it Green segments. Extension also trained members of N.H.’s incarcerated population to work in greenhouse plant production, providing skills that will help people qualify for jobs. Youth and community volunteers learned horticultural techniques in hands-on classes taught by Extension.



Jeffrey & Molly Meulenbroek

Studley Flower Gardens, Rochester

“UNH Extension provides the community resources to maintain the health and well-being of residents and our natural resources. The expertise of specialists and volunteers makes our county a better place to live and run a business. We have accessed expertise from Extension specialists and programs over the years. The support of Extension has provided our business with knowledge to help us produce a better greenhouse product and strengthen our business practices. Strafford County, and particularly Rochester, residents would benefit from additional access to locally produced food and food products.”



Jennifer Wilhelm

Fat Peach Farm, Madbury

“Extension contributes to our county in many ways by providing hands-on technical assistance for farmers and business owners and offering engaging community education opportunities for the public. The tools and resources provided by Extension are developed with New Hampshire communities in mind. Extension understands the socio-economic landscape of our communities and tailors assistance to business owners with that knowledge, making it more likely for businesses to succeed.”



Elizabeth Fischer

Marine Docent, Master Gardener, Natural Resource Steward, Dover

“Since grammar school, I’ve been aware of Extension as several friends participated in 4-H. Once I became an adult, a UNH friend went to work for Extension upon graduation, and I was exposed to all UNH Extension had to offer the citizens of NH. As an Extension volunteer since 2003, I have had numerous opportunities to participate in a myriad of activities and outreach opportunities and always walk away from those encounters with a positive feeling and increased knowledge that enhances my personal, professional and volunteer life.”



STRAFFORD COUNTY BY THE NUMBERS | 2022

FUNDING

\$167,218

STRAFFORD
CONTRIBUTIONS

\$424,397*

UNH CONTRIBUTIONS

Community and Economic Development

Partnered with NH Small Business Development Center to develop Small Business and Community Resilience Academy, which has served small businesses, community leaders, nonprofits and volunteers throughout the state

Education and 4-H Youth Development

Provided positive 4-H youth development support to Dover Middle School through curriculum and training for a 6th and 7th grade babysitting course, instilling students with the ability to confidently watch family members or babysit as an after-school job

Food and Agriculture

925 high school students received hands-on learning experiences in horticulture to support workforce development within an industry that has been struggling to find skilled employees

Health and Well-Being

Leveraged staff expertise and UNH student resources to reach vulnerable residents at risk for chronic disease

UNH nursing students provided preventative blood screenings and Extension helped lead the development of the Strafford Public Health Network Community Health Improvement Plan

Natural Resources

Published Prospective Buyers Guide for people looking to purchase land in New Hampshire

Developed hands-on training for women in tractor logging and winter tree identification

VOLUNTEERS

621

VOLUNTEERS

16,316

HOURS

\$502K**

VALUE OF VOLUNTEER TIME

*In 2022, for every \$1 Strafford County contributed, UNH provided \$2.54 of statewide resources

** State Value of Volunteer Time (NH): \$30.75; independentsector.org