

## **UK Extension Community Needs Assessment** Summary of Respondents' Comments **Edmonson County**

A statewide survey was conducted between August and December 2023 to understand Kentuckian's perceptions of the extent to which practical education and assistance is needed in their communities. More than 35,000 Kentuckians, representing all 120 counties of the Commonwealth, responded to the survey. The survey consisted of four scales targeting needs related to: Agricultural and Natural Resources, Youth Development, Family and Individual Development, and Community and Economic Development. State- and county-level survey results are available here. The survey also included an open-ended question that asked respondents to describe other issues in their communities that need practical education and/or assistance. The table below summarizes responses to this question.

Summary of Respondents' Comments (N=20)					
Category	Description	# of	% of		
Civia Dublia 9	Dreatical advantion to reating a community	Respondents	Total		
Civic, Public &	Practical education targeting community	2	10.0		
Governance	cohesion, engagement, and involvement;				
(Community	governance and responsible use of public funds				
Wellbeing and	and taxes; civics education, election education,				
Governance)	election processes, and protection of				
	constitutional rights; diversity, inclusion, and				
	cultural understanding; etc.				
Substance Use	Practical education targeting substance use	1	5.0		
Prevention &	prevention, recovery, and sober living; treatment				
Recovery	centers and programs; smoking and vaping				
	cessation; transportation and employment				
	support for people in recovery; etc.				
Environmental	Practical education on habitat	1	5.0		
Issues	protection/restoration, watershed (or stream)				
	protection; dumping and littering; pesticide use				
	and pollinator protection; recycling and				
	sustainability; floodplain protection and drainage				
	issues; etc.				
Support for Local	Practical education and support for small and	3	15.0		
Agriculture,	family farms and new farmers; support for				
Farming, and	organic (or sustainable) and low chemical				
Gardening	farming; training on farmland preservation;				
	training on farm safety and food safety on farms,				

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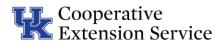
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	and farmers markets; market support for locally		
	produced foods; education on off-grid living and home gardening; etc.		
Food Access,	Practical education and support on topics	4	20.0
	related to hunger and food insecurity; food	-	20.0
Eating	banks and pantries; nutrition education and		
Lating	access to healthy food; education on growing,		
	preserving, and canning food; etc.		
Infrastructure	Comments related to need for (and	3	15.0
	improvements in) infrastructures including	0	10.0
	transportation, roads, sidewalks, public transit,		
	intercounty transit, trails; utility infrastructure		
	such as water, sewer, internet, and cell		
	service.		
Workforce	Education on workforce preparation and job	2	10.0
Preparation and	readiness; basic skills training; job training	—	
Employment	including vocational and trade schools; business		
	recruitment and economic development; support		
	for the working class (e.g., transportation to		
	work and childcare); need for living wage; etc.		
Land Use &	Comments related to land use planning and	1	5.0
Development	zoning; land preservation and historic		
	preservation; sign ordinances, visual quality,		
	and beautification of community facilities;		
	availability and use of parks, open spaces, and		
	conservation areas; need for (and		
	improvements to) public facilities (e.g., sports		
	and recreation centers and conference		
	centers).		
Mental Health	Education and support for mental health and	1	5.0
Issues	wellbeing including the need for counseling and		
	therapy services and suicide (hotline)		
	awareness.		
Public Assistance	Comments related to the need for public and	1	5.0
	community assistance to address poverty,		
	disaster recovery, child nutrition, single parents,		
	etc.		
Recreation &	Need for public buildings for exercise or	2	10.0
Physical Activity	recreation; parks and outdoor recreation		
	facilities (e.g., walking, hiking, and/or biking		

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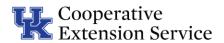
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	trails); entertainment and play areas for children,		
	youth, and family; need for organizations like		
	Boy Scouts.		
Public Safety	Comments related to need for (and	1	5.0
	improvements) in public safety including crime,		
	internet safety, fraud prevention, night safety,		
	and quality of law enforcement; safety training		
	(e.g., gun safety, safe driving, and driver's		
	education); first aid and disaster preparedness;		
	need for additional first responders and		
	ambulances; training and education on		
	combatting misinformation; animal control, loose		
	pets, and animal cruelty; jail and prison and re-		
	entry issues; etc.		
Other	Other comments that did not relate to any of the	1	5.0
	categories above.		

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