

I would like to express my support for sustaining funding for OSU Extension. The organization brings significant expertise to our region and the Polk County chapter has proven to be an effective partner for a number of projects. Extension has provided valuable expertise and connections for the City's agricultural innovation programs which are now expanding throughout the mid-valley as the NW Ag Innovation Hub. Groups like the Master Food Preservers will help activate our shared use commercial kitchen which recently opened, and the Master Gardeners have taken a once-derelict park and turned it into a beautiful demonstration garden that is an incredible community asset. OSU Extension is active and engaged in supporting our local and regional communities. The loss of their programs would be deeply felt, from the kids in 4H to the farmers who rely on their expertise when confronting new pest infestations. I hope you see the value in sustaining OSU Extension's funding.